

AuctionsPlus Market Comment week ending 15 March 2013

A busy week on AuctionsPlus with 11 livestock auctions, 5 that were special sales and solid volume throughout. Sheep numbers hit over 50,000 on offer with a big jump in Merino Ewes and lambs whilst cattle cracked over 13,000 head, nearly double last week's total but females were cheaper and there was a slight price correction on weaners. Follow up rain is certainly needed to give prices another kick.

Store lamb prices continued their climb this week, and with plenty of demand there were only a couple of lots that did not sell. First crosses around the 30kg mark sold from \$52 to top at \$64.50 for good quality lambs out of Nyngan with future breeders in the line. Lambs weighing 33-34kg varied in price from \$56 for first cross wethers, up to \$79 for second crosses with another six months of growing out to do. At the heavier end, 39kg Coolalee cross lambs in Southern QLD made \$80.50, and in SA 40kg first crosses sold for \$85.50. Only one line of lambs went to processors this week, being a big line out of Tasmania estimated to dress 22.5kg, selling to the mainland for \$112.50 or 500c/kg, including skin value for an inch of wool.

Bigger numbers of Merino ewes offered this week saw prices for older ewes soften, but younger ewes remained firm. Lines of mixed age and aged ewes sold from \$26 to \$43; young ewes made \$54.50 to top at \$86.50 for Egelabra blood, 2011 drop ewes at Warren. A flock dispersal at Bordertown SA was the exception, with younger ewes making to \$112.50, and the oldest drafts at six years old selling for up to \$90.

Processors were less active on heavy wethers this week, allowing restockers to buy most of those available. Mutton topped at 299c for 22kg wethers with a 1.5" skin. Restockers paid to \$61 for wether hoggets with a November skin, and lambs sold from \$43 to a top of \$71 for well grown, February shorn Dalveen blood lambs out of Keith; a price level we have not seen since mid last year.

Weaner steers and heifers from the Funny Hill Angus special sale in Binda were a highlight of the week with an average live weight of 242 kg achieving an average price of 224c/kg live for the 955 head offered. Bidding was strong for the good to very good quality cattle with a 100% clearance rate and a top price of 247c/kg or \$560/head for a line of weaner steers. The Jeogla & Wallamumbi sale interfaced with AuctionsPlus had solid results with the heavier crossbred steers average weight of 344kg making a solid 196c/kg or \$675.

Elsewhere the recent price rises have eased as 250-300kg steers selling for 200-229c/kg but same weight heifers were softer and sold for between 155-190c/kg live. The heavier steers at 300-350kgs sold for 178-205c depending on quality and location. Angus and Angus/Hereford Cows and calves from Merriwa sold for \$1010 for 2 year olds joined to a Limousin bull. 75 Santa Cows and Calves at 7-12 years sold for \$1000 from Glenmorgan.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details

QLD	Julia Creek	132 DM Cows, 2-11 yrs, 532kg, PTIC DM, 150c/\$800
QLD	Richmond	170 Brah & Brah/Charb Strs, 14-20 mths, 305kg, passed 139c/\$425
QLD	Aramac	108 Brah Strs, 12-16 mths, 270kg, passed 156c/\$422
QLD	Barcaldine	56 Comp & SantaX C&C, 3-12 yrs, 462kg, Unjnd, 56 Comp & Santa CAF avg 135kg, passed \$840; 72 Santa C&C, 3-12 yrs, 485kg, Unjnd, 72 Santa CAF avg 109kg, \$865; 36 XB C&C, 2-10 yrs, 360kg, Unjnd, 36 XB CAF avg 132kg, passed \$655; 77 BrahX Hfrs, 12-16 mths, 226kg, Unjnd, passed 133c/\$301.12
QLD	Blackall	96 Santa & DM Strs 7-14 mths, 323kg, 178c/\$574
QLD	Cunnamulla	57 XB C&C, 3-10 yrs, 380kg, Jnd Ang & Char, 57 Ang & Char CAF Avg 87kg, \$640
QLD	Alpha	96 DM Hfrs, 24-28 mths, 470kg, PTIC DM, passed \$625
QLD	Springsure	90 Ang Strs, 15-22 mths, 384kg, passed 170c/\$625
QLD	Mitchell	78 Her, DM & HerX Hfrs, 6-12 mths, 207kg, passed 147c/\$305; 80 Her DM & HerX Strs, 6-13 mths, 206kg, 180c/\$370
QLD	Roma	72 SeneX Strs, 14-18 mths, 325kg, 175c/\$569; 72 SeneX Hfrs, 14-18 mths, 282kg, Unjnd, 155c/\$438
QLD	Wandoan	64 XB Strs, 12-18 mths, 341kg, 194c/\$659; 130 XB Strs, 12-18 mths, 335kg, 203c/\$680; 24 XB Hfrs, 12-16 mths, 278kg, 165c/\$458
QLD	Glenmorgan	75 Santa C&C, 7-12 yrs, 524kg, Jnd Santa, Santa CAF Avg 176kg, \$1000
NSW	Walcha	104 Ang Strs, 6-8 mths, 335kg, 221c/\$740; 34 Ang Strs, 6-8 mths, 273kg, 220c/\$600; 41 CharX Strs, 7-8 mths, 265kg passed 209c/\$555; 83 Ang & AngX Strs, 7-9 mths, 277kg, 220c/\$610; 71 Ang & AngX Strs, 7-9 mths, 233kg, passed 223c/\$520; 98 Comp Strs, 7-10 mths, 272kg, 222c/\$605; 19 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 7-10 mths, 279kg, 229c/\$640
NSW	Guyra	72 Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 420kg, PTIC Ang, \$935; 44 AngX Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 433kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$885; 71 Charb/Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 482kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$965; 48 SH Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 534kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$965; 47 Comp Strs, 8-10 mths, 344kg, 193c/\$665; 35 Comp Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 300kg, 180c/\$540
NSW	Gloucester	44 HerX Strs, 12-16 mths, 372kg, passed 185c/\$690 ; 35 AngX Strs, 14-18 mths, 442kg, passed 189c/\$830; 32 HerX Strs, 14-18 mths, 440kg, passed 184c/\$810
NSW	Glen Innes	59 Ang Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 454kg, PTIC Ang, Booroomooka bld, passed \$845
NSW	Moree	82 Ang Cows, 2-3 yrs, 543kg, PTIC Ang, \$1160; 88 Ang & AngX Cows, 4-5 yrs, 617kg, PTIC Ang, \$1095; 81 Ang Cows, 6-8 yrs, 632kg, PTIC Ang, \$1095 ; 35 AngX Cows, 6-8 yrs, 670kg, PTIC Ang, \$950
NSW	Bundarra	52 Ang Hfrs, 17-18 mths, 409kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$765
NSW	Bonshaw	69 Ang C&C, 7-9 yrs, 419kg, Jnd Ang, 69 CAF Avg 151kg, passed \$755

NSW	Yetman	22 XB C&C, 3-4 yrs, 506kg, Jnd Santa, DM, Char & AngX, 22 XB CAF Avg 196kg, \$1015; 39 AngX Cows, 2-6 yrs, 396kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$645; 10 XB C&C, 2-9 yrs, 521kg, Jnd Santa, 10 CAF, passed \$595
NSW	Narrabri	51 XB Strs, 7-8 mths, 239kg, passed 213c/\$510; 47 XB Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 234kg, passed 177c/\$415
NSW	Burren Junction	34 SantaX Hfrs, 9-12 mths, 328kg, passed 172c/\$565
NSW	Nundle	17 Ang Cows, 3-4 mths, 508kg, PTIC Ang, Dulverton bld, \$900
NSW	Merriwa	25 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 18-22 mths, 432kg, PTIC Lim, \$800; 17 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 2 yrs, 355kg, Jnd Lim, 17 Lim CAF Avg 145kg, \$1010
NSW	Scone	60 CharX Hfrs, 24-27 mths, 479kg, PTIC Lim, \$1000
NSW	Aberdeen	39 Ang/Her Strs, 9-11 mths, 239kg, 218c/\$520
NSW	Nuyngan	44 Santa & Santa/Ang Strs, 5-6 mths, 200kg, 225c/\$450
NSW	Warren	53 CharX Strs, 15-18 mths, 414kg, 191c/\$790; 56 SantaX Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 366kg, PTIC Ang, \$730; 56 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 333kg, PTIC Ang, \$665; 39 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 316kg, PTIC Ang, \$580; 21 SantaX Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 326kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$610
NSW	Rylstone	300 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 231kg, 234c/\$540
NSW	Cootamundra	14 XB C&C, 3-4 yrs, 408kg, Char & Simm CAF Avg 81kg, \$700
NSW	Adelong	19 Ang Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 424kg, PTIC Ang, Te Mania bld, passed \$930
NSW	Crookwell	39 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 317kg, 205c/\$650; 20 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 305kg, 220c/\$670; 69 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 287kg, 228c/\$655; 166 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 266kg, 238c/\$635; 186 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 246kg, 239c/\$590; 167 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 226kg, 248c/\$560; 41 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 204kg, 238c/\$485; 71 Ang Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 259kg, 189c/\$490; 152 Ang Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 225kg, 191c/\$430; 83 Ang Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 195kg, 205c/\$400
NSW	Goulburn	47 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 287kg, 207c/\$595; 25 Her Strs, 5-7 mths, 252kg, 220c/\$555; 20 her Hfrs, 5-7 mths, 231kg, passed 206c/\$475; 50 Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 432kg, PTIC Ang, KO bld, passed \$805
NSW	Holbrook	22 Ang Cows, 3-9 yrs, 479kg, PTIC Ang, Reiland bld, \$520
VIC	Greta	14 Santa/Ang C&C, 5-6 yrs, 509kg, Unjnd, 14 Simm CAF, passed \$760; 16 Santa/Ang C&C, 5-6 yrs, 485kg, Unjnd, 16 Simm CAF, passed \$650
VIC	Mortlake	103 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 294kg, 210c/\$619 ; 99 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 260kg, 208c/\$541 ; 85 Ang Strs, 7 mths, 229kg, 200c/\$458; 88 AngX Strs, 7-8 mths, 298kg, 200c/\$596; 51 AngX Strs, 7-8 mths, 263kg, 210c/\$550; 71 SH/Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 287kg, 200c/\$578; 142 SH/Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 260kg, 200c/\$520; 60 Ang Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 253kg, 200c/\$506; 69 Ang Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 221kg, passed 178c/\$393; 60 SH/Ang hfrs, 7-8 mths, 249kg, 180c/\$449; 71 SH/Ang

		Strs, 7 mths, 231kg, 199c/\$460
VIC	Hamilton	33 Red Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 286kg, 168c/\$480; 53 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 407kg, Banquet bld, 187c/\$760; 42 Ang Strs, 11-12 mths, 344kg, Banquet bld, 193c/\$665

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Winton	1072 Mer Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 11.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Karbulla bld, passed \$37.50 ; 512 PD/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-12 mths, 10.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$33.50 ; 1500 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 12.9 kgdw, 2" skin, Barcaldine Downs bld, \$43.50 ;
QLD	Augathella	350 WD/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 17.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, passed \$38 ; 730 WD/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL WD, passed \$58
QLD	Cunnamulla	890 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 14 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Merryville bld, \$30
QLD	St George	1000 Cool/Mer m/s lambs, 5-7 mths, 13.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$69.50 ; 2000 Cool/Mer m/s lambs, 5-7 mths, 15.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$80
QLD	Toowoomba	294 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 13.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$62.50 ; 162 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 13.4 kgdw, 2" skin, \$56
NSW	Henty	265 BL/Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 25.9 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL PD, passed \$136
NSW	Deepwater	145 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 13.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$58.50
NSW	Glen Innes	230 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 16.7 kgdw, 2" skin, Jnd BL, Merrville & Deearge bld, \$43
NSW	Guyra	280 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 10.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$48
NSW	Uralla	280 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 12.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$59
NSW	Walcha	420 BL/Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 23 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Jnd PD, passed \$70
NSW	Bourke	420 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 16 kgdw, 2" skin, Roseville Park bld, \$60 ; 420 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 15.6 kgdw, 2" skin, Roseville Park bld, \$60
NSW	Mungunidi	350 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 15 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Unjnd, Peppin bld, \$69
NSW	Walgett	700 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 12.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$61 ; 425 BLX Wth lambs, 6-7 mths, 14.3 kgdw, 2" skin, \$60 ; 285 F2-F3 Dohne Ewes, 16-17 mths, 20.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, \$75
NSW	Burren Junction	220 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 16.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Karbullah bld, \$54.50
NSW	Weabonga	250 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 16 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Yalgoo bld, \$42.50
NSW	Cobar	100 WS & WS/Mer m/s lambs, 10-11 mths, 17.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$55.50 ; 470 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 6-7 mths, 9.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$44.50 ; 550 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 11.8

		kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$55.50
NSW	Nyngan	562 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 5-7 mths, 12.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$64.50
NSW	Warren	420 Mer Ewes, 18-19 mths, 14 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, Mullengudgery bld, \$83.50 ; 362 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 18.1 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Unjnd, \$86.50
NSW	Gilgandra	257 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 13.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$65.50
NSW	Dubbo	50 F4 WD Ewe lambs, 5-6 mths, 18.6 kgdw, passed \$78.50
NSW	Mudgee	118 2ndX PD Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 17.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$80.50 ; 110 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 14.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$75.50 ; 54 2ndX PD Ewe lambs, 7-8 mths, 16.6 kgdw, 2" skin, \$80.50
NSW	West Wyalong	780 Mer Wth lambs, 7 mths, 11.3 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Gottarock bld, \$43
NSW	Temora	240 Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 17.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Elgelabra bld, \$72; 480 Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 17.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Elgelabra bld, \$72
NSW	Young	610 Mer Wths, 4.5 yrs, 27.3 kgdw, 11/4" skin, Hazeldean bld, 211c/\$57.50
NSW	Crookwell	406 Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Severn Park bld, passed \$82.50; 400 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 12.1 kgdw, 6-7 mths, \$52.50
NSW	Goulburn	214 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 19.8 kgdw, bare shorn, Unjnd, Nerstane and Centre Plus bld, \$50.50; 612 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 19.7 kgdw, bare shorn, Unjnd, Nerstane and Centre Plus bld, passed \$37.50 ;
NSW	Cootamundra	145 Dors/Mer m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 14.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$64 ; 500 Mer Wths, 18 mths, 19.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Hazeldean bld, \$48.50
NSW	Yass	640 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 22.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 299c/\$66 ; 700 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 14.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, \$27.50
NSW	Cooma	210 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 1" skin, \$79
NSW	Tharwa	230 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 14.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$63.50; 100 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 10.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$50.50
NSW	Delegate	560 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 5-6 yrs, 11.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$52.50
NSW	Tumbarumba	254 2ndX Comp m/s lambs, 6 mths, 14.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$57
NSW	Berrigan	408 F3 WD Ewes, 1-3 yrs, 27 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL WD, \$65
NSW	Deniliquin	480 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 21.8 kgdw, 2" skin, Jnd Mer, Wanganella, passed \$60.50
NSW	Swan Hill	410 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 22 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL Mer, Old Cobran bld, passed \$81 ; 435 Mer Ewes, 3.5-4.5 yrs, 22.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL Mer, Old Cobran bld, passed \$66.50
NSW	Inglewood	400 PD/Mer & Cool/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 2" skin, \$69.50 ; 475 BL/Mer Ewe

		lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.3 kgdw, bare shn, \$62.50 ; 425 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.3 kgdw, bare shn, \$52
VIC	Tatura	230 SAMM/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 24.8 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL PD, \$120 ; 250 SAMM/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 23.6 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL PD, \$120 ; 250 SAMM/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 21.6 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL PD, \$120
VIC	Ararat	253 WS/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 25 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WS, passed \$107.50; 232 WS/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 24.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WS, \$115; 750 Mer Wths, 18 mths, 16.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Bundilla bld, \$61; 600 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 20.4 kgdw, 1" skin, Bundilla bld, \$61
SA	Bordertown	166 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 34.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL WS, Moorundie bld, \$114; 137 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 31.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Mer, Nyowie bld, \$94; 182 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 31.8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL Mer, \$81.50; 52 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 30.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL Mer, \$68.50; 132 Mer Ewes, 5.5-6.5 yrs, 30.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL WS, \$94; 154 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 30 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL WS, Colinsville bld, \$90; 64 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 28 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL WS, Kongal Park bld, \$112.50; 67 Dohne Ewes, 18 mths, 24.8 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL WS, \$115.50; 38 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 18 mths, 24.4 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, \$75.50; 197 Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 21.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Well Gully bld, \$111; 34 2ndX Mer Ewe lambs, 8-9 mths, 17.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$78; 6 Mer Rams, 2 yrs, 39.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Well Gully bld, \$165; 12 Mer Ram lambs, 10-11 mths, 28.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Well Gully bld, \$271; 17 WS Rams, 3.5-4.5 yrs, 55.4 kgdw, 1" skin, Depta Grove bld, \$100.50
SA	Keith	215 Mer Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 22.6 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Dalveen bld, \$71
SA	Parndana	520 WSX & PDX m/s lambs, 8 mths, 16.1 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$85.50
SA	Balaklava	380 PDX m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 13.4 kgdw, bare shn, \$73
SA	Kapunda	760 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 16.3 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, \$46.50; 480 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 15.7 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, \$36.50; 465 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 16.2 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, \$26
SA	Streaky Bay	250 Mer Ewe lambs, 12 mths, 18.1 kgdw, 2" skin, \$76.50
TAS	Campbell Town	1200 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 22.5 kgdw, 1" skin, 500c/\$112.50