

Media report - sheep and lamb

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Yarding Change	7947 1111	Lambs Change	5131 420	Sheep Change	2816 691	comparison date	14/07/2010
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Quality was similar and supply lifted a little for the offering that sold to the regular following processor buyers. The mixed selection, especially in the sheep sale sold to stronger competition with prices fully equal to a few dollars higher for lambs, but sheep were dearer in varying trends. The ewes sold \$5/head higher for lighter weights with heavy and extra heavyweights fully equal to dearer. Most wethers and the medium weight ewes were \$10/head higher but some wethers were more.

The lightweight 2 score lambs made \$56 to \$82, light trade weights from \$70 to \$102/head. Most 3 score medium weight lambs sold between \$95 and \$129 with the heavy 4 scores from \$124 to \$150/head. A run of trade and heavy weight 3 and 4 score lambs mainly ranged between 460c and 520c/kg cwt.

A run of sheep, leaving out the poor 1 scores and the extra fat 5 scores, mostly ranged from 385c to 460c/kg cwt. The lightweight 1 and 2 scores were mainly ewes and sold from \$50 to \$88 with the very lightweight and poor quality 1 scores from \$12/head. Most medium weight sheep made \$90 to \$122 while the heavy and extra heavyweight sheep were between \$100 and \$135/head.

There was stronger demand only for the better quality 2 and 3 score heavyweight rams. They made \$65 to \$105.60 to be \$5/head higher, as other rams were equal to cheaper.

Category Weight	Fat Score	\$/Head				Estimated Carcase c/kg		Skin (\$)	
		Low	High	Avg	Change	Avg	Change	Low	High
Lamb									
12.1-16	2 - 4	56.00	- 88.00	74.80	8	442	62	2.00	- 11.00
18.1-20	3 - 4	92.00	- 120.00	109.08	8	504	43	4.00	- 13.00
22.1-24	3 - 5	123.60	- 138.00	132.30	9	506	19	11.00	- 14.00
24.1-26	3 - 5	140.00	- 148.00	143.21	11	514	38	13.00	- 15.00
Ewe									
18.1-24	2 - 4	90.00	- 122.00	104.00	5	432	24	1.00	- 15.00
Wether									
18.1-24	2 - 4	91.20	- 115.00	103.28	16	450	36	2.00	- 12.00

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