

## Numbers fall with tag delays/rain

WITH many cattle producers still waiting for NLIS tags on order and abundant feed and heavy rains in the north, stock sales throughout the State have been low since the start of the new financial year.

Primaries' Midland cattle auctioneer, Keith Taylor said some cattle producers had indicated that their ordered NLIS tags may still be a week or two away, preventing any movement of their cattle.

Recent heavy rains in the Pilbara and Gascoyne had also stopped trucking of livestock from these pastoral areas, and with good feed already from earlier rains and the boost of more moisture, there was little urgency to sell.

Keith said he expected the annual calf market to start earlier this year because of the excellent season.

However even with the much lower market numbers at present, cattle prices were barely holding and at present offered little incentive to lot feeders.

"Prices should be at a premium because of the low numbers but they are barely the same as this time last year when numbers were more than double," Keith said.

He forecast that it could be another 3-4 weeks before cattle numbers began to improve at Midland and Mt.Barker.

Primaries Geraldton representative

Graham Densley said his challenge was to secure processing space for considerable numbers of old season lamb.

Some of the sales from his area to V & V Walsh last week included:

J.F. & R.W.O'Brien, Walkaway: 221 XB lambs \$85; G.R. & W. Driscoll, Dongara: 203 XB lambs \$76.65; Clark Investments, Eneabba: 203 XB lambs \$76.65; H.G. & J.K.Bygrave, Dongara: 68 XB lambs \$72.70.

Graham tipped a significant increase in prime lamb production in his region next year, following a noticeable swing to crossbreeding.

### Mt Barker Cattle

with Terry Zambonetti

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kg @ 180 c/kg \$972, 7 MG/A str to 180 c/kg average \$781.50, 6 Anfus hfrs ri 150 kg average \$486.50; S.L. & G.L.Smith, Wannamal: 1 MG str 540 kg @ 149 c/kg \$804.50, 3 MG str vlrs 355 kg @ 175 c/kg \$632, 6 MG str vlrs 283 kg @ 187

SL Waideman, Esperance: 28 ewes \$41.50; RS & BJ Atkins, Dumbleyung: 16 ewes \$39.00; Alex Cant Trust, Kojonup: 8 rams \$53.50

### Gorno bull to \$1218 in south

Terry Zambonetti of Primaries sold 27 cattle on behalf of Gorno Pastoral Co at last week's Mt.Barker cattle sale, including a bull at \$1,218.

**Primaries' Mt Barker Terry Zambonetti reports the following quotations for the sale: Gorno Pastoral Co:**

2 heifers 700 kg @ 115 c/kg \$805, 6 cows 733 kg @ 110 c/kg \$807, 7 cows 622 kg @ 116 c/kg \$722, 6 cows 653 kg @ 116 c/kg \$757, 4 cows 663 kg @ 115 c/kg \$762, 1 bull 1160 kg @ 105 c/kg \$1218, 1 bull 1000 kg @ 110 c/kg \$1,100.

### Midland Cattle

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### Murray Grey steer tops at \$972

A 540kg Murray Grey steer topped the Primaries' offering at Midland on Monday, July 11. The steer was offered by WA & E Hill, Beverley and sold for 180c/kg to realise \$972.

**Primaries' Midland cattle auctioneer Keith Taylor reports the following representative sales from this week's market:**

W.A.& E.Hill, Beverley: 1 MG str 540

### Katanning Sheep

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### Wether lambs make \$77 at Katanning

Sheep numbers were also down at Katanning last week when Primaries' top prices were \$77.50 per head for 31 Merino rams from Condeen Estate Broomehill and \$77 for 39 wether lambs from I.M.Andrews, Gnowangerup.

**The following top prices and representative sales were reported by Peter Brewster for last week's sale:**

IM Andrews, Gnowangerup: 39 wth lms \$77.00; ER Patterson & Son, Katanning: 10 XB lms \$72.00; TA Rogers & LP Starcevic: 26 ewes \$42.00; DK & GD Radford, Kojonup: 19 wth lms \$64.50; DA & AE Nolan, Salmon Gums: 12 wths \$70.50; Condeena Holdings, Broomehill: 31 Mo rams \$77.50, 17 Mo rams \$65.00; Birdwood Trust, Kojonup: 11 XB lms \$68.50, 13 XB lms \$61.50, 5 wth hghts \$65.50; NJ & VL Langley, Broomehill: 21 wth lms \$63.50, 19 wth lms \$59.00; FW & MK Cullen, Mt Barker: 24 wth lms \$58.50, 11 wth lms \$58.50; GM &

### Midland Sheep

with Peter Tresize

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Primaries' Midland sheep auctioneer Peter Tresize achieved a top price of \$63 this week a Midland for a draft of 58 Dohne cross wethers. The draft of wethers were present in Tuesday's sale by Hagley Stud, Tammin.

**The following representative prices were reported by Primaries' Midland sheep auctioneer Peter Tresize for this week's sale:**

Hagley Stud, Tammin: 58 Dohne X wths \$63.00, 31 Dohne X ewe lms \$58.50; JT Redden, Serpentine: 16 XB lms \$59.00; PG & PM Nankivell & Son, Wubin: 105 wth lms \$58.00, 16 wth lms \$54.00; JVE Tuckey, Pinjarra: 8 lms \$55.00; Peuchin Pty Ltd, Bindoon: 106 XB lms \$52.50, 54 XB lms \$50.00; Westbrook Merino Stud, Beverley: 33 ewes \$48.50, 42 shorn Mo lms \$48.50, 43 shorn Mo lms \$45.00, 41 ewes \$44.00; Wogolin Springs Pty Ltd, West Pingelly: 15 wths \$54.00, 20 ewe lms \$47.50, 28 wth lms \$45.50; OPS Farms, Coomberdale: 14 ewe lms \$45.50, 12 wth lms \$45.00; RC & G Hastings, Quairading: 10 XB lms \$46.00, 15 ewes \$42.00; RA & JB Rayner, Brookton: 21 shorn Mo ewes \$44.50, 36 shorn Mo ewes \$44.00, 64 shorn Mo ewes \$43.00