With dry and extremely hot conditions continuing this week, we saw a big jump in numbers of both species. Cattle offerings were up 1,500 to 4,469 head, while sheep and lambs almost doubled to 66,524 head. While the sheep clearances are still holding up, the effect of critical water shortages was far more evident in today's cattle sales; without significant rainfall in the coming weeks, prices will continue to be driven downward as bigger numbers flood the market. Future woolgrowers are still attracting competition from southern regions, with maiden ewes out of central NSW selling from \$82 to \$86.50 to head to the Riverina. A large offering of Merino wether lambs out of Coleraine stayed in the southern state, with drafts weighing 27kg to 31kg selling from \$45.50 to \$55.50; also in Victoria, September shorn two year olds at Avenel weighing 48kg sold for \$66. In NSW, wether lambs made from \$19.50 for little light lambs to a top of \$54.50. Forecasts of increases in lamb prices in the coming year aided better quality first cross ewes on offer this week. Ready to join ewes made \$108.50 to \$110.50 in NSW, and in Tasmania similar age ewes sold for \$145. Dry conditions forcing some plainer crossbred lambs onto the market saw prices ease slightly this week. 29kg-30kg lambs sold for \$50.50 to \$54.50, and 34kg-35kg lambs made \$62.50 to \$75. 40kg-41kg lines made from \$70 to \$85, with the top price being paid for a small line of second crosses off Kangaroo Island. Few results during the cattle sales today, however many negotiated sales took place, with most accepting the price realised at auction or very close to it. Black cattle proved to be the only reliable factor in achieving a sale. Steers out of SA were the standout of the sale, with feeder weight Angus and Angus cross steers selling from 190c to 195c. Elsewhere steers made from 127c for lightweight yearlings to 165c for 345kg Angus steers. Unjoined heifers were tough to shift, and few that sold made from 121c to 136c. AuctionsPlus will be closed on Monday 27th January for the Australia Day public holiday. The Tuesday Sheep auction on 28th January will run as usual.

Cattle				
State	Town	Details		
QLD	Meandarra	30 Ang & AngX Strs, 4-6 mths, 173kg, passed 148c/\$255; 32 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 4-6 mths, 171kg, passed 123c/\$210		
NSW	Armidale	22 Her Strs, 13-15 mths, 344kg, 169c/\$580 ; 20 MG C&C, 8 yrs, 441kg, Jnd Char, 20 Char CAF avg 127kg, passed \$285		
NSW	Walcha	28 Her C&C, 2-7 yrs, 424kg, Jnd Her, 28 Ang & Her CAF avg 147kg, passed \$505; 138 Ang m/s Wnrs, 3-5 mths, 98kg, 173c/\$170		
NSW	Warialda	82 Ang & AngX Strs, 12-17 mths, 216kg, \$127c/275		
NSW	Barraba	32 Char/Ang Hfrs, 10-14 mths, 307kg, passed 125c/\$385; 25 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 6-14 mths, 278kg, passed 115c/\$319; 60 Ang Strs, 15-17 mths, 250kg, passed 148c/\$370; 64 Ang Strs, 15-17 mths, 290kg, passed 136c/\$395		
NSW	Coonamble	17 Ang Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 259kg, Booroomooka & Hollywood bld, passed 114c/\$295; 26 Her & Her/Ang C&C, 6 yrs, 451kg, Unjnd, Her CAF, passed \$455; 92 Her Hfrs, 17-19 mths, 372kg, PTIC Her & MG, passed \$465		
NSW	Tamworth	80 Ang/Lim Strs, 8-9 mths, 285kg, 160c/\$455		
NSW	Merriwa	63 AngX Strs, 5-7 mths, 190kg, 169c/\$320		

NSW	Rylstone	28 Ang Strs, 7-11 mths, 216kg, Hilltop Bld, 151c/\$325; 15 Ang/Her Strs, 7-11 mths, 206kg, 145c/\$300;		
NSW	Ilford	9 Ang Hfrs, 11-13 mths, 260kg, Unjnd, Pine Creek Bld, 121c/\$315; 32 Ang Strs, 11-15 mths, 278kg, Pine Creek Bld, 138c/\$385;		
NSW	Wellington	21 Ang & Ang/Santa Hfrs, 13-16 mths, 324kg, Unjnd, passed 125c/\$405; 30 Her & Her/Braf Hfrs, 18-22 mths, 346 kgdw, Unjnd, passed 114c/\$395;		
NSW	Goulburn	32 Ang C&C, 5yrs, 518kg, Jnd Ang, 31 Ang CAF av 210kg, passed \$750; 12 Ang C&C, 2yrs, 489kg, Jnd Ang & Her, 12 Her CAF av 197kg, passed \$750;		
NSW	Yass	20 Ang Hfrs, 15-16 mths, 429kg, Jnd Ang, Te Mania Bld and Wallaroy Bld, \$527;		
NSW	Cooma	45 AngX & Ang C&C, 6-8 yrs, 482kg, Jnd Ang, 45 Ang CAF av 134kg, \$705;		
NSW	Coleambally	160 Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 345kg, Pine Creek Bld, 165c/\$570; 150 Ang Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 320kg, Pine Creek Bld, 136c/\$435;		
NSW	Нау	25 Ang Hfrs, 2 yrs, 489kg, PTIC Ang, Pine Creek & Kenny Creek Bld, passed \$705;		
SA	Kalangadoo	32 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 383kg, Hidden Valley Bld, 192c/\$735;		
SA	Penola	17 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 320kg, Arglyshire & Hidden Valley & Black Angus Bld, 181c/\$580; 26 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 270kg, Arglyshire & Hidden Valley & Black Angus Bld, passed 191c/\$515; 14 Ang Strs, 13-15 mths, 339kg, Pathfinder & Heatherdale Bld, 195c/\$660; 17 Ang Strs, 13-15 mths, 355kg, 190c/\$675; 27 Ang Strs, 13-15 mths, 399kg, Pathfinder & Heatherdale Bld, 193c/\$770; 15 Ang Strs, 13-15 mths, 402kg, Pathfinder & Heatherdale Bld, 192c/\$770;		
TAS	Scottsdale	52 Her/Ang Strs, 15-17 mths, 226 kgdw, 363c/\$820; 52 Her & Her/SH Strs, 15-17 mths, 225 kgdw, 364c/\$820; 52 Her & Her/SH Strs, 15-17 mths, 441kg, 186c/\$820;		
WA	Boyup Brook	20 Ang & Ang/Rang & Ang/SH Strs, 9-10 mths, 343kg, 195c/\$669; 15 Ang & Ang/Rang & Ang/SH Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 329kg, \$558;		
WA	Pemberton	102 AngX & MG m/s Ylg, 16-22 mths, 257 kgdw, 385c/\$990; 4 Ang & SD Strs, 24-30 mths, 326 kgdw, 319c/\$1040; 11 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 370kg, 180c/\$668; 17 Ang Hfrs, 10-11 mths, 367kg, 160c/\$588;		
WA	Denmark	22 Char/MG/Ang & Ang Strs, 9-11 mths, 365kg, \$716; 17 Ang & Char/MG/Ang Strs, 7-9 mths, 288kg, \$608; 11 Ang Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 312kg, \$626; 18 Char/MG/Ang Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 358kg, \$670; 18 Char/MG/Ang & MGX Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 314kg, \$590; 11 Ang & Char/MG/Ang Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 274kg, \$510; 67 Fres & Jers/Fres Strs, 18-30 mths, 273 kgdw, 300c/\$820; 9 Ang Cows, 4-8 yrs, 317 kgdw, Unjnd, 282c/\$893; 5 Ang Bulls, 1.5-2 yrs, 345 kgdw, 220c/\$759;		

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QLD	St George	600 Cool/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 9.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$40;			
QLD	Dirranbandi	960 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 9.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$43;			
QLD	Mungindi	460 Cool/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 11.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed \$48.50; 820 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 8.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Bulawarrie Bld, \$31; 510 Mer Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 20.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Wanolga Bld, \$43;			
NSW	Bourke	400 Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 7 kgdw, 1" skin, Egelabra Bld, \$28; 210 Mer Ewes, 1.5 yrs, 13 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Egelabra Bld, passed \$42.50; 530 Mer Ewes, 2.5-3.5 yrs, 16.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Egelabra Bld, passed \$50.50; 530 Mer Ewes, 2.5-3.5 yrs, 16.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Egelabra Bld, passed \$50.50; 420 Mer Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 16.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, Egelabra Bld, \$32;			
NSW	Walgett	640 2ndX Mer & 2ndX Dohne Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 17.2 kgdw, 2"skin, Unjnd, Lolleep & Roseville Park Bld, \$44; 1100 Mer m/s lambs, 3-5 mths, 8.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Wilgunya Bld, \$37; 775 Mer Ewes, 3.5-5.5 yrs, 16.4 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Wilgunya Bld, \$42; 400 Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 15.5 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Wilgunya Bld, \$57;			
NSW	Tingha	345 2ndX Dorp & VR/Mer & Dorp/VR m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 11.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$27;			
NSW	Guyra	260 Mer Wths, 15-16 mths, 12.5 kgdw, 1" skin, Karori & Petali blood, \$17; 170 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 15.2 kgdw, 1" skin, Karori & Petali bld, \$15.50; 630 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 19 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, Alfoxton & Karori bld, passed \$40			
NSW	Armidale	1500 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.7 kgdw, bare shn, \$50.50; 360 2ndX Dors m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 13.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$62.50; 180 BL/Mer Ewes, 15 mths, 21.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed \$52 ; 314 Mer Ewes 15-16 mths, 11.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$25.50 ; 260 Mer Wths, 15-16 mths, 12.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$20.50			
NSW	Uralla	80 2ndX Dors m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$30			
NSW	Walcha	550 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 10.4 kgdw, bare shn, passed \$36.50			
NSW	Tamworth	600 Mer Wths, 3-5 yrs, 24.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, 229c/\$55.50;			
NSW	Cobar	260 WD Wth Lambs, 8-9 mths, 10.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Annalara Bld, \$25.50; 50 WD Wths, 13-14 mths, 14 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Annalara Bld, \$18;			
NSW	Girilambone	570 WD Ewes, mxd age, 21.2 kgdw, Jnd WD, \$60.50			
NSW	Nyngan	1000 Mer Wth lambs, 4-5 mths, 12.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, M.P.M Bld, \$42; 293 Me Ewes, 1.5 yrs, 20.5 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, Parkdale Bld, \$86.50; 760 WS/SAMM m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 16.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$72; 540 SAMM/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 15.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$51; 260 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 16.3 kgdw 1.5" skin, \$73; 770 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 3-4 mths, 11.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$66;			

		710 BL/Mer Wth lambs, 3-4 mths, 12 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$45; 1400 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 20.6 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Unjnd, \$51.50		
NSW	Gilgandra	540 Mer Ewes, 1.5 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, Weealla Bld, \$82;		
NSW	Broken Hill	630 Mer E&L, mxd age, 22.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, 500 Mer LAF avg 18kg, \$70.50		
NSW	Ivanhoe	670 SAMM Wth lambs, 6-7 mths, 17.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Gracefields bld, \$74, 460 SAMM Wth lambs, 6-7 mths, 14.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Gracefields bld, \$64		
NSW	Yeoval	770 Dohne/Mer Ewes, 1.5 yrs, 22 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Jnd WS, \$93;		
NSW	Mudgee	300 Mer E&L, 4.5 yrs, 16.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, 324 BL LAF av 23kg, Glana Bld, \$57;		
NSW	Rylstone	1150 Mer E&L, 6-8 yrs, 14.5 kgdw, 3/4"skin, Unjnd, 1010 BL/Mer LAF, Merryville Bld, \$50;		
NSW	Blayney	350 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 16.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Ridgehaven & Tattykeel Bld, \$77.50; 500 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 13.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Ridgehaven & Tattykeel Bld, \$68.50;		
NSW	West Wyalong	420 Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 18.5 kgdw, 2" skin, Boonoke bld, 370c/\$68.50		
NSW	Young	1100 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 16.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$75.50 ; 595 Mer Wths 2 yrs, 19.8 kgdw, 1" skin, \$44.50		
NSW	Boorowa	390 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 4 mths, 14.5 kgdw, 1" skin, \$63		
NSW	Cootamundra	564 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 5 mths, 17.4 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$75.50; 440 2ndX WS Ewes, 4-6 yrs, 30.2 kgdw, 2.75" skin, SIL Dors/Dorp, \$82.50; 260 Dors/Dorp/Comp Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 2.75" skin, SIL Dors/Dorp, \$87.50		
NSW	Coolac	394 Comp/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 13.1 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$48.50; 244 Comp/Mer m/s lambs, 6 mths, 19.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$70; 276 Comp/Mer m/s lambs, 5 mths, 15.8 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$60; 221 Comp/Mer m/s lambs, 10.3 kgdw, 1.25" skin, passed \$38.50		
NSW	Jugiong	243 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 8-9 mths, 19.8 kgdw, 1" skin, \$110		
NSW	Gundagai	660 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 15.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$66.50		
NSW	Yass	180 BL/Mer Ewes, 15-16 mths, 22.7 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$108.50 ; 152 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 10.8 kgdw, 2" skin, \$43		
NSW	Gunning	297 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 16.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Merryville bld, \$35; 159 BL/Mer Ewes, 14-15 mths, 23.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$110.50; 650 Mer Wths, 15-16 mths, 17.8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Mumblebone bld, \$52.50		
NSW	Crookwell	450 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 5 mths, 12.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$64 ; 450 Mer Ewes, 5 yrs, 19.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Carrabungla bld, \$45 ; 200 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 19.1 kgdw, 2"		

		skin, Carrabungla bld, 235c/\$45			
NSW	Goulburn	460 Mer Wths, 18 mths, 21.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$50; 563 Mer Wth lambs, 4 mths, 9.8 kgdw, 1" skin, Nerstane & Petali bld, \$30; 544 Mer Wth lambs, 4 mths, 7.8 kgdw, 1" skin, Nerstane & Petali bld, \$25; 210 Mer Wth lambs, 4 mths, 6.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Nerstane & Petali bld, \$19.50			
NSW	Bombala	1000 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Springvale bld, passed \$43.50 ; 300 Mer Wths, 16-17 mths, 14.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Springvale bld, passed \$41			
NSW	Darlington Pt	650 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 6-7 mths, 17.2 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$76.50			
NSW	Нау	750 Mer Wth lambs, 6-7 mths, 10.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$54.50; 237 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 15.3 kgdw, 1" skin, \$66; 125 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 11.4 kgdw, 1" skin, \$40			
NSW	Wentworth	630 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 22.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Anama bld, \$65.50			
VIC	Rutherglen	140 Comp Ewes, 18 mths, 20.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$115.50; 92 Comp Ewes, 2 yrs, 24.4 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$102.50; 100 Comp Ewes, 3 yrs, 25.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$79.50; 100 Comp Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 24.6 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Unjnd, \$65			
VIC	Avenel	255 Mer Wths, 16-17 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Toland bld, passed \$41.50; 310 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 18.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Toland bld, \$66			
VIC	Coleraine	600 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 11.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Barrama bld, \$55; 600 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 11.3 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Barrama bld, \$55.50; 1220 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 10.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Barrama bld, \$53.50; 380 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 10.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Barrama bld, \$50.50; 715 Mer Wth lambs, 5-6 mths, 9.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Barrama bld, \$45.50			
VIC	Kaniva	125 SAMM/Mer Ewe lambs, 6-7 mths, 11.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$58.50; 120 SAMM/Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 38.2 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL WS, passed \$110.50			
SA	Kingscote	78 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 17.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$85 ; 240 2ndX WS m/s lambs, 13.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$75.50			
TAS	Campbell Town	240 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 4 mths, 15.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$71;			
TAS	Oatlands	140 Hamp/Mer m/s lambs, 4-5 mths, 14.7 kgdw, 1.25"skin, passed 466c/\$68.50;			
TAS	Perth	147 BL/Mer Ewes, 17 mths, 21.9 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Unjnd \$145			
TAS	Sorell	194 BL/Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 23 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Unjnd, 209c/\$48; 530 Mer Ewes, 4-7 yrs, 18.1 kgdw, 2" skin, Unjnd, 304c/\$55;			
TAS	Kempton	303 Mer Ewes, mxd age, 18.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, passed 283c/\$51.50;			
TAS	Buckland	220 Mer Wths, mxd age, 19.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed 228c/\$44			