

## AuctionsPlus market comment week ending 13 July 2012

Cattle numbers were well down this week, totalling 4,030 head, and for the first time in several months there was only one Eastern States auction. Sheep numbers increased to 29,752 head, though reports are that numbers are tightening up across many markets, and processors were very active in Tuesday's auction. With many areas of NSW and Victoria receiving a good top up of rain this week, and parts of Queensland still receiving unseasonal rain, numbers will likely continue to contract.

Merino ewe listings this week were better across the board, with fewer numbers of old, plain ewes being offered. Out of northern NSW, 2-3 year old Merryville blood ewes in lamb to Border Leicester sold for \$120.50, and in the south 3-5 year old Adina bloods in lamb to Merino made \$128. Merino wether lambs attracted strong competition this week, ranging from \$57 for light lambs, to \$82.50 for Pastora bloods with a full jacket out of Boorowa.

First cross ewes and ewe lambs found some more interest this week, with Border Leicester/Merino lambs making to \$140, and a large line of White Suffolk/Merino lambs scanned to maternal Composites selling for \$120. The first well grown, new season lambs hit our market on Tuesday, these being White Suffolk/Merino mixed sexes weighing 36kg out of SA, selling for \$75 with a cautious reserve being set.

Processors, restockers and exporters fought for 14 month old mouthed Merino wethers with an inch skin; the milk tooth draft estimated to dress 21kg made 389c, with the lighter draft dressing 19kg selling for 397c, including skin value. The two teeth to dress 21kg reached 368c, with the lighter portion destined for a boat. Mutton ranged from 262c – 352c in the southern states, and 342c – 348c in Tasmania, including skins.

The decreased numbers certainly boosted activity in the one sale today, with the biggest drop being in joined females, as well as cattle out of southern NSW. Heifers and cows out of QLD again found it tough; just south of the border top quality Angus/Charolais cows with Angus cross calves at foot made \$1400. Also in northern NSW rising two year old Angus heifers in calf to Angus sold for \$1245, and 8-12 year old PTIC Angus cows made \$805. Southern buyers are showing more interest, with two year old PTIC Angus heifers out of Ballarat selling for \$1090, and 8-9 year old in calf Hereford cows in the Monaro making \$740.

With continued concern regarding rising grain prices due to lower expectations of the US wheat yield this season, feedlotters appeared to be buying more cautiously. However, after good rainfall restockers were happy to battle it out for weaner cattle. Out of northern NSW, Angus steers and their crosses weighing 300–350kg averaged 226c, up 7c on last week. 250-300kg black steers were up 5c to average 227c, heifers averaged 209c, and other crossbred steers in this weight range averaged 213c. Light weaner cattle out of QLD also made good money this week, with Hereford steers weighing 216kg selling for 248c or \$535, their 191kg sisters making 224c, and 216kg composite steers out of Bungunya reaching 226c or \$529.

State	Town	Details
QLD	Hughenden	130 BrahX Strs, 7-10 mths, 304kg, passed 199c/\$603
QLD	Mundubbera	53 XB C&C, 1-3 yrs, 387kg, Jnd Santa & Char & Ang, 7 CAF, passed \$750
QLD	Roma	79 Her & HerX Strs, 6-10 mths, 254kg, 224c/\$569
QLD	Amby	40 CharX & BrahX Cows, 2-9 yrs, 529kg, PTIC Char & Charb & Brah, \$755
QLD	Mitchell	52 Her Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 191kg, Cootharaba & Devoncourt bld, 224c/\$427; 124 Her Strs, 8-10 mths, 216kg, Cootharaba & Devoncourt bld, 248c/\$535
QLD	Bungunya	45 SHX Strs, 8-10 mths, 181kg, 224c/\$629; 75 Comp Strs, 5-9 mths, 234kg, 226c/\$529; 48 Comp Hfrs, 5-9 mths, 216kg, 201c/\$435
QLD	St George	117 DM Cows, 7-12 yrs, 456kg, PTIC Ang & Char & DM, passed \$720; 25 Ang/DM Cows, 4-6 yrs, 476kg, PTIC Ang & Char & DM, \$890; 74 Santa & SantaX Hfrs, 18-19 mths, 422kg, PTIC Santa, \$920
QLD	Bollon	68 CharX & AngX Strs, 7-14 mths, 303kg, 219c/\$665 ; 66 Comp Strs, 6-14 mths, 271kg, 196c/ \$530
NSW	Deepwater	15 Ang/Char C&C, 20-24 mths, 490kg, Unjnd, 17 Ang CAF, \$1400
NSW	Glen Innes	60 AngX Strs, 9-11 mths, 310kg, 226c/\$700
NSW	Guyra	21 Ang Cows, 8-11 yrs, 550kg, PTIC Ang, \$930 ; 17 AngX Hfrs, 19-22 mths, 420kg, PTIC Black Lim, \$900
NSW	Walcha	34 Ang & AngX Strs, 10-11 mths, 308kg, 227c/\$700; 35 Her Strs, 10-11 mths, 297kg, 219c/\$650
NSW	Inverell	60 Ang & AngX Strs, 5-7 mths, 221kg, 249c/\$551; 60 Ang & AngX Hfrs, 5-7 mths, 208kg, passed 215c/\$448; 154 AngX Strs, 8-10 mths, 343kg, 228c/\$782
NSW	Warialda	52 Ang Hfrs, 20-24 mths, 462kg, PTIC Ang, Mosquito Creek bld, \$1245; 23 Ang/Her Hfrs, 20-24 mths, 460kg, PTIC Ang, \$1070
NSW	Bingara	30 AngX Strs, 16-20 mths, 278kg, 225c/\$625 ; 30 SH Strs, 16-20 mths, 260kg, 214c/\$555
NSW	Barraba	72 Ang Hfrs, 8-9 mths, 234kg, 226c/\$530
NSW	Goodooga	198 Ang Strs, 9-11 mths, 341kg, 226c/\$770 ; 58 Ang Strs, 9-10 mths, 285kg, 225c/\$640; 108 Ang Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 314kg, 213c/\$670 ; 64 Ang Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 275kg, 200c/\$550
NSW	Walgett	54 Ang Strs, 8-11 mths, 312kg, Outwest & Bronmar bld, 223c/\$695; 18 Her Strs, 8-11 mths, 324kg, Kidman bld, 210c/\$680; 19 Her Hfrs, 8-11 mths, 317kg, Kidman bld, 203c/\$645; 54 Ang Hfrs, 8-11 mths, 298kg, Outwest & Bronmar bld, 205c/\$610 ; 48 Ang Cows, 8-12 yrs, 552kg, PTIC Ang, \$805 ; 88 Ang/Her Strs, 8-11 mths, 307kg, 228c/\$700

NSW	Coonamble	32 Ang & AngX Strs, 9-12 mths, 385kg, passed 206c/\$795; 33 XB Hfrs, 7-12 mths, 296kg, passed 188c/\$555; 19 CharX & Ang Strs, 7-12 mths, 294kg, 207c/\$610; 71 SH & SantaX C&C, 2-4 yrs, 353kg, Jnd Ang, 71 CAF, \$1070
NSW	Baradine	74 Ang & Ang/Her Strs, 8-10 mths, 270kg, 233/\$630; 42 CharX Strs, 8-10 mths, 285kg, passed 223/\$635; 50 CharX Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 258kg, 202c/\$520; 80 AngX Hfrs, 8-10 mths, 245kg, 206c/\$505
NSW	Warren	77 XB Hfrs, 6-8 mths, 241kg, 187c/\$450
NSW	Mendooran	35 Ang Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 272kg, passed 193c/\$525
NSW	Yeoval	54 Ang Hfrs, 18-20 mths, 403kg, PTIC Ang, \$930
NSW	Merriwa	40 SH Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 275kg, 207c/\$570 ; 88 SH Hfrs, 9-11 mths, 240kg, 215c/\$515
NSW	Cooma	53 AngX Cows, 8-9 yrs, 484kg, PTIC Ang, \$750; 19 HerX Cows, 8-9 yrs, 473kg, PTIC Her, \$740; 34 MG Cows, 8-9 yrs, 441kg, PTIC Ang, passed \$645
NSW	Bungendore	40 AngX Strs, 8-10 mths, 273kg, 211c/\$575; 26 AngX Strs, 7-9 mths, 230kg, passed 215c/\$495
NSW	Jerilderie	55 CharX Strs, 9-10 mths, 286kg, 229c/\$655; 43 AngX Strs, 9-10 mths, 290kg, 226c/\$655; 66 Her Strs, 9-10 mths, 267kg, Glentrevor & Ironbark bld, passed 223c/\$595; 20 CharX Strs, 9-10 mths, 230kg, 234c/\$535; 55 CharX Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 278kg, passed 223c/\$620 ; 21 CharX Hfrs, 9-10 mths, 224kg, 225c/\$505
VIC	Ballarat	30 Ang Hfrs, 26-30 mths, 544kg, PTIC Ang, \$1090

Sheep		
State	Town	Details
QLD	Longreach	980 Mer wths, 4 yrs, 23.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Keri Keri bld, passed 275c/\$65.50 ; 750 Mer Ewes, 6-8 yrs, 16.4 kgdw, bare shn, Jnd WD, Lansdowne & Willgunya bld, \$38
QLD	Ilfracombe	1050 Mer Wths, 3 yrs, 21.6 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Roselea bld, 303c/\$65.50; 370 Mer Ewes, 3-7 yrs, 17.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, Unjnd, Roselea bld, 228c/\$40.50
NSW	Narromine	460 Dohne/Mer Ewes, mx'd age, 20.5 mths, 3/4" skin, Unjnd, passed 319c/\$65.50
NSW	West Wyalong	236 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 22.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$140.50
NSW	Boorowa	1600 WS/Mer Ewe lambs, 9-11 mths, 22.6 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL Comp, \$120; 350 Mer Wth lambs, 10 mths, 16.3 kgdw, 3" skin, Pastora bld, \$82.50
NSW	Young	695 Mer Wth lambs, 10-11 mths, 17.5 kgdw, 1" skin, Clear Creek bld, \$71
NSW	Wee Jasper	483 Mer Wths lambs, 9-10 mths, 11.8 kgdw, 2.75" skin, Hillcreston bld, \$65; 353 Mer

		Wth lambs, 9-10 mths, 9.2 kgdw, 2.5" skin, Hillcreston bld, \$57
NSW	Bombala	830 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 19.7 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Adina bld, passed \$66.50 ; 338 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 21.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL BL, Adina bld, \$124 ; 309 Mer Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 22.6 kgdw, 1/2" skin, SIL Mer, Adina bld, \$128 ; 320 Mer Ewes, 3-6 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 2' skin, SIL BL, Avonside bld, \$111
NSW	Pambula	400 Dos/Mer & BL/Mer m/s lambs, 9-10 mths, 12.8 kgdw, 1/2" skin, passed \$62
NSW	Henty	210 Com & Coop/Mer Ewes, 2-6 yrs, 29.8 kgdw, 1.75" skin, SIL Comp, \$104.50
NSW	Barham	387 Mer Wth lambs, 10 mths, 14 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Yanko bld, \$71.50
NSW	Ivanhoe	420 Mer Wth lambs, 14-15 mths, 21.2 kgdw, 1" skin, Collinsville bld, 389c/\$82.50 ; 480 Mer Wth lambs, 14-15 mths, 19 kgdw, 1" skin, Collinsville bld, 397c/\$75.50 ; 420 Mer Wth, 14-15 mths, 21.6 kgdw, 1" skin, Collinsville bld, 368c/\$79.50 ; 420 Mer Wth, 14-15 mths, 19 kgdw, 1" skin, Collinsville bld, \$75.50
NSW	Deepwater	360 Mer Ewes, 4-5 yrs, 17 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WS, Nerstane bld, \$70
NSW	Guyra	108 BL/Mer & PD/Mer Ewes, 4 yrs, 21 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL PD, \$120.50 ; 338 Mer Ewes, 2-3 yrs, 19.5 kgdw, 2.5" skin, SIL BL, Merryville bld, \$120.50 ; 376 Mer Ewes/Wths, 1-2 yrs, 14.8 kgdw, 3" skin, Ruby Hills bld, \$76
NSW	Lightning Ridge	145 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10-11 mths, 20.5 kgdw, 1.75" skin, \$87.50
NSW	Walgett	870 Mer Wth lambs, 10- 12 mths, 15.8 kgdw, 3/4" skin, Kigwigil & Borambil bld, \$63.50
NSW	Wee Waa	466 BL/Mer Ewe lambs, 10 mths, 16 kgdw, 2.75" skin, passed \$105.50
NSW	Gunnedah	400 BL/Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 20.2 kgdw, 1/4" skin, SIL WD & Aus White, passed \$89
VIC	Euroa	100 Mer Wth lambs, 11 mths, 12.8 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Bogo bld, passed \$65.50
VIC	Avenel	563 Mer Wths, 2 yrs, 21.3 kgdw, 1" skin, 352c/\$75
VIC	Horsham	30 F4-F5 WD Ewe lambs, 9-10 mths, 15.3 kgdw, 1/4" skin, \$120
VIC	Skipton	238 Mer Ewes, 3-4 yrs, 18.8 kgdw, 1" skin, SIL BL, passed \$91
VIC	Mortlake	295 Mer Wth lambs, 10 mths, 18.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Stockton bld, \$79.50 ; 490 Mer Wth lambs, 10 mths, 14.5 kgdw, 1/4" skin, Stockton bld, \$74.50
VIC	Cavendish	388 2ndX BL Ewes, 3-5 yrs, 28.6 kgdw, 1.5" skin, SIL Comp, \$135
SA	Quorn	238 Mer E&L, 6-8 yrs, 24 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, 257 WS LAF, \$115.50
SA	Kimba	290 WS/Mer m/s lambs, 3-4 mths, 16.5 kgdw, 1.25" skin, \$75 ; 285 Mer Ewes, 6-7 yrs, 24.2 kgdw, 1.25" skin, Unjnd, 262c/\$63.50
SA	Spalding	50 F2-F3 WD Ewes, 1-2 yrs, 30.2 kgdw, 1.5" skin, Jnd WD, passed \$95.50

SA	Conara	370 WS/Mer m/s Imbs, 10-11 mths, 23.3 kgdw, 1.75" skin, 423c/\$98.50
TAS	Flinders Island	1280 Mer Ewes, 5-6 yrs, 17.1 kgdw, 1.5" skin, 348c/\$59.50
TAS	Perth	855 Mer Ewes, 2-7 yrs, 22.5 kgdw, 3/4" skin, 342c/\$77