

## AuctionsPlus Market Comment week ending 8 Feb 2013

Sheep and lamb numbers improved slightly this week, totalling 23,414 head, and cattle numbers also recovered to finish at 2,381 head, and both species achieved better clearances this week. Today's cattle sale in particular had plenty of action, with only a handful of lots remaining unsold by shortly after the sale.

Young Merino ewe prices were more variable but overall slightly firmer again this week, with increased numbers sold. Prices ranged from \$35 to a top of \$92.50 for One Oak blood hoggets at Gundagai. There was also increased competition for lines of mixed age and older ewes, with most selling for over \$50.

Store lamb prices again varied by breed, but firming for the traditional crosses. Second cross lambs weighing 38kg-40kg sold from \$64.50 to \$70; similar weight Dohne wether lambs made \$53.50, and Border/Merino wethers \$57.50. At the lighter end of the scale, 32kg second crosses sold for \$56.50.

Cattle out of Queensland again stirred up many buyers this week, with total clearance of all offered. In the north at Winton, crossbred yearling steers made to 187c or \$606, and nearby Shorthorn/Brahman weaner heifers weighing 252kg sold for 145c. Further south at Bollon, 327kg Senepol cross yearling heifers sold for 161c. In NSW, Angus and Angus cross steers 300-350kg made from 184c to 192c, and 342kg Brangus yearlings sold for 202c. Heifers are beginning to close the gap slowly; Angus, Hereford & Black Baldy weaner heifers made 168c to 174c.

A small line of Angus cross heifers with calves at foot were the standout of today's female sales, making \$1320. From the same vendor, Angus and Angus cross PTIC yearling heifers sold from \$710 to \$910, and along with large lines of older PTIC cows selling from \$560 to \$700, showing the best overall results for joined females in several weeks.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Wyandra	120 SH, Charb & XB m/s Wnrs, 4-6 mths, 171kg, 187c/\$320 ; 54 Ang & Her C&C, 4 yrs, 408kg, Jnd Ang & Char, Ang & Char CAF Avg 100kg, \$685
QLD	Bollon	108 SeneX Hfrs, 12-16 mths, 306kg, 162c/\$495 ; 66 CharX & SeneX Hfrs, 12-18 mths, 327kg, 161c/\$525
NSW	Boggabri	50 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 244kg, 174c/\$425
NSW	Coonabarabran	106 Ang Cows, 6-10 yrs, 375kg, Jnd Ang, \$560
NSW	Willow Tree	120 Ang Cows, 8-9 yrs, 453kg, PTIC Ang, Five Star bld, \$700
NSW	Coolah	35 Santa & SantaX Hfrs, 16-18 mths, 294kg, Unjnd, 175c/\$515
NSW	Dubbo	23 Ang, Her & MG Strs, 10-12 mths, 318kg, 184c/\$585 ; 11 Her/Ang & XB Strs, 10-12 mths, 258kg, 188c/\$485 ; 21 Her & HerX Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 320kg, Unjnd, 169c/\$540 ; 19 HerX & AngX Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 277kg, Unjnd, 168c/\$465

NSW	Oberon	68 Ang C&C, 3 yrs, 387kg, Jnd Ang, 68 Ang CAF, \$970 ; 95 Ang C&C, 3 yrs, 365kg, Jnd Ang, \$890 ; 38 Ang C&C, 3 yrs, 386kg, Jnd Ang, 38 Ang CAF, \$1050 ; 19 AngX C&C, 3 yrs, 403kg, Jnd Ang, 19 Ang CAF, \$770
NSW	Holbrook	54 Ang/SH & SH Strs, 10-17 mths, 338kg, 185c/\$625 ; 31 Ang & AngX Strs, 16-18 mths, 374kg, 174c/\$650
NSW	Tenterfield	14 Ang Strs, 14-16 mths, 362kg, 185c/\$670 ; 14 Ang Strs, 14-16 mths, 334kg, 192c/\$640 ; 25 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 444kg PTIC Ang, \$910 ; 21 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 390kg, PTIC Ang, \$810 ; 12 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 363kg, \$710 ; 12 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 398kg, PTIC Ang, \$750 ; 11 Ang & SantaX Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 406kg, PTIC Ang, \$780 ; 5 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 30-32 mths, 535kg, PTIC Ang, \$840 ; 8 AngX C&C, 2-3 yrs, 473kg, PTIC Ang, Ang CAF avg 233kg, \$1320 ; 47 Ang & AngX C&C, 6-10 yrs, 480kg, PTIC Ang, 47 CAF Avg 190kg, \$915
NSW	Bundarra	44 Brang Strs, 10-15 mths 342kg, Weona bld, 202c/\$690
NSW	Moree	37 Red AngX Cows, 3-6 yrs, 662kg, PTIC Red Ang, passed \$925
NSW	Carinda	48 Ang C&C, 6-10 yrs, 563kg, PTIC Ang, 47 Ang CAF Avg 209kg, Wattletop & Dulverton bld, \$1060; 45 Ang C&C, 6-10 yrs, 533kg, PTIC Ang, 46 Ang CAF Avg 144kg, Wattletop & Dulverton bld, \$890
NSW	Wee Waa	51 XB Strs, 14-17 mths, 382kg, 182c/\$695

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Goondiwindi	300 Cool/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 15.3 kgdw, 2" skin, \$43
NSW	Tooraweenah	280 Mer Ewes, 2-7 yrs, 18.1 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Jnd BL, Nerstane bld, \$53.50 ; 220 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 12.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Nerstane bld, \$53.50
NSW	Dubbo	415 Mer Wth lambs, 6 mths, 9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Grathlyn bld, passed \$29.50
NSW	Young	360 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 15.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$57.50 ; 280 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 13.3 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$48
NSW	Harden	187 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 9 mths, 22.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, passed \$91
NSW	Crookwell	200 Mer Wth lambs, 6-7 mths, 9.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$35 ; 180 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 11.6 kgdw, 3/4" skin, passed \$32.50
NSW	Yass	158 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 6-7 mths, 18.2 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$67
NSW	Gundagai	390 Mer Ewes, 18-19 mths, 19.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, \$92.50
NSW	Henty	440 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 17.8 kgdw, 2" skin, \$64.50
NSW	Mungindi	940 2ndX Dohne Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$53.50; 420 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs,

		22.4 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Danbury bld, \$52
NSW	Bourke	620 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 20.7 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, Eagelabra bld, \$56 ; 400 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 17.7 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, Eagelabra bld, \$28.50
NSW	Inverell	430 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$58.50; 320 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 12 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$42
NSW	Glen Innes	240 Mer E&L, 4-7 yrs, 16.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, 240 Comp LAF, passed \$77.50
NSW	Guyra	305 2ndX SAMM m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 15.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$49.50
NSW	Armidale	550 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 4 mths, 10.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$39 ; 530 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 4 mths, 9.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$40 ; 650 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 4-6 mths, 17.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$64.50
NSW	Uralla	425 Mer Wths, 16-17 mths, 11.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Teangi & Merryville bld, \$29 ; 275 Mer Ewes, 16-17 mths, 11.1 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, Teangi & Merryville bld, \$35
VIC	Euroa	150 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 11 kgdw, 3/4" skin, passed \$43.50
VIC	Edenhope	285 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 15.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Merryville bld, \$55 ; 340 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 12.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Merryville bld, \$44
SA	Keith	340 WD m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 13 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$36; 170 WD m/s lambs, 6-7 mths, 13.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed \$41
SA	Kingscote	130 PD/Mo m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 13 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$65; 140 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 15 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$70; 83 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 12.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$56.50; 95 F4 Dorp Ewe lambs, 7-9 mths, 12.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$75; 39 WD/Persian Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 20.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Jnd WD, \$70.50
TAS	Swansea	160 Mer Ewes, CFA, 20.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$45
TAS	Oatlands	190 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 20.4 kgdw, bare shn, \$70 ; 760 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 16.1 kgdw, bare shn, \$60 ; 510 Mer Wth lambs, 6 ths, 12.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$32.50 ; 550 Mer Wth lambs, 6 mths, 10.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$27.50
TAS	Hamilton	120 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 17.5 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$60 ; 150 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 21.5 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$55.50 ; 151 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 17.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$47.50
TAS	Rokeby	138 Mer Wths, 2-3 yrs, 24 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$42.50