

## AuctionsPlus weekly sheep & lambs summary – w/e Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

As the first week of winter is almost in the rear-view mirror, AuctionsPlus sheep and lamb numbers increased 15% from the previous week, to see a total offering of 65,899 head - the first week-on-week increase in numbers since April. Quality feed in paddocks has supported ewe condition and preg scanning percentages, leading SIL Merino ewes to take the market by storm this week, with listings making up almost 20% of the weekly offering and prices averaging \$47/head higher.

AuctionsPlus lamb offerings saw price lifts across five of the six categories this week, with first cross ewe lambs seeing the largest change, increasing by \$58/head. Merino ewe lambs were the only category to ease, declining a further \$10 on last week, to average \$175/head. The second consecutive weekly decline for Merino ewe lambs was underpinned by a disappointing 36% clearance rate – largely influenced by the weekly offering more than doubling on last week, with 3,822 head offered.

The robust demand for shedding breeds continued this week, with shedding lambs jumping a further \$40 from last week, to average \$301/head. Despite a 15% contraction in listings, clearance rates for the category dropped back to 70% this week, down from 92% last week. The top price for the category was achieved by a line of scanned empty Australian White ewe lambs from Kingscote, SA which returned \$381/head.

The crossbred and composite/other breed lambs averaged \$4 and \$9/head higher respectively this week. The crossbred lamb offering contracted by 55% from last week, with 2,033 head offered – as robust demand pushed clearance rates up to 96%.

Mixed ewes and lambs saw a large jump in demand this week, with 100% clearance registered on the offering of 1,575 head. Increased demand lifted prices, with an increase of \$16 this week to average \$321/head. Merino ewes and lambs saw an increased offering of 3,209 head, with the lift in clearances to 80%, helping prices to increase by \$7, to average \$287/head.

SIL Merino ewes were the bright sport for the joined ewe categories, with the 12,790 head registering a 66% clearance rate and averaging \$47 higher on last week, averaging \$279/head. In contrast, SIL first cross ewes, dropped by \$11, to average \$312/head.

**NOTE: Prices as at 5pm, Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.**

For more categories, please go to:

[Sheep Averages 01/06/2021](#)

Classification	Offered	Low	High	Average			Clearance	Low	High	Average	
				\$/head						actual €/kg lwt	
<b>Lambs</b>											
Crossbreds	2,033	129	182	163	4	96%	367	555	417	-9	
Merino wethers	11,036	105	161	138	1	65%	346	390	367	13	
first cross ewe	3,787	250	305	279	58	46%	471	725	546	40	
Merino ewe	3,822	160	200	175	-10	36%	444	587	500	55	
Shedding breeds	1,230	152	381	301	40	70%	358	879	689	40	
Composite/other breeds	1,855	135	242	193	9	45%	397	447	430	2	
<b>Sheep</b>											
Merino Ewes and Lambs	3,209	254	345	287	7	80%	353	575	471	43	
Ewes and Lambs (mixed)	1,575	225	374	321	16	100%	408	600	502	37	
Merino Wethers	2,242	117	220	168	3	69%	293	321	307	12	
<b>Joined Ewes</b>											
SIL Merino ewes	12,790	181	361	279	47	66%	251	622	466	71	
SM Merino ewes	1,113	139	190	165	-16	50%	270	313	291	-24	
SIL first cross ewe	6,669	234	366	312	-11	40%	370	723	545	27	
SM first cross ewes	626	235	280	262	-52	93%	301	710	494	-187	
<b>Non Station Mated (NSM)</b>											
Merino hogget ewes	841	175	240	199	12	29%	297	399	361	-29	
Merino ewes	3,063	170	245	211	-32	88%	283	453	347	-69	
composite/other breeds	6,578	201	341	248	-38	55%	340	593	417	-53	
shedding breed ewes	2,275	212	504	331	-27	60%	299	971	598	41	