

### From the sheepyards

The sheep yards were bursting at the seams today with a total yarding of 9262 including 4300 lambs, 4844 sheep and the balance mixed sheep. Newly elected President, Sam Payne from Pitt Sons Walcha credited the high numbers to a reluctance by producers to sell at the first sale of 2016 and the four week lag since the final sale for 2015 on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Lambs

The top pen of shorn lambs (pictured top left) made \$148 and was sold by G&C on account John McQueen. 589 shorn lambs were sold and averaged \$131/head down from \$144/head last week.

The top pen of lambs (pictured second from top) made \$146.50 and were sold by NLP on account the Aitken family. 3309 lambs were sold for an average of \$105/head.

The top Dorper lambs made \$140 and were sold by G&C on account Keri Barrett.

#### Suckers

Top price in the suckers was \$143 sold by B&S on account Glen Lossie Partnership. It's the second week in a row that the Glen Lossie suckers have achieved the top price. Suckers averaged \$123/head with 231 sold, down from an average of \$144 last week.

Hoggets sold to \$86 (up from \$85 last week) with 121 sold.

#### Sheep

Wethers sold to \$107 (up from \$80 last week) for 189 head (pictured bottom left) sold by IML on account MR & CM Constable, Quirindi and averaged \$61 with 2071 sold.

Ewes sold to \$145 and averaged \$57 with 2718 sold.  
Rams sold to \$60 and averaged \$43 (\$89/\$50 last week) with 55 sold and mixed sheep sold to \$81.50 and averaged \$68 (up from \$55/\$60 last week) with 107 sold.

