

LIVESTOCKEYE

FEILDING STORE SHEEP

LAMB INDICATORS



LAMB PRICE AVE
\$/KG
3.93



LAMB WEIGHT AVE
KG
38.6



EWES WITH LAF GOOD COND.
\$/HD
113 - 119.50



EWE LAMB 44-46KG
\$/KG
3.78



EWE LAMB 35-37KG
\$/KG
3.99

VIEWPOINT



Reece Brick

Ewes with lambs not as strong

It was basically all over within an hour yet again. The good winter had by the lower North Island has definitely been reflected in store lamb tallies this September, seeing more lambs either pushed into the prime sale, sold earlier, or sent directly to the works. Only 7900 store lambs were sold this month vs. the five-year average of 16,700 through the same weeks. This has actually been the quietest September for the Friday sale since AgriHQ began recording tallies in 2008.

The small numbers and mixed quality meant any trends weren't obvious, but as a whole the market was at a similar level to a week ago. If anything the sale was based around per head pricing, where the better 44-49kg ewe lambs were picked up at \$156-\$170, \$3.48-\$3.78/kg, while 35-43kg mixed sex and ewe lambs were \$137-\$146, \$3.55-\$4.00/kg.

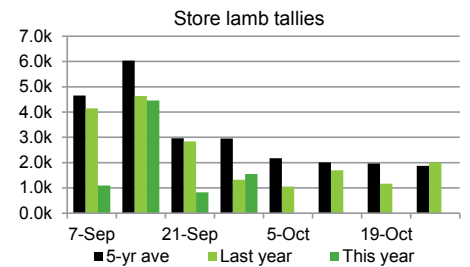
A scattering of sub-30kg lambs actually sold quite well given where we are in the season, all making \$119-\$133. The other end of the scales two pens of 50kg plus male-types went for \$3.45-\$3.55/kg.

Ewes with lambs-at-foot were out in similar numbers too a week ago, and although they began solid enough this market ran out of steam the further through the pens the sale went. The slow-down here wasn't particularly surprising given meat companies are pulling back schedules much sooner than usual, and many will be rethinking their budgets in response.

Pens with good ewes or more forward lambs all sold at \$113-\$119.50 all counted, but very few went above \$115. Any run of the mill lines met a muted reception from bidders. The majority were bought at \$106-\$110 all counted, but there was a subset of the later pens that were down to \$90-\$101.

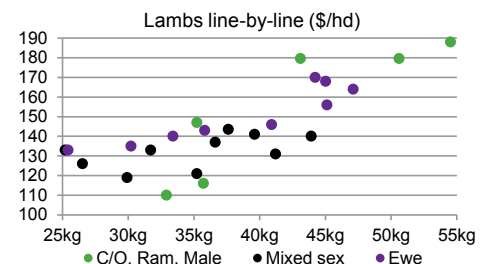
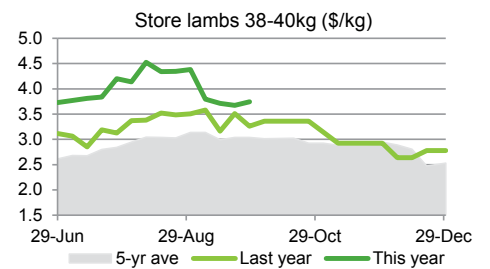
Sheep sale tallies

Store Lamb	1552
Ewes with LAF	635
Lambs at foot	917
Breeding Ewe (Dry)	234
Other sheep	11
Total	3349



Store lambs statistics

	This sale	Last sale	Last year
Ave. \$/hd	151.84	146.48	121.80
Ave. \$/kg	3.93	4.04	3.54
Ave. weight	38.6	36.2	34.4



STORE LAMBS

Age/ Sex	Weight	Tally	\$/hd	\$/kg	Trend	Range
C/O	50-53kg	111	179.50	3.55	-	-
C/O	41-43kg	90	179.50	4.16	-	-
C/O	35-37kg	18	147.00	4.18	-	-
Male	>53kg	18	188.00	3.45	-	-
Male	35-37kg	15	116.00	3.25	-	-
Male	32-34kg	12	110.00	3.34	-	-
Mixed Sex	44-46kg	12	140.00	3.19	-	-
Mixed Sex	41-43kg	23	131.00	3.18	-	-
Mixed Sex	38-40kg	41	142.83	3.75	-	141.00 - 143.50
Mixed Sex	35-37kg	66	126.82	3.55	-	121.00 - 137.00
Mixed Sex	32-34kg	46	133.00	4.20	-	-
Mixed Sex	30-31kg	22	119.00	3.98	-	-
Mixed Sex	26-27kg	33	126.00	4.75	-	-
Mixed Sex	24-25kg	87	133.00	5.28	-	-



STORE LAMBS

Age/ Sex	Weight	Tally	\$/hd	\$/kg	Trend	Range
Ewe	47-49kg	8	164.00	3.48	-	-
Ewe	44-46kg	305	168.45	3.78	-	156.00 - 170.00
Ewe	41-43kg	37	146.00	3.57	-	-
Ewe	35-37kg	141	143.00	3.99	-	-
Ewe	32-34kg	37	140.00	4.19	-	-
Ewe	30-31kg	29	135.00	4.47	-	-
Ewe	24-25kg	60	133.00	5.24	-	-

STORE EWES

Age	Breed	Status	Tally	Cond.	\$/hd
MA	Romdale	LAF 96	74	G	119.50
MA	Rom	LAF 38	31	G	115.00
MA	Rom	LAF 13	10	G	115.00
MA	Per	LAF 77	53	G	113.00
MA	Rom x	LAF 6	4	G	113.00
4th-5yr	Rom	LAF 85	54	M	110.00
MA	Rom	LAF 37	28	M	110.00
MA	Rom	LAF 35	24	M	109.00
4th-5yr	Rom	LAF 79	42	M/G	108.50
MA	Rom	LAF 53	34	M	108.00
MA	Romdale	LAF 118	78	M	107.00
MA	Romdale	LAF 38	31	M/G	106.00
MA	Romdale	LAF 60	37	M	101.00
MA	Per	LAF 63	46	M/G	98.50
MA	Rom	LAF 53	45	M	94.50
MA	Rom	LAF 66	44	M	90.00
MA	Per	Dry	200	M/G	147.50
MA	Rom	Dry	25	VG	138.00
MA	Rom	Dry	9	M	105.00