

A solid offering for the first week trading on AuctionsPlus saw 2,942 head of cattle offered, as well as 36,952 sheep and lambs. Though while not as wet a Christmas as many had been hoping for, substantial yet patchy rainfall across some of the drier areas of the country is hopefully a sign of more to come. On a more positive note to start the year, the Australian Dollar has remained at a lower level, and current predictions are that exports to key markets are likely to increase this year on top of 2013's records. Store lamb prices have improved since our last sale in December, with forecasts for this trend to continue. Lambs out of SA all came from Kangaroo Island, with first crosses weighing 41kg-44kg selling for \$82 to \$84, and 38kg second crosses making \$76 to \$82. In Tasmania, second cross lambs at 34kg-35kg sold for \$73.50 to \$75. Young Merino ewes sold from \$50.50 to a top of \$110 for April shorn, Sohnic blood 18 month olds out of Broken Hill. Aged ewes made \$45.50-\$46 to restockers, and those selling to processors made 220c to 277c including skin value. Quality unshorn Merino wether lambs out of Jerilderie weighing 42kg sold for \$80.50 – the best price we have seen for 2013 drop wether lambs. Hoggets sold from \$47.50 to \$56, and older wethers made \$42.50 to \$53. Joined first cross ewes sold from \$65 to \$75, and unjoined Border/Merino ewes out of Cooma sold for \$110. Annalara blood White Dorper ewes with over 120% lambs made \$112.50 in central NSW. In a very tough first cattle sale for the year, cow and calf units were the best selling article, and heifers the hardest to sell. Cows with calves sold to a top of \$940 for four and five year old Angus cows with Angus calves, and nearby at Moss Vale five year old Charolais/Shorthorns with Limousin calves made \$840. Other young cows with calves sold from \$735 to \$790, while older and mixed-age lines made \$450 to \$510. Angus and Angus cross steers in NSW weighing 250-300kg made 173c to 181c, and Hereford cross steers at a similar weight sold for 156c or \$405. In Tasmania, Angus steers weighing over 350kg made 177c to 180c, and 339kg heifers sold for 161c.

Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Hughenden	88 BrafX Strs, 5-9 mths, 154kg, passed 169c/\$260; 88 BrafX Hfrs, 5-7 mths, 145kg, passed 155c/\$225;
QLD	Mitchell	121 XB m/s Wnrs, 3-10 mths, 143kg, 115c/\$165;
NSW	Armidale	59 Ang/Her & AngX Strs, 12-14 mths, 255kg, passed 155c/\$394; 110 Ang/Her & AngX Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 274kg, Unjnd, 126c/\$345;
NSW	Goodooga	53 Santa & SantaX C&C, 3 yrs, 452kg, Jnd Angus, 53 Santa CAF avg 100kg, \$750;
NSW	Moree	35 Ang C&C, 2-5 yrs, 479kg, Jnd Ang, 35 Ang CAF avg 190, Millah Murrah Bld, \$740;
NSW	Wee Waa	22 AngX Hfrs, 11-12 mths, 358kg, passed 148c/\$531;
NSW	Coonamble	47 Ang C&C, 4-10 yrs, 638kg, Jnd Ang, 47 Ang CAF avg 157kg, passed \$860;
NSW	Baradine	35 Her C&C, 2-7 yrs, 411kg, Jnd Her, 35 CAF av 135kg, \$505; 24 Her Cows, 2-7 yrs, 444kg, Jnd Her, \$450;
NSW	Coonabarabran	70 Ang & AngX Strs, 12-13 mths, 277kg, 173c/\$480; 53 SH & AngX C&C, 7-10 yrs, 475kg, Unjnd, CAF av 110kg, \$510;

NSW	Merriwa	110 Ang Strs, 5-7 mths, 183kg, Glenavon Bld, passed 178c/\$325; 85 Ang/Her & Ang/Santa Hfrs, 5-7 mths, 176kg, passed 140c/\$245; 88 Ang Hfrs, 5-7 mths, 171kg, Glenavon Bld, passed 150c/\$255;
NSW	Tottenham	55 Ang & AngX Strs, 9-10 mths, 282kg, 181c/\$510; 104 MG & MGX Strs, 9-10 mths, 274kg, passed 166c/\$455; 93 AngX & MGX Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 243kg, 133c/\$325;
NSW	Coolah	11 Her Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 250kg, passed 110c/\$275;
NSW	Yeoval	81 Her/Simm Strs, 8-10 mths, 260kg, 156c/\$405; 88 Her/Simm Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 258kg, 165c/\$425;
NSW	Rylstone	54 Ang C&C, 2yrs, 381kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF avg 154kg, passed \$785; 36 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 2 yrs, 385kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF avg 138kg, passed \$750; 100 Ang C&C, 3-5 yrs, 419kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF avg 143kg, \$790; 50 Ang & Ang/Her C&C, 3-6 yrs, 408kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF avg 158kg, \$740; 88 Ang C&C, 3-7 yrs, 420kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF avg 135kg, \$735;
NSW	Oberon	14 Ang C&C, 2 yrs, 438kg, Jnd Ang, 14 Ang CAF, passed \$825; 13 Ang C&C, 2 yrs, 427kg, Unjnd, 13 Ang CAF, passed \$825
NSW	Bathurst	14 Ang & AngX C&C, 2 yrs, 403kg, Unjnd, 14 Ang CAF, passed \$825;
NSW	Goulburn	29 Ang C&C, 4-5 yrs, 537kg, Jnd Ang, Ang CAF avg 212kg, \$940;
NSW	Moss Vale	18 Char/SH C&C, 5 yrs, 661kg, Jnd Lim, 18 Lim CAF, \$840;
NSW	Wagga Wagga	81 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 14-15 mths, 330kg, passed 161c/\$532;
TAS	Flinders Island	40 Her & Ang/Her & Ang Strs, 17-20 mths, 449kg, 177c/\$795; 46 Ang Strs, 17 mths, 400kg, Landfall bld, 178c/\$710; 33 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 361kg, 180c/\$650; 30 Ang Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 339kg, Unjnd 161c/\$545
WA	Manjimup	45 Ang Cows, 2-10 yrs, 334 kgdw, Unjnd, 276c/\$919; 43 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 387kg, Mordalup Bld, 196c/\$757; 27 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 359kg, Mordalup Bld, Unjnd, 177c/\$634

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Quilpie	1080 Mer Ewe lambs, 5-6 mths, 10.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Ams Bld, \$35.50; 1060 Mer Ram lambs, 5-6 mths, 9.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Ams Bld, \$30.50;
QLD	Mungindi	440 Cool/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 11.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$50.50; 760 Dors/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 9.6 kgdw, 1" skin, \$49;
NSW	Bourke	1200 Mer Ewes, 16-17 mths, 12.2 kgdw, 1" skin, Unjnd, Egelabra & Woodside Bld, \$50.50;

NSW	Brewarrina	1260 Mer Ewes, 6.5 yrs, 17 kgdw, 3" skin, Unjnd, \$46;
NSW	Walgett	375 Dohne Ewes, 1.5 yrs, 19.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, Macquarie Bld, \$73;
NSW	Moree	1570 Mer Wths, 1.5 yrs, 15.6 kgdw, 2" skin, Merryville & Tyrone Bld, \$56;
NSW	Bingara	440 Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 13.2 kgdw, bare shorn, Unjnd, Lambert Bld, passed \$30.50; 660 Mer Ewes, mx'd age, 14.5 kgdw, bare shn, Unjnd, passed \$16.50;
NSW	Guyra	290 2ndX BL m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 11.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$37.50; 427 WD/Mer Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 25.1 kgdw, 1/4" skin, 199c/\$50;
NSW	Walcha	750 2ndX Dors m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 16.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$67; 385 2ndX Dors m/s lambs, 3.5 mths, 14.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$60.50; 450 Mer E&L, 4-6 yrs, 15.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 450 BL/Mer LAF avg 22 kg, passed \$83; 360 2ndX Dors m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$60.50; 500 2ndX Dors m/s lambs, 4 mths, 12.7 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$55.50; 650 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 13.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$60; 900 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 14.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$60.50;
NSW	Gunnedah	390 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 11.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$50;
NSW	Broken Hill	665 Mer E&L 2-8 yrs, 18.5 kgdw, 1" skin, Jnd Mer, 250 Mer LAF, Greenfield Bld, passed \$73; 500 Mer Ewes, 1.5 yrs, 17.5 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Unjnd, Sohnic Merino Bld, \$110;
NSW	Cobar	242 WS/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 28.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL WS, \$ 75; 138 BL/Mer Ewes, 14-17 mths, 18.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Jnd WS, \$65; 175 WS Ewes, mx'd age, 29.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, \$45;
NSW	Girilambone	900 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 9.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Egelabra Bld, \$34; 400 WD Ewe Lambs, 7-9 mths, 18.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd WD, \$90.50;
NSW	Coolah	700 Mer Ewes, 16 mths, 16.7 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, \$83;
NSW	Dubbo	400 BL/Mer & WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 9.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$59; 210 BL/Mer & WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 5.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$49.50;
NSW	Gulgong	330 Mer Wths, 2.5 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Roseville Park Bld, \$42.50;
NSW	Wellington	580 Mer Wth Lambs, 4-5 mths, 10.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Wallaloo Park Bld, \$34;
NSW	Yeoval	560 WD E&L, 2-6 yrs, 30.5 kgdw, 1" skin, Annalara Bld, Unjnd, 718 WD LAF, \$112.50;
NSW	Ungarie	420 Mer Wths, 18 mths, 21.8 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 346c/\$75.50;
NSW	Cootamundra	427 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 5 mths, 16.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$78; 356 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 5 mths, 12.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$67;
NSW	Boorowa	1720 Mer Wths, 2.5 yrs, 22.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$53.25;
NSW	Crookwell	300 Mer Wths, 16 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Charinga Bld, \$47.50; 395 Mer

		Wths, 14-15 mths, 17.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$50; 660 Mer Wths, 2.5 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$45;
NSW	Goulburn	159 Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Bogo Bld, \$38.50; 440 Mer Ewes, 6.5 yrs, 17.9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, 274c/\$49; 250 Mer Ewes, 6.5 yrs, 15.9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Unjnd, 220c/\$35; 880 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 18 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, 277c/\$50; 275 Mer Wths, 2.5 yrs, 20.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$51;
NSW	Jerilderie	300 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 14.9 kgdw, 2" skin, \$80.50;
NSW	Cooma	540 Mer Wths, 4.5 yrs, 26.9 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Hazeldean & Greendale Bld, passed 234c/\$63; 670 BL/Mer Ewes, 15-16 mths, 21 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, \$110; 358 Mer Ewes, 6 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Middleview Bld, \$45.50; 440 Mer Ewes, 12 mths, 15.1 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Unjnd, Severn Park Bld, \$78;
VIC	Ararat	340 Mer Ewes, 13-14 mths, 14.4 kgdw, Unjnd, Wirrinourt Bld, \$70.50;
SA	Kingscote	215 WS/Mer & 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 4-6 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 2" skin, \$82; 190 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 17.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$84.50; 70 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 2-4 mths, 10.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$55; 125 2ndX WS & 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 15.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$82; 350 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 4-6 mths, 13.9 kgdw, 1.75" skin, passed \$73.50; 375 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 4-6 mths, 15.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$76; 380 2ndX WS and WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4-6 mths, 15.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$79.50
SA	Parndana	200 WS/Mer Ewe lambs, 5-6 mths, 17.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$83.50; 280 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 6 mths, 16.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$84; 234 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 6 mths, 17.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$84
TAS	Avoca	219 2ndX WS & WS m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$79; 275 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 14.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$73.50; 202 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 15.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$75; 300 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 14.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$73.50;
TAS	Flinders Island	280 Comp/Mer Ewes, 6-8 yrs, 23.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Unjnd 205c/\$48;