

Re-stocker “frenzy” feeds strong store lamb market

Our first official Off the Rails for 2020 after a break over January and, as with the cattle, there has been a significant improvement in the market during that time. Processor and re-stocker activity helped push prices up today. The MLA quoted heavyweights “showing the least improvements” and some very strong bidding saw good returns on two very big runs of store lambs offered by IML and G&C. For this week only we are using pre-Christmas prices for comparison.



Lambs

Lambs topped at \$265 for heavy 2nd x lambs (pictured above) sold by PPA on account McRae. Other good results included:

Heavy lambs off the feeder sold by DC made \$256 ac Wiseman;

Heavy lambs sold by IML on account Craig Pike made \$243;

Shorn lambs sold by CP made \$230;

Dorper lambs sold by PPA on account Honeyman made \$228;

Heavy lambs out of Loomberah sold by DC made \$225;

A run of 650 store lambs (pictured below left), comprising 2nd x and 55o August/September drop White Suffolk x Merino lambs sold by IML on account Mount Lindsay topped at \$152 and averaged \$131; and

A run of 600 White Suffolk x Merino sucker store lambs (pictured below right) sold by GC on account Swain topped at \$132

Lamb wrap

Young lambs sold to \$225 (\$184); older lambs to \$265 (\$209); hoggets to \$180 (\$140); and the best Dorpers made \$228 (\$160).



Sheep

Heavy ewes sold by CP on account Wahnica made \$249;
Ewes sold by CP on account Stass made \$222 ; and
Outstanding quality 1st x ewes, scanned in lamb to Poll Dorset rams to commence lambing 1st April sold by MCA on account Blue Label Stud made \$218 on the back of strong competition.

Sheep wrap

Ewes sold to \$249 (\$206); wethers to \$184 (\$167); and rams to \$134 (\$70)

Agent codes: CP (Chris Paterson Livestock) | DC (Davidson Cameron) | ELD (Elders) | G&C (Garvin & Cousens) | IML (Ian Morgan Livestock) | MCA (McCulloch Agencies) | LMK (Landmark) | Pitt (Pitt Sons) | PPA (Purtle Plevy Agencies) | RWL (Ray White Livestock)

Report Based on information provided by the National Livestock Reporting Service (NLRS) and individual agents

