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AuctionsPlus Market Comments: Week Ending 23rd May 2014

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A reduction in numbers offered across both species this week saw sheep and lambs total 52,199 head, down 13,000, while cattle dropped 2,000 to 6,745 head.

Merino ewe prices eased overall this week. With a looming El Nino reducing confidence in buying for beyond current season, older and mixed age lines of ewes in lamb to terminal sires again proved an attractive option for a short term return in both the lamb and mutton markets. This article ranged in price from \$50 to \$100. Young scanned ewes sold from \$109.50 to a top of \$140 for Wealla blood rising two year olds in lamb to Border Leicester out of Coonamble.

Merino wether lambs were steady on last week, selling from \$45 to \$85 to average \$68. The top price was for a large line of unshorn August/September drop Kerin & Haddon Rig blood lambs out of Bourke weighing 41kg.

Grown wethers dressing 19-21kg selling to slaughter made from 323c to 379c including skin value, with most having a hefty freight bill on top. Aged ewes in Victoria made 438c-444c, aided by a big skin and a short journey.

Steadily rising crossbred ewe prices are showing some early confidence in next season's lamb market, with prices in excess of \$200 for the first time in many months. Young scanned-in-lamb Border/Merino ewes sold from \$130 to a top of \$210 for rising two year old, 80kg ewes with a full jacket out of southern NSW, in lamb to Poll Dorset.

After a tough couple of weeks with cattle prices trending down, vendors were more willing to meet the market this week, and clearance rates improved accordingly. With some good quality weaners on offer, steer prices even showed a slight improvement. Steers under 250kg made 188c to 213c to average 200c, no change on last week, while heifers sold from 134c to 184c averaging 168c. 250kg-300kg steers made 175c to 237c to average 208c, up 6c, and similar weight heifers averaged 163. The heavier end of the steer market showed the most improvement, with 300kg plus steers making 181c to 225c averaging 203c, up 11c on last week. Yearling steers topped at \$640 for 310kg Black Baldies at Holbrook, and the best weaner price was \$730 for 324kg Angus steers at Yass.

Breeders met a tough market again this week, with buyers tending to look for the more even lines to bid on, while mixed age or breed lines met less competition. In NSW young PTIC females made \$630 to \$805, and older cows sold for \$610. A feature offering of Brahman females out of Theodore saw unjoined yearling heifers sell for \$690, and young cows with Brahman & Limousin calves make \$1000.

In WA, slaughter cows continued a stellar run of prices, making 318c to 341c/kg dressed.



Cattle		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Stamford	216 Santa & Santa/DM Hfrs, 10-15 mths, 251kg, passed 127c/\$319
QLD	Blackall	72 Ang & AngX Strs, 6-14 mths, 281kg, 175c/\$492 ; 66 Charb/Ang Strs, 6-14 mths, 286kg, 172c/\$491 ; 108 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 5-13 mths, 262kg, 146c/\$381 ; 68 Charb/Ang Hfrs, 5-13 mths, 264kg, 144c/\$379
QLD	Theodore	15 Brah Hfrs, 15-18 mths, 340kg, Unjnd, 203c/\$690 ; 11 Brah Cows, 3-8 yrs, 540kg, PTIC Brah, \$720 ; 24 Brah Cows, 3-9 yrs, 505kg, PTIC Brah, \$715 ; 10 Brah C&C, 2-4 yrs, 438kg, 10 Brah & Lim CAF, avg 180kg, \$1000
QLD	Mitchell	102 DMX, SimX & Simb Strs, 10-14 mths, 325kg, 191c/\$620 ; 136 BfmkrX, DM & Her Hfrs, 11-16 mths, 298kg, passed 116c/\$345
QLD	Cooyar	54 Santa/Her C&C, 2-6 yrs, 336kg, Jns Sim & Santa, 54 XB CAF, passed \$460
QLD	Goondiwindi	41 SH/Ang Strs, 9-11 mths, 241kg, 191c/\$460 ; 50 SH/Ang & Ang/Santa Strs, 9-11 mths, 302kg, 181c/\$545
NSW	Bonshaw	40 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 14-15 mths, 231kg, 134c/\$310 ; 45 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 14-15 mths, 232kg, passed 174c/\$340
NSW	Tenterfield	50 Ang Cows, 7-10 yrs, 426kg, PTIC Wag, passed \$425
NSW	Emmaville	32 Ang Hfrs, 20-22 mths, 488kg, PTIC Ang, Speriby North bld, \$800
NSW	Inverell	37 Ang Cows, 7-8 yrs, 485kg, PTIC Ang, \$610 ; 69 Ang Strs, 6-9 mths, 167kg, 213c/\$355 ; 91 Ang hfrs, 6-9 mths, 161kg, 174c/\$280
NSW	Bingara	70 Ang Hfrs, 12-14 mths, 288kg, Booroomooka bld, 142c/\$425 ; 35 Ang/Brang Strs, 5-10 mths, 194kg, 183c/\$355 ; 62 SH & SH/Ang Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 273kg, passed 137c/\$375
NSW	Bundarra	41 Ang/Brang C&C, 3-7 yrs, 320kg, Jnd Brang, 43 CAF avg 115kg, passed \$460
NSW	Guyra	43 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 9-10 mths, 247kg, 200c/\$495 ; 45 Ang Cows, 7-9 yrs, 512kg, PTIC Ang, \$610 ; 32 Ang/Gelb/Santa Strs, 9-10 mths, 237kg, 196c/\$465 ; 15 Her Strs, 7-10 mths, 348kg, 204c/\$710 ; 56 Santa/Ang/Her Strs, 7-10 mths, 311kg, 206c/\$640 ; 75 Sim/Ang Strs, 7-9 mths, 263kg, 209c/\$550 ; 42 Ang & AngX Cows, 3 yrs, 419kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$635
NSW	Ebor	69 Ang Strs, 6-8 mths, 253kg, 204c/\$515
NSW	Armidale	24 S DevX & AngX Hfrs, 6-8 mths, 232kg, passed 142c/\$330 ; 47 Ang & Ang/Her Cows, 4 yrs, 457kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$760
NSW	Uralla	34 Ang Cows, 7-10 yrs, 529kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$655
NSW	Walcha	8 Ang & AngX Cows, 8-10 yrs, 478kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$585 ; 18 Ang/Bons Strs, 7-10 mths, 268kg, passed 168c/\$450 ; 29 Ang & Ang/Bons Strs, 5-7 mths, 191kg, passed 170c/\$325 ; 80 Ang Strs, 8-10 mths, 219kg, passed 198c/\$435
NSW	Tamworth	19 Ang/Sim Cows, 4-9 yrs, 552kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$730 ; 89 Ang/Sim Cows, 4-9 yrs, 525kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$750 ; 73 Ang/Sim Cows, 4-9 yrs, 541kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$750 ; 76 Ang Cows, 3-4 yrs, 483kg, PTIC Ang, \$805
NSW	Walgett	228 Ang Strs, 9-11 mths, 266kg, te Mania bld, 237c/\$630 ; 87 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 230 kg, Te Mania bld, 179c/\$410 ; 76 Ang Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 264kg, 182c/\$480
NSW	Carinda	50 Ang Hfrs, 18-21 mths, 426kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$745
NSW	Brewarrina	88 Brah & Brang C&C, 2-12 yrs, 351kg, Jnd Ang, 53 Ang CAF avg 165kg, passed \$375
NSW	Coolah	22 R AngX hfrs, 7-9 mths, 233kg, 155c/\$360; 23 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 7-9 mths, 260kg, 158c/\$410; 63 SimX Cows, 3-6 yrs, 562kg, PTIC Char/Ang & Speck, passed \$830
NSW	Mudgee	31 Char Strs, 6-9 mths, 213kg, 188c/\$400
NSW	Molong	85 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 240kg, Noonee & Crosby bld, 184c/\$440
NSW	Cudal	65 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 305kg, Noonee bld, 220c/\$670
NSW	Orange	20 SH/Santa/Char C&C, 3-9 yrs, 450kg, Jnd R Ang, 20 CAF avg 220kg, \$1040
NSW	Gooloogong	22 Char/SH Hfrs, 7-12 mths, 303kg, passed 172c/\$520



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State	Town	Details
NSW	Blayney	33 Char/Ang Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 324kg, 179c/\$580
NSW	Mt David	28 HerX, SH & Ang Cows, 4-8 yrs, 481kg, Jnd Her, passed \$410
NSW	Camden	50 Ang Strs, 10-11 mths, 320kg, 189c/\$605
NSW	Goulburn	28 Ang & Ang/her C&C, 18-20 mths, 416kg, Unjnd, 28 Ang CAF, passed \$855
NSW	Gunning	22 Ang Cows, 3-9 yrs, 541kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$660
NSW	Yass	50 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 298kg, Te Mania 7 Wallaroy bld, 205c/\$611; 97 Ang Strs, 8-10 mths, 324kg, 225c/\$730; 116 Ang Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 308kg, 178c/\$550
NSW	Braidwood	45 Her Cows, 3-5 yrs, 473kg, PTIC Her, Yavenvale bld, \$630; 25 Ang Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 255kg, Rennylea bld, passed 151c/\$385; 23 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 246kg, Rennylea bld, 213c/\$525; 32 Ang Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 248 kg, Clea & Bareena bld, passed 155c/\$385; 39 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 262kg, Koolewong & The Laurels bld, passed 198c/\$520; 17 Ang Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 239kg, Koolewong & The Laurels bld, passed 155c/\$370; 41 Ang Strs, 8-9 mths, 252kg, 205c/\$515; 60 Ang Strs, 7-8 mths, 280kg, Bongongo bld, 216c/\$605; 44 Ang Hfrs, 7-8 mths, 253kg, Bongongo bld, 164c/\$410; 31 Her Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 362kg, Jnd Ang, passed 140c/\$505
NSW	Holbrook	38 Ang/Her Strs, 14-15 mths, 310kg, 207c/\$640; 87 Ang & Ang/Her Hfrs, 33-34 mths, 380kg, Jnd Ang, passed 146c/\$555
NSW	Albury	27 Ang Strs, 6-8 mths, 285kg, Ardrossan & Dunoon bld, 226c/\$645; 17 Ang Strs, 6-8 mths, 245kg, Ardrossan & Dunoon bld, 202c/\$495; 27 Ang Hfrs, 6-8 mths, 278kg, Ardrossan & Dunoon bld, 181c/\$505; 20 Ang Hfrs, 6-8 mths, 237kg, Ardrossan & Dunoon bld, 171c/\$405
SA	Naracoorte	56 R Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 304kg, Carlton bld, 207c/\$630; 35 R Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 264kg, Carlton bld, 203c/\$535; 18 Sim/R Ang Strs, 10-12 mths, 292kg, 202c/\$590; 32 R Ang Hfrs, 10-12 mths, 301kg, Carlton bld, 180c/\$540; 56 R Ang Hfrs, 9-12 mths, 255kg, Carlton bld, 178c/\$455; 13 R Ang/Sim Hfrs, 9-12 mths, 287kg, 169c/\$485
TAS	Huonville	13 Char/Ang m/s Vlrs, 8-9 mths, 172.7 kgdw, 193c/\$655; 17 Ang Hfrs, 7-9 mths, 200kg, Rosedale bld, 178c/\$355
WA	Balingup	18 LimX m/s Clvs, 3-4 mths, 75.8 kgdw, 462c/\$349
WA	Boyup Brook	47 Sth Dev & Ang & Ang/Her Cows, 4-9 yrs, 327.3 kgdw, Unjnd, 341c/\$1116
WA	Northcliffe	21 Fres & JerseyX Cows, 3-8 yrs, 250.5 kgdw, Unjnd, 318c/\$796



Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Winton	1200 Mer Wths, 2-3 yrs, 18.6 kgdw, 1" skin, Burkewood bld, 323c/\$60
QLD	Barcaldine	2430 Mer Wth lambs, 11-13 mths, 11.7 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Glendemar & Coreena bld, passed \$36.50; 1568 Mer Ewes, 6.5 yrs, 17.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Jnd Mer, \$43; 960 Ewes, 2-5 yrs, 15.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, Barcaldine Downs bld, \$39; 550 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 16.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Jnd Mer, Barcaldine Downs bld, \$30;
QLD	Blackall	265 Mer Ewes, 5.5-6.5 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Jnd Mer, passed 185c/\$35.50;
QLD	Cunnamulla	600 Mer Ewes, 1.5-2.5 yrs, 18 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd Mer, Karbulla bld, \$84.50, ; 800 Mer Wths, 3-4 yrs, 21.4 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Goolgumbula bld, 364c/\$78
QLD	Tara	480 Dorp & Dorp/Dam m/s lambs, 9-12 mths, 15.1 kgdw, 437c/\$66
QLD	Stanthorpe	450 Mer Wths, 4 yrs, 2.5" skin, 375c/\$75 ; 940 Mer Wths, 5-6 yrs, 21.1 kgdw, 2.5" skin, 379c/ \$80
QLD	Inglewood	310 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 5-6 mths, 11.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$65
QLD	Dirranbandi	720 Mer Wth lambs, 9 mths, 13.2 kgdw, 2.25" skin, Wilgunya bld, passed \$66
NSW	Boomi	730 WD Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 15.8 kgdw, \$79.50
NSW	Ashford	225 PD/Mer m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 11.3 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$71.50
NSW	Inverell	256 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 7-8 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed \$95
NSW	Guyra	93 BL/Mer Ewes, 20-21 mths, 25.8 kgdw, 2" skin, Jnd WS, \$120; 75 BL/Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 28.6 kgdw, 1" skin, Jnd WS, \$139; 690 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 11.4 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Grathlyn bld, \$50.50
NSW	Uralla	420 Mer Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 16.1 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$48.50 ;
NSW	Bendemeer	208 Mer Ewes, 6.5-7.5 yrs, 20.8 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Jnd Mer, passed \$46
NSW	Walcha	425 Mer Wths, 2.5 yrs, 19 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Yalgoo bld, passed \$75.50
NSW	Walgett	560 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 15.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, Unjnd, \$50; 140 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 15.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Unjnd, \$30.50; 300 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 14 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd BL, \$50; 275 Mer Ewes, 3 yrs, 15.9 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd SAMM, \$65; 930 BL/Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 10.7 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$84.50
NSW	Brewarrina	700 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 12.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Weealla bld, \$70
NSW	Bourke	410 Mer Wths, 3-4 yrs, 20 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Totalba bld, 375c/\$75; 1760 Mer Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 15.5 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Kerin & Haddon Rig bld, \$84
NSW	White Cliffs	330 2ndX WD Ewes, 5-7 yrs, 23.2 kgdw, SIL VR, \$84 ; 400 2ndX WD Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 20.7 kgdw, SIL WD & VR, \$84
NSW	Broken Hill	1060 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 15.9 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Mooloorie bld, \$60
NSW	Coonamble	205 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 20.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, passed \$99; 453 Mer Ewes, 21-22 mths, 17.9 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, Weealla bld, \$140 ; 162 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 15.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Haddon Rig bld, SIL BL, passed \$100.50; 230 Mer Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 17 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL BL, passed \$72.50
NSW	Coonabarabran	350 Dohne Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Macquarie bld, passed \$80.50
NSW	Gunnedah	296 Mer Ewes, 3.5 yrs, 26.4 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Jnd PD, Bungulla bld, \$110; 164 Mer E&L, CFA, 19.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 132 Dors & WD LAF, \$80; 67 Mer E&L, 3.5 yrs, 23.8 kgdw, 2.75" skin, 70 Dors LAF, Bungulla bld, \$119
NSW	Gilgandra	200 Mer E&L, 3.5 yrs, 23.6 kgdw, 1" skin, 210 Cool LAF avg 21kg, passed \$161
NSW	Warren	230 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 23.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, SIL WS, Egelabra bld, \$100
NSW	Narromine	172 BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 22.2 kgdw, 2" skin, SIL WS \$169
NSW	Yeoval	415 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 13.2 kgdw, 2.25" skin, \$80
NSW	Cumnock	400 WS/Mer Ewes, 2-4 yrs, 24.5 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL PD & WS, \$130
NSW	Manildra	170 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 11-12 mths, 22.6 kgdw, 2.5" skin, \$140
NSW	Orange	240 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 20.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$140



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NSW	Temora	115 Mer Wths, 13-14 mths, 1.5 kgdw, 2" skin, Austral bld, \$78
NSW	Cootamundra	358 BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 25.4 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL PD, \$171.50
NSW	Crookwell	175 BL/Mer Ewes, 19-20 mths, 26.4 kgdw, bare shn, SIL PD, \$168.50 ; 153 Mer Ewes, 19-20 mths, 19.9 kgdw, bare shn, SIL PD, Kerin & Lost River bld, \$109.50 ; 145 Mer Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 10.7 kgdw, 1.5" skin, \$45
NSW	Goulburn	256 Mer m/s lambs, 8-10 mths, 8.5 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Merryville bld, \$51.50
NSW	Yass	215 PDX m/s lambs, 5-7 mths, 14.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$98.50 ; 500 Mer Wth lambs, 8-9 mths, 12.3 kgdw, 1" skin, Bogo bld, \$61; 440 Comp Ewes, 4.5 yrs, 31.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Jnd Comp, \$130; 340 Comp Ewes, 3.5 yrs, 29.8 kgdw, 1.75" skin, Jnd Comp, \$140
NSW	Braidwood	200 BL/Mer Ewes, 2.5 yrs, 28.1 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL WS, \$185
NSW	Canberra	410 Mer Wths, 3-4 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 2" skin, Roseville Park & Coddington bld, \$67.50
NSW	Coolamon	120 BL/Mer Ewes, 2 yrs, 30.4 kgdw, 4" skin, SIL PD, \$210
NSW	Mangoplah	216 BL/Mer Ewes, 20-21 mths, 23.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL WS, \$190
NSW	Deniliquin	400 Mer Wth lambs, 9-11 mths, 14.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, passed \$75
NSW	Mathoura	600 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 11.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, \$58; 600 Mer Wth lambs, 7-8 mths, 11.2 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed \$57.50
NSW	Nimmitabel	600 Mer Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Jnd BL, Nerstane bld, \$86; 400 Mer Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Jnd BL, Nerstane bld, \$87.50 ; 400 Mer Ewes, 5.5 yrs, 19.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Joined BL, Nerstane bld, \$86
NSW	Bombala	545 2ndX PD m/s lambs, 9 mths, 11.7 kgdw, 1" skin, \$92.50 ; 300 2ndX PD & BL/Mer m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 14.6 kgdw, 1" skin, passed \$100; 173 BL/Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 21.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL PD, \$140; 138 BL/Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 23.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL PD, \$171; 104 BL/Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 23.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL PD, \$120; 122 BL/Mer Ewes, 20-21 mths, 17.8 kgdw, 1.25" skin, SIL PD \$135
VIC	Birchip	115 Mer Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 17 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Keri Keri bld, passed \$77; 155 Mer Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 14.9 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Keri Keri bld, \$93.50
VIC	Euroa	400 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 18 kgdw, 2.75" skin, 444c/\$80; 450 Mer Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 2.75" skin, 18.5 kgdw, 438c/\$81; 470 Mer Wth lambs, 12-13 mths, 19 kgdw, 2.5" skin, The Yanko bld, passed \$106
VIC	Ararat	217 Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 17.7 kgdw, 1" skin, Jnd, \$76
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SA	Kapunda	530 Mer Wth lambs, 11-12 mths, 13.3 kgdw, 2" skin, Lines Gum Hill bld, \$81.50
SA	Kingston	365 Mer Wths, 2.5 yrs, 12 kgdw, 3/4" skin, \$39; 578 Mer Wths, 20-21 mths, 12.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, passed \$39; 1000 Mer Wths, 1.5 yrs, 10.2 kgdw, 3/4" skin, passed \$34
TAS	Flinders island	1345 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 22 kgdw, 1" skin, 350c/\$77 ; 179 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 18.4 kgdw, 1/2" skin, 334c/\$61.50
TAS	Andover	475 2ndX Suff m/s lambs, 8-9 mths, 1.75" skin, \$94
TAS	Bothwell	515 WS/Cormo m/s lambs, 6-7 mths, 15.6 kgdw, 1" skin, \$92 ; 272 WS/Cormo m/s lambs, 6-7 mths, 12.6 kgdw, 1" skin, \$71