

Media report - sheep and lamb

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Hamilton

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Yarding Change	7568 -379	Lambs Change	5073 -58	Sheep Change	2495 -321	comparison date	21/07/2010
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A very similar sized yarding of both sheep and lambs sold to the usual field of winter processors. Restocker activity was limited to local graziers and their purchases were isolated. The quality of the yarding was mixed and ranged widely in weights for both the sheep and the lamb offerings. Prices from processors were mainly \$2 cheaper for lambs with heavy weights \$4 to \$5/head lower but select and best suited trade weights remained firm. Sheep sold at generally unchanged rates and up to \$5/head dearer in places.

The 2 score light weight lambs made \$63 to \$80 and light trade weights made from \$66 to \$105/head. Most 3 score medium weight lambs sold from \$96 to \$126/head and ranged between 470c and 500c, with the best around 520c/kg cwt. Heavy 4 score lambs made \$126 to \$140 with a pen of extra heavy weights selling to \$142/head and most ranged between 470c and 490c/kg cwt. The few heavy weight hoggets sold from \$95 to \$110/head.

A run of all but the poorest quality and the over conditioned heavy weight sheep made 390c to 470c/kg cwt, with wethers selling at the higher end.

Light weight 1 and 2 score sheep made \$64 to \$98, with most very light weight, poor quality 1 scores from \$20/head. The medium weight 2 and 3 score sheep made \$80 to \$126 while the heavy 3 and 4 scores were between \$102 and \$130 with extra heavy weight 5 scores to \$132/head. Better suited heavy weight 2 and 3 score rams sold firm in values but the other heavy weights averaged \$5/head cheaper. All up they ranged from \$60 to \$100/head.

Category Weight	Fat Score	\$/Head				Estimated Carcase c/kg		Skin (\$)	
		Low	High	Avg	Change	Avg	Change	Low	High
Lamb									
12.1-16	2 - 4	61.20	- 80.00	70.54	-4	417	-25	1.00	- 12.00
18.1-20	3 - 4	94.00	- 118.00	104.44	-5	484	-20	3.00	- 13.00
22.1-24	3 - 5	126.00	- 140.00	133.40	1	508	2	12.00	- 14.00
24.1-26	3 - 5	130.00	- 140.00	137.67	-6	486	-29	10.00	- 15.00
Ewe									
18.1-24	2 - 4	80.60	- 116.00	106.23	2	452	21	1.00	- 15.00
Wether									
18.1-24	2 - 4	84.00	- 126.00	102.45	-1	442	-8	2.00	- 15.00

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