

AuctionsPlus market comment week ending 18 January 2013

Sheep and lamb numbers doubled this week to 46,128 head, with one special sale as well as several feature lines in Thursday's sale. Cattle numbers went in the opposite direction, dropping to 1981 head, down 700 on last week.

Merino wether lambs in the south were the standout of Thursday's sale, and with vendors asking for realistic reserves, there was plenty of interest for those offered. Charinga blood woolly 5 month old lambs made to \$50.50 for the top draft weighing 38kg, and the bare shorn 19 month olds weighing 60kg sold for \$60. Also in Victoria, unshorn Barrama blood lambs sold from \$35 to \$45.50 for the tops weighing 29kg.

Another feature offering was a flock dispersal of Dohne/Merinos at Deepwater, with the young ewes making to \$50, older ewes \$38, and ewe lambs \$30-\$34. Merino ewes made to \$90.50 this week for Grogansworth blood unjoined ewes out of Yass, with prices ranging from \$48.

Store lamb numbers dropped off this week, as did clearance rates for these. Prices ranged from \$52 for 36kg first-crosses, topping at \$66 for top quality woolly second cross lambs weighing 35kg off Kangaroo Island. Heavier Composite wether lambs at 43kg sold for \$62.60. The Lambpro Maternal ewe sale saw Primeline Composite lambs sell up to \$100.

Mutton sales were strong in Tasmania, with five processors competing. Export weight wethers were consistent around 176c including skin, plus a trip to the mainland for some; and medium weights sold for over 200c.

Cattle

Today's reduced cattle offering saw a better clearance rate than last week. Weaner and yearling heifers, both joined and unjoined, were the hardest to shift, with only one line achieving a result; this being a small lot of Autumn '11 drop Hereford/Angus PTIC heifers out of SA selling for \$805. Cow and calf offerings were restricted to Angus and their crosses this week, topping at \$1060 for young cows with Angus calves out of Dunedoo.

Limited numbers of black weaner steers offered out of the south benefited from northern competition as well as local; 300-350kg steers make 170c to 174c in Victoria after competition from restockers and feedlots, and further north in Yass 344kg steers sold for 179c. Prices were even stronger in northern NSW, with unweaned Angus/Limousins steers making to \$545 or 190c for the heavier draft at 286kg, and Composite yearling steers weighing 359kg selling for 181c. Over the border at Mitchell, 293kg Hereford yearlings sold for 189c.

Cattle

State	Town	Details
QLD	Charleville	61 DM Hfrs, 12-15 mths, 304kg, Unjnd, 165/\$500
QLD	Mitchell	64 Her Strs, 12-15 mths, 293kg, 189c/\$555
QLD	Toowoomba	4 Santa Hfrs, 6-12 mths, 186kg, King Ranch bld, passed 185c/\$345
QLD	Toobeah	42 AngX Hfrs, 17-29 mths, 455kg, PTIC Ang, \$700
QLD	Dirranbandi	97 Seng/ Ang Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 295kg, Unjnd, 167c/\$493 ; 47 Seng/ Ang Hfrs, 13-15 mths, 288kg, Unjnd, passed 157c/\$451
NSW	Tamworth	75 AngX Strs, 7-8 mths, 286kg, 190c/\$545; 106 AngX Strs, 7-8 mths, 253kg, 196c/\$495
NSW	Scone	100 Her Strs, 15-16 mths, 289kg, passed 192c/\$553
NSW	Dunedoo	33 Ang C&C, 2-4 yrs, 390kg, Jnd Ang, 33 Ang CAF, \$1060; 31 Ang C&C, 4-6 yrs, 414kg, Jnd Ang, 31 Ang CAF, \$1010; 24 Ang C&C, 7-11 yrs, 455kg, Jnd Ang, 24 Ang CAF, \$645
NSW	Bundanoon	47 AngX C&C, 4-7 yrs, 464kg, Unjnd, 47 Ang & Lim CAF, \$725
NSW	Yass	34 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 344kg, Scotchcap & Bongongo bld, 179c/\$615
NSW	Holbrook	33 Ang Hfrs, 15-16 mths, 325kg, PTIC Ang, Glenruben bld, passed \$405
NSW	Mungidi	91 Ang Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 341kg, PTIC Ang, Eaglehawk bld, \$535
NSW	Yetman	32 Ang & AngX C&C, 4 yrs, 387kg, Jnd Drak, 32 Drak CAF, \$765
NSW	Narrabri	75 Comp Strs, 16-18 mths, 359kg, 181c/\$648
VIC	Shepparton	9 Her & HerX Hfrs, 15-17 mths, 326kg, Unjnd, passed 115c/\$375
VIC	Mortlake	96 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 342kg, 174c/\$595
VIC	Woolsthorpe	37 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 356kg, passed 164c/\$585; 43 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 305kg, 170c/\$520
SA	Kingston	21 Ang Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 555kg, PTIC Ang, Glatzs bld, passed \$805; 14 Her/ Ang Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 553kg, PTIC Ang, \$805

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	St George	880 Mer Ewes, 15-16 mths, 12.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, Dunumbral bld, passed \$63.50 ; 1000 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 15 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, Dunumbral bld, passed \$66 ; 700 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 16.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, Dunumbral bld, passed \$67 ; 820 Mer Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 18.5 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Dunumbral,

		passed \$67.50
NSW	Crookwell	120 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 12 kgdw, 3" skin, \$48
NSW	Yass	480 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 16.9 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Grogansworth bld, \$90.50 ; 217 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 7-8 mths, 19 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$80.50
NSW	Wagga Wagga	658 Mer Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 28 kgdw, 2" skin, Jnd BL, Glenwood bld, passed \$77; 276 Comp Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 22.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed \$95.50 ;
NSW	Holbrook	175 Comp Ewe lambs, 6 mths, 18.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$85.50 ;
NSW	Narrandera	220 Comp Ewe lambs, 7 mths, 23.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$100 ; 220 XB Ewe lambs, 7 mths, 21.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$90 ;
NSW	Coleraine	460 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 11 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Barrama bld, \$45.50 ; 1310 Mer Wth lambs, 5 mths, 10 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Barrama bld, \$36 ; 450 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 9.9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Barrama bld, \$38 ; 1040 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Barrama bld, \$35
NSW	Mungindi	640 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 11 kgdw, 1" skin, \$30
NSW	Deepwater	732 2ndx Dohne Ewes, 1-2 rs, 15.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, \$46 ; 475 Dohne & DohneX Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 17.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, \$50 ; 315 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 19.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, \$45 ; 190 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 18.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, \$38 ; 471 2ndX Dohne Ewe lambs, 3-4 mths, 9.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$34 ; 220 Dohne/Mer Ewe lambs, 3-4 mths, 8.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$30 ; 239 Dohne/Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 9.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$25 ; 398 @ndX Dohne Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 9.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$27
NSW	Coonamble	470 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 21.6 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Lone Pine bld, \$50 ; 285 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 23.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Boxleigh Park bld, \$48; 125 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Boxleigh Park bld, \$48
NSW	Young	410 Comp Wth lambs, 6-7 mths, 19.2 kgdw, 2" skin, 320c/\$62.50 ; 230 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 21.9 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, Centreplus bld, \$80.50; 400 Comp Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 21.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$94.5; 150 Comp Ewe lambs, 4.5 mths, 20.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$100;
NSW	Cootamundra	400 Comp Ewe lambs, 5-6 mths, 17.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$94 ; 900 Comp Ewe lambs, 5 mths, 15.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$77.50
NSW	Boorowa	460 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 6 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$50
NSW	Goulburn	562 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 18.3 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Unjnd, Nerstane bld, passed \$36 ; 520 DorsX m/s lambs, 5 mths, 14.7 kgdw, 2" skin, \$56.50 ; 260 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 4-5 mths, 14.4 kgdw, 3.25" skin, passed \$50.50 ; 581 PD/Dohne m/s lambs, 5 mths, 15.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, passed \$48
VIC	Tocumwal	90 WD Ewes, 2 yrs, 21.3 kgdw, 1" skin, Jnd WD, passed \$60.50 ; 80 WD Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 31 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Jnd WD, passed \$46.50

VIC	Colbinabbin	320 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 14.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Charinga bld, \$50.50 ; 470 Mer Wth lambs, 11.6 kgdw, 4-5 mths, 1.75" skin, Charinga bld, \$45 ; 215 Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 8.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Charinga bld, \$38 ; 300 Mer Wths, 1-2 yrs, 24.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Charinga bld, \$60 ; 269 Mer Wths, 1-2 yrs, 19.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Charinga bld, \$48.50
VIC	Branxholme	175 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 13.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Wurrook & Stockton bld, \$50
VIC	Hexham	630 Mer Wth lambs, 5 mths, 11.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Wallaloo Park bld, passed \$37
SA	Kingscote	310 2ndX PD & 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 6 mths, 13.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$66
SA	Eudunda	127 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 26.5 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, Pepperwell bld, passed \$55
TAS	Tunbridge	300 Mer Wth lambs, 4 years, 26.3 kgdw, bare shorn, 176c/\$46.50
TAS	Bothwell	219 MerX Wths, 5 years, 26.7 kgdw, 1" skin, 176c/\$47; 380 Mer Wths, 16 mths, 18.7 kgdw, 1" skin, 260c/\$48.50 ;
TAS	Sorell	159 Mer Wths, 4-5 years, 17.9 kgdw, 1" skin, 204c/\$36.50; 404 Mer Wths, 4-5 yrs, 22.6 kgdw, 1" skin, 177c/\$40
TAS	Hamilton	184 Mer Ewes, 1 yr, 15.4 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$85; 140 Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$80; 178 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 22.3 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$70;
TAS	Swansea	197 Mer Ewes, CFA, 18.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 221c/\$40.50