

Swan Hill Regional Livestock Exchange
Prime Sheep & Lamb Sale 28th of September 2023



Total Yarding of **3403** head
2000 – Lambs **976** - Suckers **427** – Mutton

Head numbers continue to decline at Swan Hill as do the prices. New season lambs are now dominating the markets with buyers remaining subdued with most not fully operating with meatworks running hot. Price averages slipped across the board with Mutton selling between \$1 & \$27 averaging at \$10/head. Buyers continue to support the better finished lambs whilst still discounting secondary types.

Quotations:

Sheep Class	Price Range/HEAD	
Export Lambs	\$60 - \$137	\$137 – PJ & LE Thompson - Manangatang \$130 – D Whitfield – Swan Hill \$122 – The Good Paddock – Quambatook \$95 – Corina Farrar – Castle Donnington
Export Suckers	\$110 - \$145	\$145 – Belinda Koehler – Wood Wood \$136 – IK, TP & MJ Watson – Nyah West \$128 – B & V Mackie – Kerang \$118 – M Condely – Lake Meran
Trade Suckers	\$67 - \$97	\$97 – L & R Power – Ultima \$93 – Gary Jackson – Moulamein
Merino Lambs	\$50 - \$75	\$75 – PR Redfern – Moulamein \$65 – LS & LM Considine - Culgoa
Dorper Lambs	\$11 - \$108	\$108 – N Gillies – Kerang \$108 – J Free - Lalbert \$103 – Colin Ross – Lake Marmal \$100 – CJT – Murray Downs
Hoggets	\$20 - \$90	\$75 – Matt Gadsden – Lake Boga \$72 – Rhett Chilvers – Cunninyeuk
Mutton	\$10 - \$25	\$23 – R & P Williams - Barham

Note: Sheep and Lamb Sale will be Thursday 12th of October at 12.30pm
Our next Prime Cattle Sale will be on Thursday 25th of October at 07.30am

Did You Know?

Recent seasonal conditions in our region have led to a high risk of foot abscess & uneven ware. Sheep have been in heavy body condition coming out of summer and autumn has been very wet.

Foot abscess is a serious disease in sheep. In terms of severity, its effect on welfare and productivity can be equal to virulent footrot. It causes severe lameness in one or more feet and can result in a marked loss of condition as affected animals cannot move around to graze.

Rams and ewes may be unable to mate, and in severe cases, death may occur. Ewes affected in late pregnancy may develop pregnancy toxemia and die, while those affected during lambing will lose of their lambs.

To prevent foot abscess, you need to avoid its predisposing causes, such as over-fatness and wet, muddy ground.

Adopt management practices to prevent sheep becoming over-fat, especially pregnant ewes. This may also help to avoid other problems like pregnancy toxemia.