

## Upward trend at Katanning

SHEEP and lamb prices continued to move higher at Katanning over the past two weeks with sales above \$70 for crossbred lambs being achieved by Primaries clients I & M Baker, Pumphreys Bridge and Woolena Downs Esperance at the market on February 4.

Geoff Healy reported the following representative sales for Primaries' Katanning auction team led by Peter Sheridan on February 4 and 11:

### 04-02-04

Sattadowns Pty Ltd, Tambellup: 33 Xb/lms @ \$54.50 G.M.; Egan, Albany: 7 Xb/lms @ \$52.00 9 Xb wth/hgts @ \$58.00; M.R. Cheetham & Co, Katanning: 44 Mo wth/hgts @ \$58.50, 78 Mo wth/hgts @ \$52.00, 81 Mo ewes @ \$40.00, 83 Mo ewes @ \$35.00; C.J. & K.L. West, Wagin: 16 Woolly Mo ewes @ \$53.00, 52 Woolly Mo ewes @ \$40.50; G.N. & D.L. Batt & Co, Boddington: 49 Woolly Mo ewes @ \$46.50, 49 Woolly Mo ewes @ \$44.40; G.N. & W.E. Batt, Boddington: 29 Mo ewes @ \$40.80; Stoney Enterprises, Albany: 34 Mo ewes @ \$38.00; T.G. Bradshaw & Co, Tambellup: 76 Mo ewes @ \$36.00; E.R. Patterson & Son, Katanning: 6 Mo ewes @ \$36.00, 5 Mo rams @ \$67.50; Tandara Traders, Boyup Brook: 7 Mo wths @ \$60.00; J.P.S. O'Connell & Co, Duranillin: 5 Mo wths @ \$54.00, 30 Mo rams @ \$59.00; Garryowen Farming Co, Kukerin: 20 Xb rams @ \$150.00; R.E. & P.M. Arundel, Dudinin: 11 Mo rams @ \$59.00; T.J.R. & E.G. Gorter, Kojonup: 4 Xb rams @ \$56.00

### 11-02-04

I. & M. Baker, Pumphreys Bridge: 12 Xb/lms @ \$78.00, 25 Xb/lms @ \$64.50, 20 Xb/lms @ \$60.50; Woolena Downs, Esperance: 35 Woolly Xb/lms @ \$73.00, 48 Woolly Xb/lms @ \$69.00, 9 Woolly Xb/lms @ \$65.50, 6 Mo ewes @ \$37.80, 5 Xb rams @ \$68.00; R.G. & C.S. Bolt, Wagin: 18 Xb/lms @ \$69.00; T.J. & S.R. Parsons, Wagin: 22 Xb/lms @ \$65.00, 39 Xb/lms @ \$60.00; Capemont Farms, 8 Xb/lms @ \$62.00, 50 Mo ewes @ \$45.00, 72 Mo ewes @ \$44.00, 47 Mo ewes @ \$38.00; Karenly Grazing Co, Wagin: 11 Xb/lms @ \$61.00; M.A. & D.A. Bavich, Mt. Nasura: 2 Xb/lms @ \$60.00, 18 Mo ewes @ \$37.00, 15 Mo rams @ \$62.00; A. & K. Guelfi, Kukerin: 14 Xb/lms @ \$60.00, 12 Mo rams @ \$62.50; R.S. Howell, Esperance: 36 Woolly Mo ewes @ \$49.40, 27 Mo wths @ \$56.00; C.J. & K.L. West, Wagin: 21 Woolly Mo ewes @ \$46.00, 52 Woolly Mo ewes @ \$42.80, 12 Woolly Mo ewes @ \$41.80; G.M. Egan, Albany: 5 Xb ewes @ \$45.00, 6 Xb wths @ \$54.00, 2 Xb rams @ \$62.00; H.R. Clarke, Kojonup: 14 Mo ewes @ \$38.20, 86 Mo ewes @ \$36.50; R.M. & C.J. Conning, Katanning: 9 Mo ewes @ \$38.00; Nyumbani, Kojonup: 24 Mo ewes @ \$37.60, 38 Mo ewes @ \$36.80, 11 Mo wths @ \$54.00; A.B. Crosby & Co, Broomehill: 62 Mo ewes @ \$36.40, 8 Mo ewes @ \$36.20; V.E. & A.W. Symes, Esperance: 9 Woolly wths @ \$64.00; L.O. Hatherly, Arthur River: 21 Mo wths @ \$53.00; BHL Grazing Co, Tambellup: 2 Mo rams @ \$62.00

## Midland Sheep

Midland sheep auctioneer for Primaries, Peter Trezise reported that best heavy lambs sold to \$84 (\$3.30 per kg dressed weight) at this week's market while better framed forward stores were between \$50 and \$58.

Peter's representative sales included the following:

**9/02/04:** H. & B.A. McCormick, Gingin: 18 XB lms \$75; Burley Grazing Co., Northam: 16 XB lms \$61.50, 12 XB lms \$52; Naibilli Farming Co., West Pingelly: 26 ewes \$36, 14 ewes \$28.20; P & R. Butterworth, Beverley: 60 ewes \$35.20, 207 ewes \$33.40, 132 ewes \$32.60; R.L. & J.L. Miller Beverley: 31 XB lms \$74, 27 XB lms \$64.50; D.L. & J. Hooton, Badgingarra: 100 MO wth lms \$45, 52 MO wth ewe lms \$38.

**16/02/04:** Cringleber Stud, Tammin: 103 ewes \$42, 109 ewes \$39.50; Catto & Co., Morawa: 20 ewes (2inch skins) \$49.50, 67 ewe hgts (2in skins) \$41; J.E. & S.E. Moulton, Beverley: 17 ewes \$33.20, 49 ewes \$32, 68 rams \$72; Redlands, Morawa: 19 XB lms \$67.50, 37 XB lms \$59.50; G.J. & M.A. Gilmore, Badgingarra: 31 XB lms \$65, 16 XB lms \$60; R.D. & P.A. McNauight, Geraldton: 14 XB lms \$58.50 13 XB lms \$58; Carabeen Holdings Pty Ltd., Badgingarra: 30 XB lms \$58 135 XB lms \$52; Anbrook Grazing Co., Beverley: 59 wth lms \$37, 47 ewe lms \$26; R.H. & J.H. Sasse, Canna: 41 ram lms \$32, 42 ram lambs \$23.

## The heat was really on at Midland

SEARING temperatures and crowded pens resulted in some frayed temperatures at the

Midland cattle market this week.

Primaries cattle auctioneer Keith Taylor said the acceptance of a big number of extra store and young cattle caused crowding in the pens while 40 degree plus temperatures on Monday made conditions unbearable.

However the market was fully firm on last week, as his representative prices indicate: Roe Estates, Caversham: 5 M/Grey str 374kg @ 185c/kg \$691.50, 5 M/Grey Hfrs 339kg @ 165c/kg \$559.50; AA & C Tampalini, Bullsbrook: 2 A/A str 400kg @ 161c/kg \$644, 2 A/A Hfrs 385kg @ 158c/kg \$603.50; V Blogna, Mundijong: 2 Santa X Hfrs 430kg @ 143.5c/kg \$617; BC & JP Bowman, Nth Dandalup: 9 Limo X Str Vlrs 311kg @ 189c/kg \$589, 7 Limo X Hfr Vlrs 280kg @ 165c/kg \$463; R @ A Fiegert, Three Springs: 20 Simm X Cows 536kg @ 102c/kg \$547, 5 Santa X Str Vlrs 256kg @ 182c/kg \$466; JH & RA Llyod, Serpentine: 1 Limo Bull 790kg @ 105c/kg \$829.50

## New lamb direction

Primaries' man in the Midlands, Nigel Hunt advised well known Watheroo sheep breeders Robert and Alex Keamy to consign several lines of their "new breed" crossbred lambs to WAMMCO Katanning early this month.

The Keamys are using Texel and Poll Dorset rams over their large Merino/Border Leicester cross ewes and without supplementary feeding, had no trouble getting a big proportion of more than 300 lambs into WAMMCO's premium grades for the US market.

They were pictured with some of 18 Texel cross lambs that averaged 28.62 kg carcase weight for an average return of \$96.59 per head including \$5 for skins.



Pictured are: Robert and Alex Keamy with Nigel Hunt of Primaries (right) and Rob Panting of WAMMCO (second from left) inspect the top lambs at Katanning.