

SALES AT RECORD LEVELS

NEW Katanning sheep sale records for Primaries have been set over the past two weeks.

Last week the company sold 8,300 sheep and lambs, up from a previous record of 7,500 for the same time last year.

This week, 10,500 sheep and lambs had been nominated by Tuesday morning for Wednesday's sale. Auctioneer Peter Sheridan said 80 percent of last week's offering was mutton and crossbred lambs. There was a big component of store lambs keenly sought by graziers, while good trade lambs, including a line of 25 from L & P.J. Roberts of East Wagin, topped \$76. Market reporter Peter Brewster of Primaries, Darkan, listed the following top prices and representative sale from December 8.

TOP PRICES

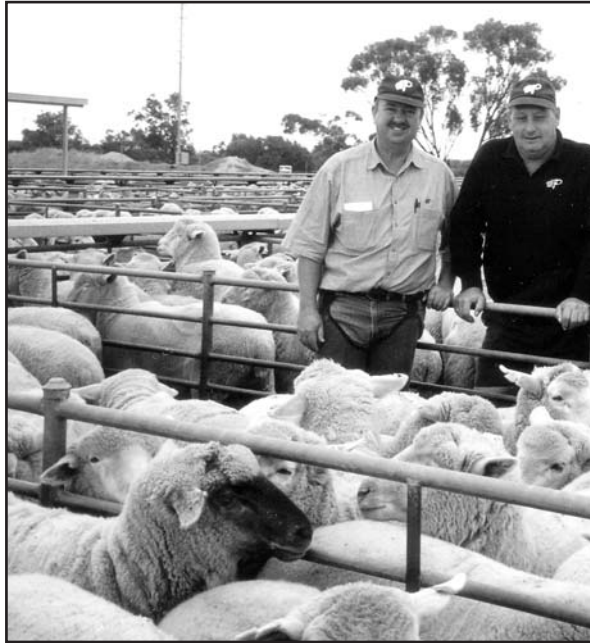
L & P.J. Roberts, East Wagin: 25 XB lms \$76.00, 22 XB lms \$73.00, 29 ewes \$36.00; RB Young & Son, Kojonup: 36 XB lms \$60.50; HRJ Baxter, Cranbrook: 86 ewes \$32.00, 70 ewes \$27.00; T&V Giles, Newdegate: 17 ewes \$25.00, 8 wether lms \$31.00, 11 wethers \$44.00; S Smith, Bridgetown: 17 MO ewe lms \$36.50; RJ & SP McInnis, Wagin: 10 wethers \$42.00, 4 rams \$50.00; DH & RM Young, Kulin: 9 XB rams \$165.00, 9 XB rams \$155.00;

REPRESENTATIVE PRICES

NL & DH Loveland, Kojonup: 87 XB lms \$60.00; Inshallah Pastoral Co: 70 XB lms \$57.50; MO & MY Sims, Beverley: 60 ewes \$25.00, 53 ewes \$24.50; BM Guelfi, Kukerin: 37 ewes \$24.00; Mudjatine Grazing, Frankland: 12 ewe hoggets \$35.00; Neil Barnes & Co, Wagin: 8 MO wths \$42.00; WA College of Agriculture, Denmark: 10 rams \$42.00;

MIDLAND SHEEP

SHEEP and lamb numbers also jumped at Midland this week with a heavy focus on ewe mutton and store lambs. Vendors should note that next Tuesday's sale will be the last for 2004. Midland sales will recommence on Tuesday, January 4. Peter Trezise reported the following representative sales for Primaries from Midland this week:



I. & M. Baker, Pumphrey's Bridge: 40 xb lms \$77, 32 xb lms \$56; G.C. Draper, Beverley: 15 xb lms \$55; K.P. & P.K. Lupton, Beverley: 77 xb lms \$68, 65 xb lms \$59.50; E.F. Bowers, Toodyay: 12 xb lms \$45; Peuchin Pty Ltd., Bindoon: 54 xb lms \$42, 62 xb lms \$32; I & I. Atwell, Mundijong: 17 wths \$47, 10 wths \$30; A. McCallum & Son, Beverley: 47 mo ewes \$28, 67 mo ewes \$22; Chipndale, Koorda: 5 wths \$53, 16 ewe hgts \$23; R.N. & P.A. Auld, Eneabba: 14 mo ewes \$18, 57 mo ewes \$12; Callion Past co Kalgoorlie: 41 ram lms \$35.50, 25 ram lms \$24; M.D. Metcalf, Bullsbrook, 18 mo ewes \$12.50

MT. BARKER BOOM

PRIMARIES sold 570 cattle in a big turn-off through the Mt. Barker saleyards last week.

Primaries auctioneer Terry Zambonetti said values had held up well despite the bigger yarding. His representative sales were: Springfield Grazing: 7 str 480 kg @ 154 c/kg \$739.20, 7 str 570.7 kg @ 135.5 c/kg \$773.32; R.A. & D.T. Rees: 11 str 481.4 kg @ 160 c/kg \$770.18; R.J. & J.W. Hancock: 7 str 523.6 kg @ 162 c/kg \$848.19, 12 str 449.2 kg @ 167 c/kg \$750.11; Canawa Pty Ltd.: 11 str 387.3 kg @ 168 c/kg \$650.62; Topgrade Nominees: 3 hfr 448.3 kg @ 137 c/kg \$614.22; D.J. & J.A. Elson: 1 hfr 575 kg @ 130 c/kg \$747.50; A.R. & E.L. Marshall: 6 cows 569.2 kg @ 106 c/kg \$597.63; Birdwood Trust: 2 cows 475 kg @ 110 c/kg \$522.50, 19 str vlr 287.9 kg @ 190 c/kg \$547; J.M. & G.E. Tomlinson:

19 str vlr 372.6 kg @ 168 c/kg \$626.02; J.E. Tholstrup: 3 str vlr 356.7 kg @ 174 c/kg \$620.80; S.P. & K. Birbeck: 10 str vlr 407 kg @ 150 c/kg \$610.50; A.R. & J.E. Erith: 4 str vlr 361.3 kg @ 175.5 c/kg \$634.18 hfr vlr 295.3 kg @ 166 c/kg \$490.16; I.D. & W.G. Steinert: 4 str vlr 367.5 kg @ 176 c/kg \$646.80; I.K. & E.I. Crawford: 20 str vlr 305 kg @ 182.5 c/kg \$556.63; P.E.J. & G.A. Steel: 15 str vlr 302 kg @ 189.5 c/kg \$572.29 7 hfr vlr 292.1 kg @ 169 c/kg \$493.72; Green Valley Farms: 12 str vlr 339.2 kg @ 175.5 c/kg \$595.24, 14 hfr vlr 304.3 kg @ 168 c/kg \$511.20; W.D. & D.M. Bentley: 15 str vlr 320 kg @ 178c/kg \$569.60, 2 hfr vlr 315 kg @ 177.5 c/kg \$559.13; W.L. Harding: 5 str vlr 258 kg @ 157 c/kg \$482.46; I.D. & J.R. Ridgeway: 7 str vlr 286.4 kg @ 185.5 c/kg \$531.33; R.F. & M.F. Gibbon: 8 hfr vlr 363.8 kg 163 c/kg \$592.91; W.R. & C.R. Norris: 9 hfr vlr 303.9 kg @ 170.5 c/kg \$518.13.

MIDLAND SPECIAL

KEITH TAYLOR reports selling another 185 cattle at last week's breeder/feeder sale at Midland, with the following representative prices:

N.B. & J.S. Cameron, Mandurah: 3 Sim str 378 kg @ 160 c/kg \$605.50, 5 Sim hfr 286 kg @ 145 c/kg \$418; Ian Atwell, Mundijong: 9 Angus str 330 kg @ 175 c/kg \$578.50, 7 Angus hfr 2330 kg @ 162 c/kg \$536; I.B. & J.S. Elliot, Eneabba: 34 P/H str vlr 261 kg @ 150 c/kg \$391.50, 18 P/H hfr vlr 258 kg @ 138 c/kg \$356.50; W.H. & M.O. Hodge, Beverley: 6 Angus str vlr 241 kg @ 170 c/kg \$411; Snell-Taylor, Bullsbrook: 6 Angus hfr 331 kg @ 145 c/kg \$481; Kiandra Pty Ltd., Coorow: 12 S/H PTIC cows \$485.

FOR SALE

300 Blue tag ewes, Westerdale blood, strong medium frame, very good condition, genuine line, December shorn - backlined and drenched.

Situated in Collie

\$32.00+GST

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