

From the Sheep Yards

No records broken but strong end to financial year.

After weeks of high prices the market has fallen well below \$200 for the best lambs with reduced demand contributing to a drop in the market. MLA figures show a similar result to the same time last year, but better than the same time 2 years ago, and reflects current market trends across the state.

The 2016/2017 financial year still ended on a positive note with TRLX Manager, Gavin Tickle, crunching the numbers on average prices. For the 12 months ending 30th June 2017 we sold just over 210 000 sheep and lambs. Here's the average \$/head across the key categories: suckers \$127, lambs \$124, hoggets \$92, ewes \$88, wethers \$95, rams \$67 and ewes and lambs \$128.



Lambs

Older lambs sold to \$170 (\$199) with top price shared by two vendors; Joe Burr, Tarwarri Pastoral Co, Nundle for their lambs sold through IML and Burke Pastoral lambs (pictured top right) sold through B&S. The Tarwarri lambs pictured above left were the second cut that made \$160.

Other good sales included: \$167 for Wheatacres lambs sold by DCM; \$160 for lambs off the crop and supplemented with pellets sold by NLP on account R & G Bomford, 'Cotswold' Barraba; and the best Dorper lambs made \$135.

Lamb wrap

Lambs sold to 170 (\$199) and averaged \$122 (\$130); and hoggets sold to \$140 (\$155) and averaged \$115 (\$140).

Sheep

Highlights included: Merino ewes in a big jacket sold by DCM on account Squire; Merino wethers sold by CP on account Nell O'Neil, Walcha Road made \$140; big heavy Merino ewes sold by NLP on account R & G Bomford, 'Cotswold' Barraba made \$135

Sheep wrap

Ewes sold to \$135 (\$173) and averaged \$85 (\$99); and wethers sold to \$140 (\$186) and averaged \$96 (\$138).

Agent codes used for report: B&S (Burke & Smyth) | CP (Chris Paterson Livestock) | DCM (Davidson Cameron McCulloch & Co) | ELD (Elders) | G&C (Garvin & Cousens) | IML (Ian Morgan Livestock) | LMK (Landmark) | NLP (Newcombe Livestock & Property) | Pitt (Pitt Sons) | PPA (Purtle Plevy Agencies)

