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## SALES OF LIVESTOCK AT HOMEBUSH, SYDNEY.

JULY, 1948.

### SHEEP.

#### Numbers Available Increase.

Although at times during the period supplies were relatively light, the overall penning showed an increase of 57,395 head on the previous month's aggregate. During July nine sales were conducted when a total yarding of 174,517 head was offered, or an average of 19,391 head for each sale day. The smallest number submitted on any one day was 12,362 and the highest 25,488. Generally supplies were insufficient for trade needs.

#### Trade Sheep Numerous.

With a total of 64,244 head of sheep available buyers had a fairly good selection of suitable light trade sheep from which to obtain their requirements, wethers being much more in evidence than ewes which, due to the sucker lamb season, were in comparatively short supply. Good to prime heavy sheep were somewhat scarce. Nevertheless some particularly attractive drafts were on offer. Several lots of sheep submitted were only in good forward store condition.

**Mutton Prices Ease.**

Values fluctuated considerably but in viewing the position generally the average cost of mutton was lower than in the previous month. At the commencement of the period, although rates declined by from 2s. to 4s. per head at the morning's sales, a much stronger tone prevailed at closing. This was followed by a further fall of from 1s. to 3s. per head, part of which could be attributed to lower skin values. At the auctions held on the 12th July, a sharp decline in prices occurred which ranged from 5s. to 10s. per head. Here again declining skin values contributed partly to the fall. From then on until the close of the period, values remained fairly stable. During June, rates for heavy wether mutton ranged from 8¾d. to 11¾d. and light 9¼d. to 12½d. per lb. Comparable figures for July were 8¼d. to 11¾d. and 8½d. to 12½d. for heavy and light wethers respectively. On a per head basis up to 108s. per head were obtained. Ewes during the period sold up to 79s. each, while the cost of the carcass ranged from 7d. to 10¾d. per lb. for heavy grades and from 7½d. to 11d. per lb. for light. Generally, the cost of mutton was from 1¼d. to 2¼d. per lb. lower at the end of the month. Reference to the accompanying schedule will show the variation in rates over the period.

**Improved Showing of Lambs.**

A much better offering of lambs was available when a total of 110,273 head was yarded. Good to prime heavy descriptions were in particularly good supply, while suckers ranging from fair to good trade quality to prime were more in evidence. Supplies of suckers are expected to increase over the next few months.

**Cheaper Lambs.**

On an average all classes of lambs and suckers were appreciably cheaper when compared with the June levels, the decline being mostly apparent on the heavy grades. During the early part of the month the cost of light lambs remained steady, but values for heavy sorts showed a decline. Rates, however, fell sharply on the 12th July, the carcass being from 1d. to 2½d. per lb. cheaper for all descriptions. Later in the period a further fall in values of heavy lambs occurred, ranging from 5s. to 8s. per head, but before the end of the month this decline was partly recovered when rates advanced for most classes, the improvement being from 2s. to 4s. per head. Heavy lambs in June ranged from 11¾d. to 15½d. per lb. but in July they cost from 8¾d. to 15½d. Light descriptions sold at from 14d. to 17d. in June but for the period reviewed made from 12½d. to 17½d. per lb. Some drafts of prime heavy lambs made 78s. per head, other good quality lots making from 44s. to 75s. each.

Hoggets were in relatively short supply, but when available were worth from 8¾d. to 12¾d. per lb., values being considerably lower at closing sales than earlier in the month.

Variations in the cost of the respective grades of lambs are shown on the accompanying schedule.

**Sheep and Lambs—Good to Prime Quality.**

*Prices shown in pence per lb.:—Based on selling price per head of live animal (skin values excluded) and estimated dressed weight of carcase.*

Date of Sale.	No. Yarded.	Suckers and Lambs.		Hoggets.	Wethers.		Ewes.	
		Heavy.	Light.		Heavy.	Light.	Heavy.	Light.
1948.								
1 July ...	25,488	12½-15½	14½-17	11½-12½	9½-11½	9½-12½	8½-10½	9½-11
5 July ...	15,766	12½-15½	14½-17	12-12½	9½-11½	10-12½	8½-10½	9½-11
8 July ...	15,662	12½-15½	14½-17½	11½-12½	9½-11½	9½-12½	8½-10½	9-11
12 July ...	21,602	11½-14	13½-15	9½-11½	8½-10	8½-11	7-8½	7½-9
15 July ...	25,416	9½-12½	13-15	9½-11	8½-10	8½-10½	7-8½	7½-9
19 July ...	16,683	9½-12½	12½-15	9½-11	8½-10	8½-10½	7-8½	7½-9
22 July ...	22,059	8½-11½	12½-15	8½-10½	8½-10	8½-10½	7-8½	7½-9
26 July ...	12,362	9½-12½	13½-15½	8½-10½	8½-10	8½-10½	7-8½	7½-9
29 July ...	19,479	9½-12½	13½-15½	8½-10½	8½-9½	8½-10½	7-8½	7½-9

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**CATTLE.**

**Increased Supplies.**

With nine sale days held during the month compared with seven in June supplies showed an increase of approximately 1,600 head. Consignments totalled 16,551 head and included 2,499 auctioned in the store section. Some of the offerings, particularly that of the opening sale day, were of a high standard, but generally throughout the month quality was variable with perhaps an equal representation of both plain and good lots.

**Values Improve.**

Values for all classes except those of vealers, which showed little change, were higher than during the previous month. The market for prime lightweight beef was only slightly better but for other classes a considerable improvement was recorded. Prices rose appreciably on the 22nd of the month and the increased rates were fully maintained up to the close of trading on the final sale day.

**Bullocks Well Supplied.**

With the exception of one or two days, bullocks of all grades of weight were well represented. Quality throughout was generally good with a satisfactory number of prime description also in evidence. During early sales the bullock market displayed an easier tendency but values subsequently improved and rates at closing were substantially higher than the best of June. Based on a comparison of the daily quotes for both months it was estimated that bullocks averaged from 20s. to 30s. per head more during July than for the previous month.

**Prime Steers Numerous.**

Steers comprised a large percentage of all offerings and quality throughout was consistently good. Increased numbers of prime sorts were noticed. Rates for steers declined appreciably on the opening sale day when lightweight cattle were cheaper by up to £1 per head. However, the closing quotations of 65s. to 73s. per hundred lb. were better than the highest recorded for the previous month. For the best quality lightweight steers average price realisations for July were only slightly better than in June, but other grades were appreciably dearer.

**Prime Weighty Cows Fairly Scarce.**

Cows comprised only a moderate proportion of most of the yardings and a falling-off was evident in the number of prime weighty sorts available. With the exception of the opening sale day, rates for cow beef were generally higher than the best realisations for the previous month and it was estimated that cows averaged up to 15s. per head dearer during July than in June. The best market was that of the closing sale day when light cows realised from 54s. to 61s. per 100 lb. and heavy descriptions from 54s. to 60s. per 100 lb.

**Heifers Continue in Short Supply.**

Excluding those within the vealer grades of weight, heifers continued to be scarce. Quality of those available, however, was mostly good with lightweight descriptions predominating. As with most other classes of cattle the top prices for the month were realised on the closing sale day, when quotations were from 66s. to 72s. per 100 lb. It was estimated that heifers averaged 10s. per head more than during the previous month, but the increase was most apparent in the lower range of values, indicating an improved market for plainer descriptions.

**Vealers Plentiful.**

Fair to good quality light and mediumweight vealers comprised a large proportion of most offerings, but prime weighty drafts were not well supplied. Demand was generally strong and although the market for vealers fluctuated considerably a comparison of average price realisations for June and July revealed little quotable change in values. Although the top price quotation was the 83s. per 100 lb. recorded on the 8th of the month, odd sales of prime vealers at times realised as high as 86s. per 100 lb.

**Cattle.**

*Values shown in shillings per 100 lb.:—Based on selling price per head of live beast and estimated dressed weight of carcase.*

Date.	Number Yarded.	Bullocks.			Steers.	Cows.		Heifers.	Vealers.
		Heavy Over 775 lb.	Medium 675-775 lb.	Light 575-675 lb.	All Weights.	Heavy Over 575 lb.	Light 400-575 lb.	All Weights.	All Weights Approx. 200-400 lb.
1948.									
28 June	1,863	57-60	58-65	61-66	61-70	52-58	52-58	65-70	74-80
1 July	1,997	56-59	58-65	60-65	60-66	50-56	51-57	62-67	72-78
5 July	2,052	56-59	59-65	60-65	60-67	49-56	51-58	62-67	72-80
8 July	1,287	59-61	61-67	63-68	64-72	...	53-60	66-70	74-83
12 July	1,985	56-61	60-65	61-66	62-68	53-59	53-60	63-67	72-79
15 July	1,880	57-61	60-65	61-66	62-68	52-58	52-59	63-67	72-78
19 July	1,777	58-62	61-66	62-67	63-69	52-59	52-60	64-69	73-80
22 July	1,805	60-64	61-67	62-68	64-71	52-60	53-61	65-70	75-82
26 July	1,782	60-64	61-67	63-68	64-71	53-60	54-61	66-71	75-82
29 July	1,986	60-64	61-67	63-68	65-73	54-60	54-61	66-72	75-82

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**PIGS.****Numbers Offered Decline.**

Supplies were not maintained at the previous month's level when 7,914 were yarded. During July overall pennings amounted to 7,464 head, rail arrivals, principally from country centres, accounting for 3,961. For the corresponding period in 1947 a total of 5,446 head was available.

**Strong Demand for Baconers.**

Throughout July baconers were fairly well supplied with good trade light to heavy grades, comprising a substantial proportion of those submitted. Extra heavy descriptions were also yarded in moderate numbers, some particularly nice quality drafts being offered. A strong demand generally prevailed but values showed some fluctuation during the month. At the opening auctions values ruled firm to very firm with some sales of light and medium weights a little dearer. Rates for extra heavy descriptions were easier at the following auctions, but values for other classes were fairly well maintained. Prices did not hold during the third week, an easier to cheaper tendency generally being evident, extra heavy grades being most affected. At the concluding sales competition was particularly active and realisations mostly showed some improvement. Lightweight baconers made to 14d., medium 13¾d., heavy 13½d. and extra heavy 12¾d. per lb., while on a per head basis up to £10 13s. 6d. per head was obtained. Prices per lb. ruling on the four sales conducted during the month are shown on the accompanying schedule.

**Moderate Offering of Backfatters.**

The offering of backfatters for the most part was only moderate, but all classes were available, ranging from fair to good trade light descriptions to prime heavyweights. A keen inquiry ruled at the early sales and rates showed some improvement. Subsequently, however, demand was not so strong and prices generally were lower, all weights being cheaper at the closing auctions. Pigs estimated to dress from 250 to 350 lb. made from 7¼d. to 9½d. per lb., and those 350 lb. and over 7d. to 9½d. Comparable figures for June were 7d. to 9d. and 6¾d. to 9d. per lb., respectively. The highest price recorded during July was £17 16s. 0d. per head. From the attached schedule, it will be seen that the average cost per lb. of the carcase was higher in July than in June, while in addition rates ruling on each sale day are also shown.

**Pork Generally Dearer.**

Porkers were in fairly good supply and although all weights were included the bulk of the yarding comprised good to prime medium to heavy descriptions. All grades met with a good demand and rates showed an advance on those prevailing during June. At the beginning of the period the market ruled firm, but during the second week values were a little higher. In the third week an easier to cheaper tendency was evident, but at the final sales higher prices ruled, an advance of up to 10s. per head occurring. Extra light, light and medium weight porkers made up to 16¼d. and heavy to 15¼d. per lb. and sold to 66s. 6d., 77s. 6d., 106s. 6d. and 114s. 6d. per head, respectively. The trend in the carcase cost of porkers over the period is shown on the accompanying schedule.

Suitable store pigs at times were in fair supply and met with a good demand at very firm rates.

**Pigs—Good to Prime Quality.**

*Values shown in pence per lb.:—Based on selling price per head of live animals and estimated dressed weight of carcase.*

Date of Sale, 1948.	6th July.	13th July.	20th July.	27th July.
No. yarded each Sale ... ..	1,570	1,795	2,466	1,633
Estimated prices per lb. for:—	d.	d.	d.	d.
<b>Porkers—</b>				
35-50 lb. Extra Light ... ..	12½-14½	13 -15½	13 -15½	13½-16½
50-60 lb. Light ... ..	13 -15	13 -15½	13 -15½	13½-16½
60-70 lb. Medium ... ..	13 -15	13½-15	13½-14½	13½-16½
70-80 lb. Medium ... ..	13½-14½	13½-14½	13½-14½	13½-16
80-90 lb. Heavy ... ..	13½-14½	13½-14½	13½-14½	13½-15½
<b>Intermediates—</b>				
90-100 lb. ... ..	13 -14	13 -14	13 -14	13½-14½
<b>Baconers:—</b>				
100-110 lb. Light ... ..	13 -14	13 -14	13 -13½	13½-13½
110-120 lb. Light ... ..	13 -14	13 -13½	12½-13½	13 -13½
120-130 lb. Medium ... ..	13 -13½	13 -13½	12½-13½	12½-13½
130-160 lb. Heavy ... ..	12½-13½	12½-13½	12½-13½	12½-13½
160-180 lb. Extra Heavy ... ..	12 -12½	11½-12½	11½-12½	11½-12½
180-200 lb. Extra Heavy ... ..	11½-12½	11½-12½	11½-12½	11½-12½
200-240 lb. Extra Heavy ... ..	10½-11½	10½-11½	10 -11½	10 -11½
<b>Backfatters:—</b>				
250-350 lb. ... ..	8 - 9½	7½- 9½	7½- 9	7½- 8½
350 lb. and over ... ..	8½- 9½	7½- 9½	7 - 9	7 - 8½

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## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SALES AT CITY MUNICIPAL MARKETS.

July, 1948.

### FRUIT.

#### Supplies of apples ample.

From the 1st to the 7th July, offerings of apples were light but thereafter trade requirements were fully supplied. Stocks were drawn from N.S.W., Tasmanian, Victorian and South Australian sources. Choice Delicious and Granny Smith lines were most in demand, whilst large sizes in interstate red apples were neglected. Trade throughout the period under review was steady and quotations were as follows:—

*N.S.W.*, Delicious 10s. to 22s., large coloured 26s. to 28s., with specials 30s. to 32s.; Rome Beauty 12s. to 20s.; Democrats 12s. to 15s., few to 20s.; Statesman 14s. to 20s., a few 22s.; Granny Smith 8s. to 18s., special 20s. to 22s. per bushel case. *Tasmanian*, Delicious 10s. to 20s.; Jonathan 10s. to 13s., few to 18s.; Rome Beauty 14s. to 20s.; Scarlett Pearmain 9s. to 18s.; Geeveston Fanny 9s. to 12s., few 14s.; Cleopatra 10s. to 12s., few 14s.; Granny Smith 12s. to 18s.; Democrat 12s. to 18s. per bushel case. *Victorian*, Delicious 16s. to 23s.; Jonathan 10s. to 18s., few 20s.; Rome Beauty 10s. to 18s., few 22s. per bushel case. *South Australian*, Rome Beauty 14s. to 18s.; Statesman 12s. to 16s.; Jonathan 15s. to 20s., and Cleopatra 14s. to 16s. per bushel case.

#### Firm Demand for Pears Maintained.

Pears from Victoria met most of the trade requirements during the month, but limited stocks from N.S.W. were sought after and the period closed with slightly increased prices for Packham's Triumph and Winter Cole. Quotations are as follows:—*N.S.W.*, Packham's Triumph 8s. to 18s., few 20s.; Winter Cole 8s. to 18s.