

RLX Market Report

CVLX / Sheep & Lamb SALE 22.07.2025

Commentary

Just a slight change in lamb supply up to 14000 head. Weight has dropped off and export lambs were limited, while the heavy and trade run had some quality fed pens before the market quickly dropped into mixed wintery lots. Not all buyers attended or were active, but it had little impact on the market due to the scarcity of good lambs. Competition remained strong for any hard fed lambs with weight and Ballarat now holds the Victorian price record of \$450/head. The price was paid for a pen of export crossbreds around 38-40kg cwt, highlighting how c/kg rates are still creeping up for quality heavy lambs. Overall, the price trend today was firm for quality processing lambs above 24kg cwt, while the general run of medium, and lighter lambs averaged softer with quality a factor at times. Broadly the market remained in a range of 1100c/kg to 1300c/kg cwt for the best processing lambs, and then from 1000c/kg to 1100c/kg for plainer trades or lambs in long untidy skins. Heavy export lambs were in limited numbers at \$365 to \$450/head. The heavy 26-30kg cwt lambs \$278 to \$378; heavy trade lambs \$290 to \$346/had with sales above an estimated 1300c/kg cwt on the best shaped lambs in short skins. The general run of mixed trades 22-24kg cwt had a spread of \$220 to \$290/had and showed more price variance based around quality and presentation. Any well finished trade Merino lambs were well supported at \$220 to \$293/head. Light lambs under 20kg cwt mostly sold from \$160 to \$220 for decent crossbreds and Merinos small; and lighter types \$100 to \$140/had with the most secondary Merinos from \$28 to \$85/head. Sheep numbers showed a big decline down to just 2400 head making it difficult for some buyers to put together loads. Quality was very mixed with most sheep in light condition. The few pens of heavy ewes still with condition and weight from \$200 to \$272/head. Most trade sheep \$140 to \$190/head. Lightest ewes \$35 to \$130/head. The price trend for most mutton was similar to stronger, trending either side of 700c/kg cwt. Market reporter: Jenny Kelly

Age	Head	\$/Head			Total
		Min	Avg	Max	
Not Recorded \$/Head	2	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00
LAMBS \$/Head	13075	2.00	267.08	450.00	3,492,052.00
SHEEP \$/Head	2360	5.00	151.99	272.00	358,690.00
SUCKERS \$/Head	319	90.00	141.68	248.00	45,196.00
TWO TOOTH \$/Head	468	30.00	102.71	298.00	48,070.00
Total Sold \$/Head	16224	2.00	243.10	450.00	3,944,018.00
Totals	16224	2.00	243.10	450.00	3,944,018.00