



USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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National Sheep Summary

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs steady to 10.00 higher; slaughter ewes steady to 8.00 higher; feeder lambs 5.00-7.00 lower. At San Angelo, TX 8249 head sold in a one day sale. Equity Electronic Auction sold 150 slaughter lambs in Wisconsin. In direct trading slaughter ewes 2.00-3.00 higher; feeder lambs steady.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-160 lbs:

San Angelo: shorn and woolled 100-150 lbs 85.00-96.00.
 Eastern Area (VA and PA): woolled 90-110 lbs 106.00-140.00; 110-130 lbs 103.00-111.00; 130-160 lbs 95.00 in VA and in PA 90-110 lbs 110.00-128.00; 110-130 lbs 108.00-120.00; 130-150 lbs 96.00-114.00; 150-200 lbs 84.00-102.00.
 Inter Mt Area (CO, WY and MT): shorn 100-110 lbs 117.00-120.00, 115 lbs 109.00; woolled 130-150 lbs 89.00-94.00.
 Kalona, IA: woolled 110-130 lbs 94.50-96.25; 135-140 lbs 97.50-98.00.
 South Dakota: shorn 125-145 lbs 93.50-94.50; woolled 110-140 lbs 92.00-95.50.
 Oklahoma: 100-140 lbs no test.
 Missouri: 95-140 lbs 77.00-101.50.
 Equity Elec: shorn and woolled 125 lbs 94.25.
Slaughter Lambs: Good and Choice 1-2:
 San Angelo: 50-60 lbs 110.00-112.00; 60-70 lbs 111.00-124.00; 70-80 lbs 104.00-126.00, set 136.00; 80-90 lbs 101.00-120.00, set 126.00; 90-120 lbs 99.00-112.00. hair lambs 50-85 lbs 114.00-135.00; 90-110 lbs 100.00-110.00.
 Pennsylvania: 40-50 lbs 130.00-148.00; 50-60 lbs 132.00-146.00; 60-70 lbs 136.00-144.00; 70-80 lbs 124.00-138.00; 80-90 lbs 122.00-136.00.
 Kalona, IA: 35-40 lbs 120.00-145.00; 50-60 lbs 125.00-128.00; 60-70 lbs 120.00-126.00; 70-80 lbs 105.00-111.00, set 122.50; 85-90 lbs 96.00-107.00; 90-105 lbs 97.00-106.00. hair lambs 66 lbs 127.00; 79 lbs 112.00.
 Inter Mt Area: 50-60 lbs 120.00-121.00; 70-80 lbs 110.00-120.00; 80-90 lbs 112.00-122.50; 90-105 lbs 110.00-123.00; 105-110 lbs 106.00-115.00. hair lambs 44 lbs 115.00; 85-90 lbs 112.00-121.00; 95-100 lbs 111.00-114.00.
 Missouri: 60-95 lbs 90.00-116.50. hair lambs 50-60 lbs 116.50-126.50; 60-80 lbs 95.00-125.50; 80-90 lbs 81.00-111.00; 90-100 lbs 89.00-91.00.
 Virginia: 30-60 lbs 110.00; 60-90 lbs 106.00-156.00.
Direct Trading: (Lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent)
 TX: 300: Feeder Lambs 75-80 lbs 105.00.
 ND: 800: Feeder Lambs 70-75 lbs 106.50.
 CA: 900: Feeder Lambs shorn 95-105 lbs 96.00.
 Eastern
 Combelt: 1000: Slaughter Lambs woolled Choice and Prime 2-3 90-110 lbs 95.00-100.00; 110-130 lbs 92.00-95.00. Good and Choice 1-2 60-90 lbs 112.00.
 Slaughter Ewes Utility and Good 1-3 32.00-34.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 32.00.
Slaughter Ewes:
 San Angelo: Good 2-3 45.00-50.00; Utility and Good 1-3 50.00-59.00; Utility 1-2 40.00-50.00; Cull 1 25.00.
 Pennsylvania: Good 2-3 36.00-66.00; Utility 1-2 30.00-42.00.
 Ft. Collins: Good 3-4 46.00-50.00; Good 2-3 47.00-50.00; Utility 1-2 39.00-42.00; Cull 1 26.00-28.00.
 Billings, MT: Good 3-4 38.00-46.00; Good 2-3 42.75-50.00; Utility and Good 1-3 42.00-50.00; Utility 1-2 37.00-47.75; Cull and Utility 1-2 40.00-48.00; Cull 1 20.00-36.00.
 So Dakota: Good 3-4 37.50-41.00; Good 2-3 33.00-42.00; Utility and Good 1-3 35.00-43.00; Utility 1-2 36.00-45.50; Cull and Utility 1-2 21.00-21.50.
 Oklahoma: Utility and Good 1-3 no test.

Missouri: Utility and Good 1-3 28.00-50.00.
 Virginia: Good 2-4 30.00-64.00; Utility 1-2 32.00-65.00; Cull 1 25.00-50.00.
 Kalona: Good 2-3 38.00-45.00.
Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:
 San Angelo: set 57 lbs 114.00; 70-90 lbs 101.00-107.00.
 Virginia: 40-60 lbs 106.00-115.00; 60-90 lbs 106.00-144.00.
 Inter Mt area: 50-80 lbs 104.50-118.75; 80-90 lbs 101.50-116.00; 90-100 lbs 95.00-106.00; 100-110 lbs 94.00-101.00; 110-130 lbs 90.50-97.50; 130-150 lbs 87.00-92.50.
 So Dakota: 54 lbs 107.00; 60-70 lbs 113.00-120.50; 70-80 lbs 113.00-115.00; 80-90 lbs 106.00-115.00; 90-100 lbs 95.00-107.50; 100-110 lbs 94.50-101.50; 110-115 lbs 93.50-95.50; 130 lbs 88.75.
Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:
 San Angelo: Ewes and small lambs 49.00 per head.
 Billings: Mixed age 88.00-90.00 per head, others 145-160 lbs 49.00-59.00 cwt.
 So Dakota: Solid mouth 70.00-94.00 per head.

National Daily Lamb Carcass

Negotiated sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis.

Compared to last week: 65#'s and down trended lower; 65#'s and up trended 1.19-1.62 lower.

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4 Head 1,517

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	68	299.24
45-55#	111	252.91
55-65#	187	230.81
65-75#	534	199.02
75-85#	578	195.00
85-UP	39	192.00

*** SAT-FRI CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4** Head 9,517

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	289	274.58
45-55#	376	240.42
55-65#	2,313	209.98
65-75#	2,885	197.92
75-85#	2,981	194.15
85-UP	673	187.33

USDA National Lamb Estimated Grading Percent

Week Ending 11/7/2009: Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 49,992 head. 45,385 Lambs, 90.8% of total sheep slaughtered. 33,541 graded, 73.90% of total lambs slaughtered.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield Grade (May include hindsaddles)					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
Quality						
Prime	0.00%	1.78%	4.73%	1.87%	0.40%	8.79%
Choice	4.88%	33.06%	45.33%	7.05%	0.90%	91.21%
Total %	4.88%	34.84%	50.06%	8.91%	1.31%	

HIGHLIGHTS

SLAUGHTER LAMBS
 Choice & Prime 2-3
 Shorn & Woolled
 (130-160 pounds)

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
San Angelo, TX	N/Q	89.50
El Reno, OK	N/Q	N/Q
Ft Collins, CO	93.44	N/Q
		96.50

SLAUGHTER EWES
 Good 2-4

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
San Angelo, TX	52.00	46.00
St. Onge, Newell, SD	42.00	N/Q
Ft. Collins, CO	48.00	42.00
Sioux Falls, SD	39.25	40.50
		32.50

FEEDER LAMBS
 Medium-Large 1-2
 Woolled (90-110 pounds)

Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr
San Angelo, TX	N/Q	101.50
St. Onge, Newell, SD	99.44	108.67
Ft. Collins, CO	N/Q	N/Q
		112.00

CARCASS LAMB
 FOB PLANT WT AVG

	Last Week	Latest
45#-Dn	222.39	299.24
45-55#	276.25	252.91
55-65#	213.67	230.81
65-75#	193.14	199.02
75-85#	192.23	195.00
85#-Up	186.81	192.00
Last Year		
45#-Dn	263.68	
45-55#	239.76	
55-65#	221.73	
65-75#	219.27	
75-85#	217.37	
85-Up	215.35	

National Boxed Lamb Cuts

FOB Plant basis negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 day period, fresh and frozen carlot volume, including sales since last report, U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

Current Volume
 Fresh Cuts 1,181,578 pounds
 Frozen Cuts 240,409 pounds

Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.

FRESH CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 55/65	5	4,958	\$233.48	
202	Foresaddle	4	636	\$271.22	(13.53)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	14	1,368	\$552.98	41.95
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	117	25,871	\$452.06	0.77
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	5	1,075	\$436.76	0.00
204A	Rack, chined	41	9,335	\$517.83	(12.83)
204B	Rack, roast-ready	24	4,896	\$808.12	(11.11)
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	183	31,899	\$922.33	2.44
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	19	2,836	\$1,201.51	13.06
206	Shoulders	101	100,999	\$182.76	(0.73)
207	Shoulders, square-cut	180	134,802	\$213.86	(0.69)
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	26	3,863	\$389.23	(4.07)
209	Breast	99	41,414	\$93.63	(0.08)
	Breast, bulk	13	10,769	\$78.69	1.74
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	25	1,671	\$309.19	(16.41)
210	Foreshank	279	44,025	\$303.30	2.15
231	Loins	44	4,538	\$293.01	(3.23)
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	82	16,748	\$349.60	(1.29)
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	3	64	\$626.95	0.00
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	9	3,521	\$582.57	2.62
232A	Loins, short-cut, 2x2	13	2,340	\$466.87	(3.15)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	98	25,739	\$523.34	(3.76)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	44	7,354	\$618.62	(4.36)
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	6	189	\$1,273.01	(35.73)
232E	Flank, untrimmed	14	28,580	\$57.27	(0.64)
233	Legs	62	30,243	\$256.81	0.28
233A	Leg, trotter-off	241	84,602	\$258.79	(1.97)
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnl	65	29,922	\$387.34	(4.35)
233E	Leg, steamship	45	30,376	\$317.12	(0.19)
233F	Hindshank	114	27,196	\$290.54	(1.29)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	171	56,808	\$402.40	2.32
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	70	17,832	\$397.07	(12.54)
234B	Leg, 2-way boneless	5	1,124	\$387.64	3.24
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	83	16,270	\$516.01	(1.25)
234G	Sirloin, boneless	22	1,682	\$460.33	0.06
236	Back, trimmed	19	234	\$574.88	0.00
238	Trimnings	36	3,295	\$261.71	0.47
239	Special trimnings	12	400	\$262.10	(4.06)
246	Tenderloin	4	87	\$1,074.66	
295	Lamb for stewing	48	11,854	\$430.03	(14.79)
296	Ground lamb	94	14,123	\$364.64	0.54
	Necks	34	5,440	\$85.46	(1.59)

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	12	13,254	\$365.15	0.12
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	3	117	\$733.62	
209	Breast	8	17,169	\$74.00	(5.56)
	Breast, bulk	6	18,455	\$59.07	7.08
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	3	103	\$286.50	68.12
210	Foreshank	7	3,191	\$285.01	(5.69)
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	3	3,183	\$319.01	
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	6	7,335	\$415.64	(0.03)
232E	Flank, untrimmed	4	9,067	\$72.62	10.05
233A	Leg, trotter-off	9	27,679	\$235.33	7.44
233F	Hindshank	17	3,610	\$287.07	(5.89)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	12	7,284	\$375.13	(7.60)
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	11	1,155	\$493.93	(21.99)
234G	Sirloin, boneless	3	331	\$429.76	
238	Trimnings	13	14,785	\$80.82	4.32
295	Lamb for stewing	34	10,959	\$325.69	(105.77)
296	Ground lamb	35	4,206	\$325.37	(6.97)
	Necks	21	32,510	\$55.76	(4.80)

National Weekly Comprehensive Lamb Carcass

Combined Negotiated, Formula and Forward Contract sales for delivery within 14 calendar days, FOB Plant basis.

Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades.

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4 Head 12,269

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	239	274.58
45-55#	376	240.42
55-75#	2,413	209.57
65-75#	4,045	198.56
75-85#	4,036	194.51
85-UP	1,110	188.75

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 5 Head 223

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	0	
45-55#	0	
55-65#		
65-75#		
75-85#		
85-UP		

CERTIFIED FRESH AMERICAN LAMB Head

Weight Wt Avg

UNGRADED Head 161

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	18	199.58
45-55#	16	198.94
55-65#	40	155.68
65-75#	45	145.89
75-85#	22	124.18
85-UP	20	120.38

USDA Estimated National Lamb Carcass Cutout

Based on 5-Day Rolling weighted average FOB plant prices collected under Mandatory Price Reporting and industry yields.

*** Based on information provided by major lamb breakers the lamb cut percentages have been updated ***

CUTS	FOB PRICE	CHANGE	%	CARCAS	LBS.
FORESADDLE					
204 RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	452.06	0.77	10.77%	7.43	
209 BREAST **	80.70	2.32	8.85%	6.11	
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	213.86	-0.69	23.53%	16.24	
210 FORESHANK	303.30	2.15	3.82%	2.64	
NECK **	60.02	-3.31	2.22%	1.53	
HINDSADDLE					
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	349.60	-1.29	10.97%	7.57	
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	60.97	-0.20	3.39%	2.34	
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	258.79	-1.97	31.88%	22.00	
GROSS CARCASS VALUE: 242.03 -0.64 95.45% 65.86					
FORESADDLE VALUE	242.06	0.27	49.20%	33.95	
HINDSADDLE VALUE	265.84	-1.68	46.24%	31.91	

Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$31.50
NET CARCASS VALUE 210.53 -0.64

* Shrink and trim of 3.14 lb's not reflected in cutout value
 * Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 69 lbs. for W/E 11/07/09, up 1 pound from last week.**Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

Actual Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

For W/E 11/07/2009

Monday	9,850
Tuesday	9,475
Wednesday	9,919
Thursday	10,818
Friday	8,387
Saturday	1,543

Total 49,992

Lambs & Yearlings 90.8%
 Mature Sheep 9.2%

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

(Estimated, except *Actual*)

Production Mil.Lbs.

21-Nov-2009	3.3
14-Nov-2009	3.4
Change	-2.9%
22-Nov-2008	3.1
Change	6.5%
2009 YTD:	143.6
*2008 YTD: *	148.9
Change	-3.5%
07-Nov-2009	3.4

Average Live Weights

21-Nov-2009	135
14-Nov-2009	133
22-Nov-2008	136
07-Nov-2009	136

Dressed

21-Nov-2009	67
14-Nov-2009	67
22-Nov-2008	68
07-Nov-2009	68

Slaughter

21-Nov-2009	49,000
14-Nov-2009	51,000
Change	-3.9%
22-Nov-2008	46,000
Change	6.5%
2009 YTD:	2,054,000
*2008 YTD:	2,140,000
Change	-4.0%

New Zealand Meat and Wool Export Summary

LAMB: In the past month, the value of the NZ dollar has declined by 3% against the British Pound. However, this is still 13% above its level at the same time last year and 177% above the average of the previous five years at this time. Meanwhile, the UK CKT lamb leg CIF price is at the same level as this time last year and appears to have hit a ceiling for the time being. A further decline in schedules of up to 15c/kg was experienced across the country. This has seen the schedule price of a 17.5kg lamb slip below \$90 for the first time since March 2009. Prime lambs at the saleyards appear to have come into line with the schedules, particularly in the North Island where a medium prime lamb is also fetching a little below \$90.

		Week Ending 14-Nov-09	Week Ending 07-Nov-09
Lamb (\$/Head)	Fat Cover (mm)		
	24 lbs	28.18	28.71
	33 lbs	56.99	57.86
	46 lbs	77.74	78.29
Pelt	2 lb	0.38	0.38
Ewe (\$/Head)			
	46 lbs	31.67	31.12
Wool (c/cwt clean)	(microns)		
	Fine	335.21	329.77
	Medium	258.10	254.01
	Coarse	108.41	96.62

Notes: All prices are U.S. Dollars./ All meat prices are carcass based and net to farmers. Lamb values include a 1 kg skin pelt. Ewe values at 0.5 kg pelt.

Canadian Federally Inspected Slaughter

	Current 11/07/09	Week Ago 10/31/09	Year Ago 11/01/08	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	%Change
Cattle:	63,826	63,946	60,803	2,672,817	2,712,409	-1.5%
Calves:	5,044	4,678	4,932	203,804	212,963	-4.3%
Sheep:	3,018	2,673	2,985	136,169	142,730	-4.6%
Hogs:	432,155	436,096	433,832	17,662,514	17,153,664	3.0%

Texas Sheep Export Figures

THURSDAY, 11/19/2009	WEEK-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	PREV YTD	PERCENT
		2009	*2008*	CHANGE
Slaughter				
Lambs	0	0	0	0
Ewes	1,357	1,654	75,156	96,365
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0
Total	1,357	1,654	75,156	96,365 -22.01%

Lamb & Mutton Imports

METRIC TONS OF LAMB FOR REPORTING PERIOD:		9/27/09-10/3/09					
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Manufact	Carcasses	Cuts	Misc	Fresh	Processed	TOTAL
Australia	0	73	305	4	0	0	382
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	121	0	0	0	121
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	73	426	4	0	0	503
METRIC TONS OF MUTTON FOR REPORTING PERIOD:		9/27/09-10/3/09					
Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAMB	Australia	Canada	N Zeal	Other	Total		
Wk Ending	3-Oct-09	382	0	121	0	503	
Prev Week	26-Sep-09	333	16	147	10	506	
Year Ago	4-Oct-08	401	0	193	15	609	
2008 YTD		18847	7	13009	29	31892	
2009 YTD		19178	23	11310	33	30544	
2009 to 2008 by %		101.76%	323.29%	86.94%	115.03%	95.77%	

National Weekly Lamb Carcass and Lamb Cuts – Imported Product

FOB cold storage; negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21 days and for delivery 22/Up days; fresh and frozen carlot volume; U.S. dollars per 100 pounds.

Items with no entries indicate non-reportable trades

WEEKLY VOLUME	AUS = Australian		NZ = New Zealand	
Negotiated Sales 0-21 days:			Negotiated Sales 22/Up days	
Fresh Cuts =	817,108	Pounds	40,458	Pounds
Frozen Cuts =	786,625	Pounds	4,855	Pounds

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FRESH						
Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range		Weighted Average	
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	21	4,568	620.00-	920.00	779.57	
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	35	12,702	690.00-	920.00	797.25	
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	20	4,928	700.00-	864.00	806.27	
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	36	247,799	100.00-	222.00	168.53	
AUS Fore Shank, VP	14	12,699	229.00-	300.00	273.25	
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1	10	6,988	364.00-	470.00	375.63	
AUS Leg, semi bnls	31	110,208	267.00-	345.00	280.95	
AUS Leg, bnls	48	30,050	275.00-	399.00	341.33	
AUS Tenderloin	6	2,271	678.00-	925.00	740.89	

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FROZEN						
Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range		Weighted Average	
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/dn	15	28,726	418.00-	865.00	538.98	
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	22	11,661	418.00-	789.00	738.55	
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	9	13,133	671.00-	780.00	694.30	
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	11	4,358	677.00-	810.00	768.20	
AUS Rack, FR, denuded, 15 oz/dn	4	1,133	895.00-	910.00	897.91	
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	10	99,491	152.00-	185.00	173.25	
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls	9	49,977	259.00-	289.00	265.42	
AUS Fore Shank, LP	28	69,753	187.00-	330.00	213.15	
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1	9	6,042	299.00-	470.00	388.04	
AUS Leg, Long	5	43,219	202.00-	243.00	204.38	
AUS Hind Shank, VP	6	9,626	245.00-	345.00	306.08	
NZ Rack, 8-Rib, Standard	7	3,460	322.00-	350.00	332.49	
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12 oz/dn	12	9,077	526.00-	640.00	569.40	
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up	11	4,049	591.00-	705.00	653.20	
NZ Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls	8	1,688	271.00-	490.00	357.85	
NZ Flap, LP	8	29,673	129.00-	155.00	147.25	

Regional Weekly Summaries

Mountain Areas and Western United States Direct Sheep

Receipts: 1600 Last Week: 1000 Last Year: 0

Compared to last week: Feeder lambs had no recent comparison. Demand and trade activity moderate. All of the supply consisted of feeder lambs. Feeder lamb sales FOB with overnight stand or equivalent 3-4 percent shrink unless otherwise noted. Prices quoted per cwt. Current delivery unless otherwise noted.

South Central Direct Sheep

Feeder Lambs: Compared to last week feeder lambs steady. Trading and demand moderate. Available supply of lambs is limited. **Slaughter Lambs:** TX: None. **Slaughter Ewes:** TX: None. **Replacement Ewes:** TX: None.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep

Total sheep and lamb sales: 950 Last week: 950 Year ago: 599

Compared to last week, slaughter lambs traded steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter ewes sold 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Slaughter goats traded steady. Trade and demand were moderate. Offerings were moderate. This week's supply was made up of 41% lambs and 59% slaughter ewes; with an additional 743 head of goats.

Sioux Falls Weekly Sheep Summary

Compared to last week, shorn slaughter lambs steady, wooled slaughter lambs mostly 1.00-2.00 lower. Slaughter ewes and feeder lambs too few to establish a trend. Buyer attendance moderate with moderate demand. Sheep supplies near 79 percent slaughter lambs, 12 percent slaughter ewes, 8 percent feeder lambs and the balance mostly bucks. Receipts this week 329 including 42 goats compared with 423 including 66 goats last week and 742 including 145 goats a year ago.

Weekly Lamb Pelts Price Report - FOB Major Production Points

Per Piece Price

Pelt activity this week compared to last week: Packer sorted green salted pelts steady to higher. Demand moderate this week over all classes, as buyer's express more interest in purchasing pelts. Movement and trade activity slow to mostly moderate, as all pelts continue to be shipped overseas.

PELT TYPES: SHORN	PACKER, SEED Price Range	FREE, MOSTLY GOOD UNSHORN	DENSITY WOOL Price Range
Fall Clips (suitable to No. 1	4.00 - 8.00 tan wool on) 3.00 - 6.00	Wools Pickling skins	3.00 - 6.00 1.00 - 2.50
No. 2	1.00 - 3.00	Springers:	3.50 - 6.00
No. 3	1.00 - 2.50	Western Slope, California,	
No. 4	1.00 - 2.50	Idaho, Kansas, Midwest,	3.00 - 6.00
Imperial's Fall Clips No. 1		Native(Gray)	
No. 2			

Livestock Mandatory Reporting on Negotiated, Formula and Contract trades Saturday through Friday showed 23,505 pelts consisting of 81.00% wooled, 17.60% Fall Shorn No. 1, 1.40% No. 2, and 0.00% No. 3&4.

National Wool Review

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week. With no confirmed sales this week. Demand moderate. All prices reported on a weighted average price.

Weighted Average Clean Wool Prices for this week Prices reflect FOB warehouse sales for Original Bag, Bellies Out wool (some graded), in square packs, 76 mm or longer. No allowance made for coring, freight or handling fees at the warehouse level to reflect net grower prices.

** Indicates new Price this week **

Micron	U.S. GRADE	Fleece States	Territory States	Texas/ N.M
18	80'S	N.A	None	None
19	70-80'S	N.A.	None	None
20	64-70'S	None	None	None
21	64'S	None	None	None
22	62'S	None	None	None
23	60-62'S	None	None	None
24	60'S	None	None	None
25	58'S	None	None	None
26	56-58'S	None	None	None
27	54-56'S	None	None	N.A.
28	54'S	None	None	N.A.
29	50-54'S	None	None	N.A.
30-34	44-50'S	None	None	N.A.

(N.A. - microns normally not available in this area) Wool less than 75 mm discounted .10-.20 clean. Classed and skirted wools usually .10-.20 premium to OB prices.

Greasy wool trading was at a standstill this week. With no confirmed sales this week. Demand moderate. Prices are reported on a weighted average.

FSA Wool LDP payment unchanged at .29 per pound net grower on a greasy basis. This week's Mohair LDP down .05 at .29 per pound.

Domestic Wool Tags - delivered to buyer, greasy basis:

1 .25-30 # 2 .15-.20 # 3 .05-.10

South Africa held the sixth mohair sale of the winter season. Values for kid goats increased, young goats decreased, fine adult goats increased, and strong adults increased. A total of 232,730 lbs were offered, with a clearance of 94.3 percent. The Exchange rate of the Rand to U.S. dollar was at 7.47. The next sale will be held on December 08, 2009.

In Australia this week the Eastern Market Indicator was down 3 at 850 cents per Kg clean from last week. A total of 47,436 bales were offered with sales of 87.3 percent. Next week's will offerings totaling 49,061 bales. The current exchange rate is .9256 percent of the U.S. dollar.

Australian Wool Sales - Prices Delivered Charleston S.C. All Schlumberger dry basis.

Micron	US Grade	Clean Del Price in U.S. Dollars	Change from last week
18	80's	4.88	-.09
19	70-80's	4.41	-.10
20	64-70's	3.93	-.07
21	64's	3.83	-.04
22	62's	3.73	-.04
23	60-62's	3.59	-.01
24	60's	3.36	-.02
25	58's	2.97	-.01
26	56-58's	2.56	-.05
28	54's	1.97	-.05
30	50's	1.72	-.03
Merino Clippings		2.53	-.01

EMI closed at 850 cents per kg clean

Australian Exchange rate to U.S. \$ is .9256

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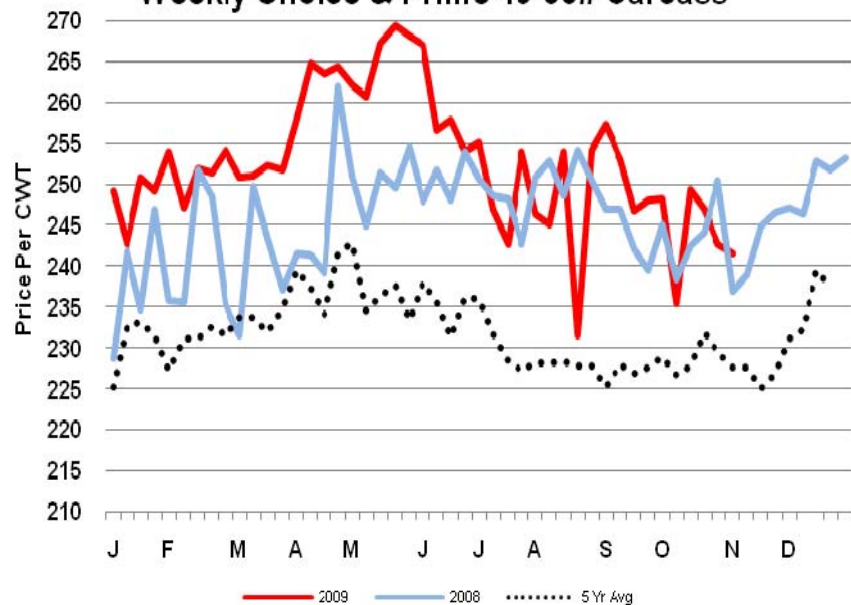
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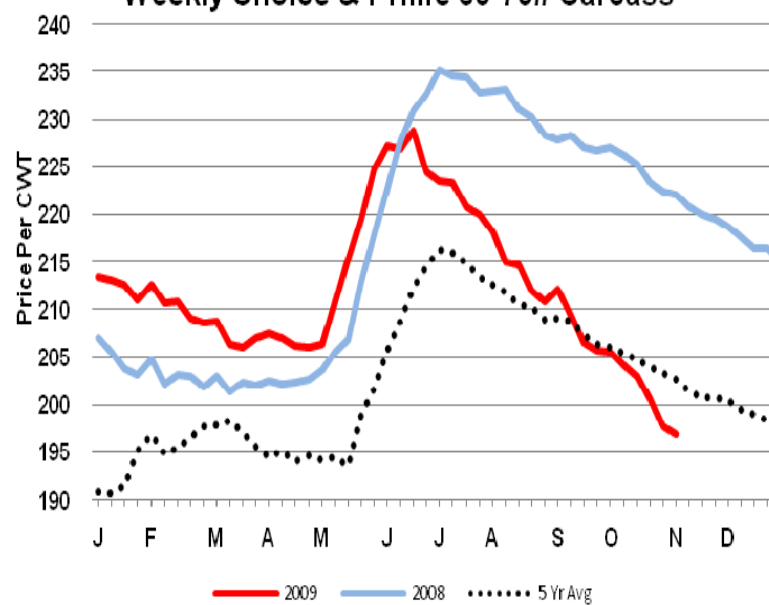
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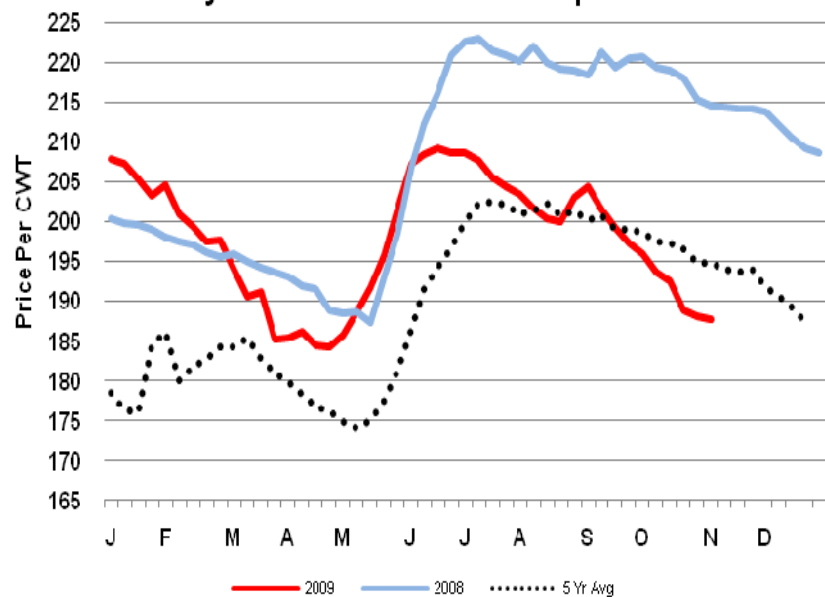
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