

Swan Hill Regional Livestock Exchange

Prime Sheep & Lamb Sale 12th of October 2023



Total Yarding of **4516** head
1347 – Lambs **2799** - Suckers **370** – Mutton

New season suckers dominated this week's agent yarding of just over 4500 head. Lambs with weight sold out to \$156/head with most trade & heavy lambs making \$4.40/kg to \$4.70/kg. Very few Mutton yarded however what was yarded sold out to \$24/head to average at \$18.60/head

Quotations:

Sheep Class	Price Range/HEAD	
Heavy Export	\$110 - \$156	\$156/head – LR & MD Maxwell – Speewa \$144/head – T & D O'Connor & DP Monk - Mellool
Trade	\$60 - \$118	\$118/had - T & D O'Connor & DP Monk - Mellool
Suckers	\$50 - \$148	\$148/head – Lemac Farms Pty Ltd – Kooloonong \$130/head – Delco Farms – Ultima \$128/head – Barr Downs – Kerang \$119/head – Bull Malle Run – Ultima \$111/head – ST Martin - Noorong
Dorper Lambs	\$45 - \$130	\$130/head – K Vivian – Swan Hill \$130/head – Narrung Farms – Narrung
Hoggets	\$10 - \$70	\$70/head – Wyam Pastoral – Mellool \$60/head – DJ Threadgold

Note: Sheep and Lamb Sale will be Thursday 26th of October at 12.30pm
Our next Prime Cattle Sale will be on Thursday 19th of October at 07.30am

Did You Know?

The sheep was one of the first animals domesticated by prehistoric humans in the Middle East around 9000 years ago.

The wild sheep had a coat that had both hair and wool fibres, which provided warmth, insulation and weather resistance and which was moulted in the spring. This discarded fibre would have been gathered, spun and woven into cloth, leading to the development of a textile industry around 10,000-8,000 BC.

Over the centuries the sheep has also been used to provide milk and in many parts of the world the sheep is still milked, and the milk used for drinking, butter and cheese.

In the sheep's history it has been modified with selective breeding to enhance desirable characteristics of wool fibre, meat quality and milk production, resulting in the near extinction of ancient breeds.

