



USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs under 70 lbs were steady to 10.00 lower, heavier weights were firm to 20.00 higher. Slaughter ewes were steady. No comparison on feeder lambs. At San Angelo, TX 5709 head sold. No sales in Equity Electronic Auction.

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

San Angelo: shorn and woolled 110-155 lbs 122.00-132.00.
 VA: no test.
 PA: shorn and woolled 90-110 lbs 310.00-320.00; 110-130 lbs 280.00-300.00; 130-150 lbs 240.00-260.00; 150-200 lbs 215.00-245.00.
 Ft. Collins, CO: woolled 135-140 lbs 177.50-187.50.
 South Dakota: shorn and woolled 120-125 lbs 152.00-158.00; 135-175 lbs 148.00-156.00, few 130.00.
 Kalona, IA: woolled 110-130 lbs 153.00-217.00; 130-135 lbs 145.00-155.00.
 Missouri: 100-135 lbs 190.00-200.00.
 Equity Elec: no sales.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 217.00-236.00; 60-70 lbs 215.00-230.00; 70-80 lbs 210.00-226.00; 80-90 lbs 210.00-230.00; 90-110 lbs 194.00-214.00, few 224.00.
 Pennsylvania: 40-50 lbs 285.00-330.00; 50-60 lbs 285.00-335.00; 60-70 lbs 290.00-325.00; 70-80 lbs 285.00-325.00, few 330.00-340.00; 80-90 lbs 290.00-310.00, few 315.00-325.00; 90-110 lbs 270.00-285.00.
 Kalona, IA: 30-40 lbs 229.00-285.00; 40-50 lbs 240.00-255.00; 50-60 lbs 230.00-257.50; 60-70 lbs 239.00-254.00; 70-80 lbs 241.00-251.00; 80-90 lbs 231.00-247.50; 90-110 lbs 231.00-245.00.
 Ft. Collins: 37 lbs 240.00; 40-60 lbs 210.00-220.00, few 235.00; 60-70 lbs 205.00-226.00; 70-80 lbs 200.00-215.00; 80-90 lbs 210.00-217.50; 90-110 lbs 205.00-225.00.
 Missouri: 50-70 lbs 225.00-270.00; 70-100 lbs 220.00-240.00.
 Virginia: 60-90 lbs 287.50.
 South Dakota: 59 lbs 230.00; 64 lbs 205.00; 80 lbs 215.00.
 Billings, MT: no test.
Direct Trading: (lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent)
 : Slaughter Lambs shorn and woolled 135-223 lbs (wtd avg).
 ND: 300: Slaughter Lambs 150-160 lbs 156.00.
 MN: 300: Slaughter Lambs 155-165 lbs 145.00.
 CA: 2200: Feeder Lambs 105-115 lbs new crop 190.00.

Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 68.00-81.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 81.00-88.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 70.00-80.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 60.00-66.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 30.00-55.00.
 Pennsylvania: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 75.00-125.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 95.00-155.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 80.00-125.00; Cull 1 no test.
 Ft. Collins: Good 3-5 (very fleshy) 80.00-92.50; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 80.00-92.50; Utility 1-2 (thin) 58.00-62.50; Cull 1 (extremely thin) no test.
 Billings, MT: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) no test; Cull 1 no test.
 So Dakota: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 45.00-55.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 50.00-58.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 45.00-56.00; Cull 1 32.50-39.00.
 Missouri: Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 50.00-67.50.
 Virginia: Good 2-4 102.50-105.00; Utility 1-2 84.00.
 Kalona: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 63.00-75.00; Utility and Good 1-2 (medium flesh) 71.00-87.50; Utility 1-2 (thin) 27.50-30.00; Cull 1 12.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: 50-60 lbs 230.00; 60-95 lbs 196.00-228.00.
 Virginia: no test.
 Ft. Collins: no test.
 Billings: no test.
 Kalona: no test.
 So Dakota: 50-60 lbs 242.50-245.00; 60-70 lbs 240.00-250.00; 90-100 lbs 207.00-220.00; 100 lbs 187.50; 134 lbs 177.50.
 Missouri: 30-50 lbs 225.00-237.50. no test.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: mixed age hair ewes 80-130 lbs 94.00-134.00 cwt.
 Ft. Collins: no test.
 Billings: no test.
 So Dakota: bred baby tooth to solid mouth 185.00-217.50 per head, few 112.50; ewes and lambs 155.00 per head.
 Kalona, IA: no test.
 Missouri: baby tooth 65-100 lbs 110.00-152.50 cwt; baby tooth to solid mouth 105-200 lbs 70.00-95.00 cwt; ewes with lambs 125.00-240.00 per family.

NATIONAL DAILY LAMB CARCASS

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

Compared to last week: All weights of carcasses not reportable due to confidentiality.

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4

Weight	Head	Head 525	Wt Avg
45-DN	*Price not reported due to confidentiality*		
45-55#	*Price not reported due to confidentiality*		
55-65#	*Price not reported due to confidentiality*		
65-75#	*Price not reported due to confidentiality*		
75-85#	*Price not reported due to confidentiality*		
85-UP	*Price not reported due to confidentiality*		

* SAT-FRI CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4

Weight	Head	Head 1,985	Wt Avg
45-DN	*Not reported due to confidentiality*		
45-55#	*Not reported due to confidentiality*		
55-65#	*Not reported due to confidentiality*		
65-75#	*Not reported due to confidentiality*		
75-85#	*Not reported due to confidentiality*		
85-UP	*Not reported due to confidentiality*		

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USDA NATIONAL LAMB ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT

Week Ending 03/31/2018: Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 42,731 head. 40,655 Lambs, 95.1% of total sheep slaughtered. 21,813 graded, 53.65% of total Lambs slaughtered.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield Grade					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
Prime	0.11%	1.58%	2.62%	2.81%	1.43%	8.54%
Choice	4.83%	21.79%	34.92%	18.51%	11.41%	91.46%
Total %	4.93%	23.37%	37.55%	21.31%	12.84%	

HIGHLIGHTS

Weighted Avg Prices (Simple Avg noted *)

SLAUGHTER LAMBS
 Choice & Prime 2-3
 Shorn & Woolled (130 - 180 pounds)

Latest Last Wk Last Yr

San Angelo, TX

130.01 119.56 133.99

Worthing-Sioux Falls, SD

154.06 153.02 166.00

Ft Collins, CO

N/Q N/Q N/Q

SLAUGHTER EWES
 Good 2-3 & Good 3-4

Latest Last Wk Last Yr

San Angelo, TX

75.12 76.12 74.14

St. Onge, Newell, SD

49.71 N/Q N/Q

Ft. Collins, CO

* 86.25 85.00 73.13*

Billings, MT

N/Q N/Q N/Q

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

Latest Last Wk Last Yr

San Angelo, TX

226.00 N/Q 234.00

St. Onge, Newell, SD

207.00 N/Q N/Q

Ft. Collins, CO

N/Q N/Q N/Q

CARCASS LAMB
 FOB PLANT *SAT-FRI*
 WT AVGS

	Last Week	Latest
45#-Dn	N/Q	N/Q
45-55#	N/Q	N/Q
55-65#	N/Q	N/Q
65-75#	N/Q	N/Q
75-85#	N/Q	N/Q
85#-Up	N/Q	N/Q
Last Year		
45#-Dn	N/Q	
45-55#	N/Q	
55-65#	N/Q	
65-75#	297.87	
75-85#	N/Q	
85#-Up	N/Q	

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 1,070,898 pounds
 Frozen Cuts 118,099 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
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	7	1,072	\$883.93	0.00
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	119	21,631	\$835.24	0.48
204A	Rack, chined	47	10,808	\$1,034.19	0.29
204B	Rack, roast-ready	20	6,161	\$1,231.69	9.65
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	138	17,539	\$1,665.01	(1.17)
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	8	2,335	\$2,146.13	(21.15)
206	Shoulders	73	56,078	\$255.15	(1.37)
207	Shoulders, square-cut	211	78,982	\$272.03	(1.03)
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	38	8,010	\$550.44	4.01
209	Breast	131	31,795	\$202.52	2.36
	Breast, bulk	4	1,397	\$82.99	(55.52)
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	32	9,378	\$590.51	(5.69)
210	Foreshank	178	16,584	\$417.25	2.61
230	Hindsaddle	4	191	\$469.12	13.15
231	Loins	23	3,975	\$444.86	6.73
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	96	14,944	\$524.79	(0.76)
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	22	3,310	\$775.82	5.96
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	77	16,591	\$688.59	15.48
232	Loins, trimmed 0x0	25	2,945	\$971.01	(1.11)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	14	1,822	\$652.25	4.51
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	19	2,319	\$1,544.15	15.44
232E	Flank, untrimmed	22	11,527	\$121.46	(0.77)
233	Legs	75	10,792	\$363.56	2.53
233A	Leg, trotter-off	156	33,371	\$369.19	(2.84)
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnls	21	1,288	\$535.87	(2.19)
233E	Leg, steamship	4	667	\$457.24	(9.69)
233F	Hindshank	66	15,454	\$427.94	11.70
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	135	32,961	\$542.29	(8.93)
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	21	2,217	\$689.25	17.42
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	69	8,392	\$809.74	(8.88)
234G	Sirloin, boneless	31	1,693	\$839.21	1.27
235	Back	3	577	\$647.41	(4.68)
236	Back, trimmed	6	72	\$724.03	(1.35)
238	Trimming	20	1,867	\$498.91	4.14
239	Special trimmings	13	1,110	\$570.82	1.07
295	Lamb for stewing	41	5,558	\$634.02	14.92
296	Ground lamb	95	21,171	\$566.97	(2.95)
	Necks	49	10,192	\$156.47	0.27

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
209	Breast	4	2,425	\$226.39	0.00
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	6	596	\$533.92	(0.12)
210	Foreshank	12	2,906	\$400.60	2.43
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	5	13,517	\$448.33	32.17
232E	Flank, untrimmed	18	10,440	\$105.08	(9.72)
233A	Leg, trotter-off	3	4,171	\$279.28	
233F	Hindshank	4	1,658	\$486.81	0.00
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	5	1,281	\$606.27	25.56
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	17	871	\$933.70	4.53
239	Special trimmings	3	8,379	\$346.28	5.54
295	Lamb for stewing	15	4,417	\$706.95	31.23
296	Ground lamb	48	9,354	\$611.66	(0.50)
	Necks	11	4,380	\$177.82	19.54

NATIONAL RETAIL SUMMARY

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	THIS WEEK		LAST WEEK		LAST YEAR	
Outlets	29,200		29,200		29,200	
Feature Rate (1/)	18.9%		4.4%		22.2%	
Special Rate (2/)	0.1%		0.0%		0.0%	
Activity Index (3/)	7.290		1.970		10.000	
	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
LAMB						
LB Shoulder Roast	10	3.99			30	4.51
LB Shldr Blade Chops	290	5.24	330	5.09	360	5.17
LB Shldr Rnd Bone Chop	50	6.69	130	5.61	20	5.66
LB Breast	40	5.11	10	3.99		
LB Rack	800	13.00	20	10.99	1,520	11.26
LB Ribs					230	17.99
LB Rib Chops			20	11.99		
LB Whole Loin					40	3.99
LB Loin Chops	330	8.68	110	8.20	880	7.49
LB Bone-In Leg	1,480	6.29	100	5.09	1,100	5.58
LB Boneless Leg	1,890	7.43	40	9.99	500	7.07
LB Semi-Bnls Leg	580	6.34	160	4.99	2,010	5.25
LB Butterflied, Bnls Leg	160	6.99	10	6.99	10	7.99
LB Leg, Shank/Butt	670	8.01	10	5.99	2,000	5.80
LB Leg Steaks	230	8.99	10	5.99	260	7.99
LB Top Round Roast						
LB Top Round Steak						
LB Ground Lamb	10	7.99	250	5.00		
LB Shank	10	5.48	20	5.93	120	5.99
LB Stew Meat-Lamb	30	4.99	30	7.30	10	4.99
LB Stew Meat-Mutton					20	2.29

USDA ESTIMATED NATIONAL LAMB CARCASS CUTOUT

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

CUTS	FOB PRICE	CHANGE	%CARCASS	LBS
FORESADDLE				
204 RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	835.24	0.48	11.42%	7.65
209 BREAST **	199.46	-1.54	7.74%	5.19
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	272.03	-1.03	24.17%	16.19
210 FORESHANK	417.25	2.61	3.48%	2.33
NECK **	162.89	6.15	2.31%	1.55
HINDSADDLE				
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	524.79	-0.76	10.91%	7.31
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	113.68	-5.97	2.81%	1.88
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	369.19	-2.84	31.29%	20.96
GROSS CARCASS VALUE:				
	370.82	-1.22	94.13%	63.07
FORESADDLE VALUE	396.69	-0.16	49.12%	32.91
HINDSADDLE VALUE	390.96	-2.53	45.01%	30.16
Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$44.85				
NET CARCASS VALUE	325.97	-1.22		

* Shrink and trim of 3.93 lbs not reflected in cutout value.
 * Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 67.00 lbs. for W/E 03/31/2018, -4.00lbs lighter than last week.
 **Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

ACTUAL SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

For W/E 03/31/2018

Monday	10,468
Tuesday	9,646
Wednesday	7,907
Thursday	8,607
Friday	5,418
Saturday	685
Total	42,731

Lambs & Yearlings 95.1%
 Mature Sheep 4.9%

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

(Estimated, except *Actual*)

Production Mil.Lbs.

14-Apr-2018	2.7
07-Apr-2018	2.6
Change	3.8%
15-Apr-2017	2.8
Change	-3.6%
2018 YTD:	41.1
2017 YTD:	40.5
Change	1.5%
31-Mar-2018	2.8

Average Live Weights

14-Apr-2018	139
07-Apr-2018	145
15-Apr-2017	120
31-Mar-2018	132

Dressed

14-Apr-2018	70
07-Apr-2018	73
15-Apr-2017	60
31-Mar-2018	67

Slaughter

14-Apr-2018	38,000
07-Apr-2018	36,000
Change	5.6%
15-Apr-2017	46,000
Change	-17.4%
2018 YTD:	567,000
*2017 YTD:	576,000
Change	-1.5%

US FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGION

Week Ending 03/31/2018

Standard Federal Regions	Sheep		Lambs & Yearlings
	Total	Mature	
1 /	2 /	Sheep	Yearlings
1,000 head			
1	0.9	-	0.9
2	6.9	0.3	6.6
3	4.1	0.4	3.7
4	1.7	0.3	1.4
5	7.1	0.4	6.7
6	0.8	0.1	0.7
7	0.3	-	0.3
8	14.2	0.3	13.9
9	5.8	0.2	5.6
10	1.1	0.1	1.0
U.S.	42.7	2.1	40.7

- Represents zero.

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/ States included in regions are as follows 1- CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2- NY & NJ; 3- DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5- IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6- AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7- IA, KS, MO & NE; 8- CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9- AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10- AK, ID, OR & WA.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding. A region may not be published due to confidentiality, but is included in totals.

CANADIAN FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER

	Current 04/07/18	Week Ago 03/31/18	Year Ago 04/08/17	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	%Change
Cattle:	54,456	46,241	51,798	731,672	695,938	5.1%
Calves:	3,632	3,325	4,175	51,481	54,905	-6.2%
Sheep:	3,360	4,366	8,043	49,281	49,998	-1.4%
Hogs:	371,187	375,604	415,589	5,593,793	5,750,384	-2.7%

Texas to Mexico Daily Livestock Exports

THU, 04/13/2018	EXPORTS	CURRENT	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
	04/12/18	WEEK-T-D	Y-T-D	Y-T-D
Slaughter Lambs	0	0	0	0
Slaughter Ewes	0	0	2,225	623
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0
Total Sheep	0	0	2,225	623

US TO MEXICO WEEKLY LIVESTOCK EXPORT SUMMARY

Thu 04/12/2018	Current Week 04/07/2018	Previous Week 03/31/2018	Current Y-T-D	Previous Y-T-D*	PERCENT CHANGE
Slaughter					
Lambs	0	0	0	0	
Ewes	324	0	2,225	623	
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0	
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0	
Total	324	0	2,225	623	357.14%

LAMB AND MUTTON IMPORTS

For Reporting Period: 04/01/18 to 04/07/18 Metric Tons Week 14

Lamb	Boneless	Carcasses	Cuts	Edible	Primals &	Weekly	Year-to-
	Trimmings						
Australia	23	27	660	1	371	1,085	15,934
Canada					1	1	47
Chile		35				35	35
Iceland							26
Mexico							0
New Zealand	29	51		296	317	693	6,929
Northern Ireland							0
Spain							0
Uruguay							9
Total	52	113	660	297	689	1,815	22,980
Corned (Species)							
Mutton							
Australia			329	22	51	402	5,664
Chile			17			17	17
New Zealand					73	73	1,920
Total			345	22	124	491	7,600

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS AND LAMB CUTS - IMPORTED

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

Fresh Cuts = 858,958 Pounds
Frozen Cuts = 1,866,394 Pounds

NEGOTIATED SALES, FRESH

Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	14	5,644	935.00 1,297.00	1,184.16
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	26	12,535	1,045.00 1,442.00	1,112.01
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	42	75,644	910.00 1,312.00	1,006.21
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	14	50,664	305.00 330.00	306.94
AUS Foreshank, VP	7	3,932	306.00 387.00	353.76
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1	5	2,142	421.00 563.00	504.12
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 0x0	25	129,875	421.00 615.00	553.12
AUS Leg, semi bnls	7	5,121	391.00 445.00	410.39

NEGOTIATED SALES, FROZEN

Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	13	6,991	840.00 1,272.00	1,054.38
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	14	7,344	895.00 1,250.00	1,022.40
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	18	7,736	895.00 1,135.00	1,047.38
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	40	126,410	221.00 392.00	263.00
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls	14	73,341	362.00 415.00	374.13
AUS Foreshank, LP	25	27,875	225.00 403.00	257.60
AUS Leg, Long	73	138,113	258.00 452.00	369.85
AUS Hindshank, LP	10	15,854	255.00 355.00	274.14
AUS Hindshank, VP	4	1,723	248.00 340.00	293.33
AUS Leg, bnls	29	56,141	365.00 470.00	400.48
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12 oz/dn	5	1,130	1,129.00 1,205.00	1,144.62
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12-16 oz	192	93,664	889.00 1,245.00	1,111.04
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 16-20 oz	85	49,607	1,069.00 1,239.00	1,106.87
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up	25	9,005	840.00 1,245.00	1,036.10

Regional Weekly Summaries

MOUNTAIN AREAS AND WESTERN UNITED STATES DIRECT SHEEP

Receipts: 2800 Last Week: 0 Last Year: 2400

Compared to a week ago: No trend as these are the first traded feeder lambs reported from California and the first reported slaughter lambs. There were 2800 head of confirmed trades this week. The state identified is the state of origin. Prices quoted per cwt. Current delivery unless otherwise noted.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIRECT SHEEP

Feeder Lambs: Trading at a standstill, demand light.

TX: None. Slaughter Lambs: TX: None. Slaughter Ewes: TX: None.

Replacement Ewes: TX: None.

NATIONAL WEEKLY SLAUGHTER SHEEP REVIEW

Compared to last week, negotiated purchases of slaughter lambs were unevenly steady on comparable sales.

Negotiated Purchases:

This Week: 3700 Last Week: 2400 Last Year: 4100

Domestic Slaughter Lambs

Choice and Prime:

Live Purchases:	Weight Range	Price Range	Wtd Avg Price
Wooled and Shorn	145-186 lbs	136.00-164.00	149.52

Formula Purchases:

Formula purchase information for previously slaughtered lambs (carcass basis)

Weighted Average Weight: 91.70 lbs
 Weighted Average Net Price: 261.21
 Weighted Average Dressing Percent: 49.90

Comprehensive Information:

Includes all Negotiated & Formula transactions submitted this week (carcass basis)

Weighted Average Weight: 88.30 lbs
 Weighted Average Net Price: 272.35
 Weighted Average Dressing Percent: 49.89

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WEEKLY LAMB PELTS PRICE REPORT - FOB Major Production Points

Per Piece Price

Estimated Credit Returned to Producers Per Piece Price for Week Ending: 04/13/2018

Pelt activity this week compared to last report: Compared to last week, pelts were mostly steady with higher quality pelts steady to 0.25 cents lower.

Unshorn	Price Range	Shorn	Price Range
Supreme	2.50 -11.50	Supreme	1.50 -11.25
Premium	(2.50)- 9.50	Premium	(2.50)- 8.50
Standard	(1.00)- 2.00	Standard	(2.50)- 1.50
Fair	(1.50)- 2.00	Fair	(2.25)-(1.00)
Mixed Class	(1.50)- 1.50	Mixed Class	(2.50)-(2.25)
Damaged/Puller	(1.50)-(1.25)	Damaged/Puller	(2.50)-(2.25)

Pelt Category	Square Footage	Discolored Fiber	Manure/Seed Free	Staple Length	Micron	Processing Defects
Supreme	9-up	none	predominantly	1-3	22-26	minimal
Premium	7-10	none-minimal	predominantly	1-3	22-26	minimal
Standard	8-down	minimal	somewhat/heavy	1-3	22-up	minimal
Fair	4-up	some	somewhat/heavy	NA	NA	yes
Mixed Class	NA	some	somewhat/heavy	NA	NA	yes
Damaged/Puller	NA	some	somewhat/heavy	NA	NA	yes

Livestock Mandatory Reporting on Negotiated, Formula and Contract trades Monday April 9, 2018 through Friday April 13, 2018 showed pelts consisting of 59.1% Unshorn and 40.9% Shorn.

NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades reported. Prices reflect trades FOB warehouse in original bag or square pack, bellies out, some graded, and 76 mm or longer. No allowance made for coring, freight or handling fees at the warehouse level to reflect net grower prices (*) indicates new prices this week. (NA) represents microns not normally available in this region. Wools shorter than 75 mm typically discounted .10-.20 clean. Classed and skirted wools usually trade at a .10-.20 premium to original bag prices.

Micron	US Grades	Fleece States	Territory States	Texas and New Mexico
18	80s	None	None	None
19	70-80s	None	None	None
20	64-70s	None	None	None
21	64s	None	None	None
22	62s	None	None	None
23	60-62s	None	None	None
24	60s	None	None	None
25	58s	None	None	None
26	56-58s	None	None	None
27	54-56s	None	None	None
28	54s	None	None	NA
29	50-54s	None	None	NA
30-34	44-50s	None	None	NA

Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades reported. All trades reported on a weighted average.

Domestic wool tags are delivered to buyer and reported on a greasy basis:

Number 1 tags	Number 2 tags	Number 3 tags
.60-.70	.50-.60	.40-.50

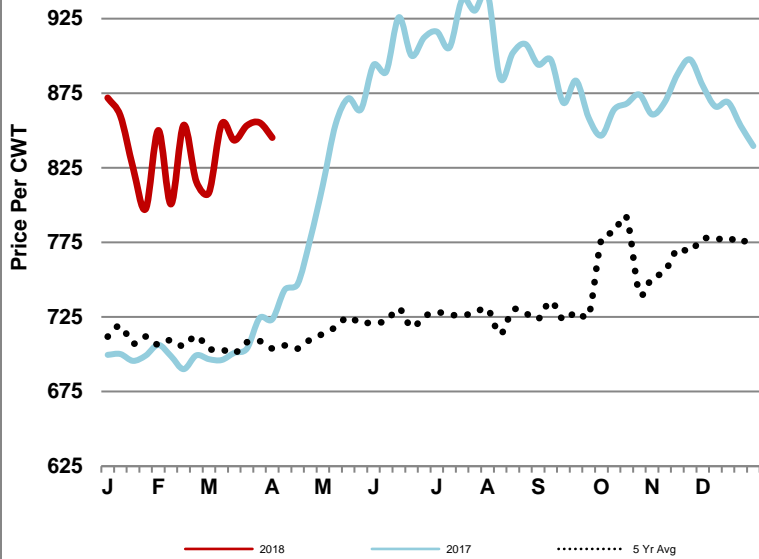
In Australia this week, the Eastern Market Indicator was up 4 at 1776 cents per Kg clean from the sale a week ago. A total of 54,409 bales were offered with sales of 93.9 percent. The Australian exchange rate was weaker by .0050 at .7750 percent of the U.S. dollar. Australian wool prices are quoted delivered Charleston, South Carolina. The current freight rate is .15 cents per pound clean. Schlumberger Dry formula is used for yield determination.

The 75-85 percent of Australia price range can be used as an estimated value of clean domestic prices FOB the warehouse and gross producer. These are estimated domestic values and may vary depending on current market conditions, yield, strength, length, colored fiber content, poly contamination, and other quality factors.

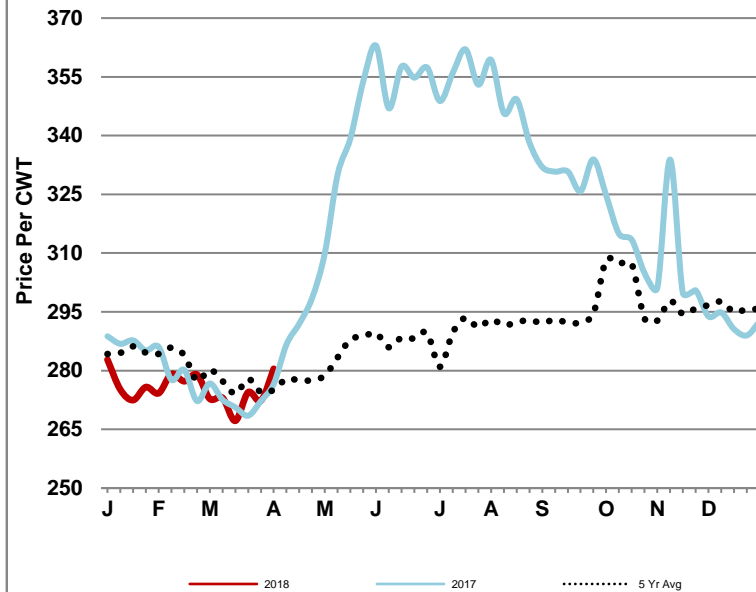
Micron	US Grade	Clean Del Price in U.S. Dollars	Change from Previous Sale	75-85 Percent of Australia
18	80s	8.24	+ .06	6.18-7.01
19	70-80s	7.33	+ .07	5.50-6.23
20	64-70s	6.91	+ .03	5.18-5.88
21	64s	6.78	+ .04	5.08-5.76
22	62s	6.67	+ .03	5.00-5.67
23	60-62s	6.49	+ .05	4.86-5.51
24	60s	6.14	----	4.61-5.22
25	58s	4.79	+ .01	3.59-4.07
26	56-58s	4.39	+ .06	3.29-3.73
28	54s	3.33	+ .16	2.49-2.83
30	50s	2.39	+ .10	1.79-2.03
32	46-48s	1.58	- .03	1.19-1.35
	Merino Clippings	4.94	+ .12	3.71-4.20

Eastern Market Indicator closed up 4 at 1776 cents per kg clean. Australian exchange rate was weaker by .0050 at .7750 percent of the U.S. dollar.

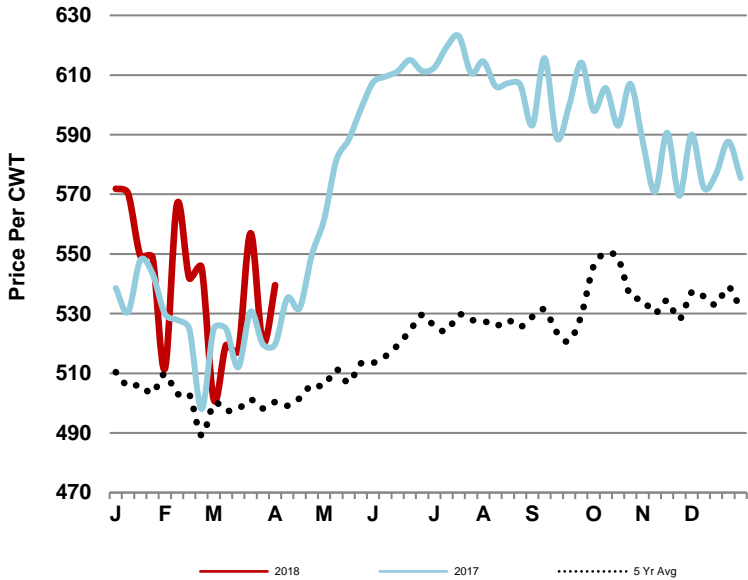
Weekly Rack, 8-Rib, Medium



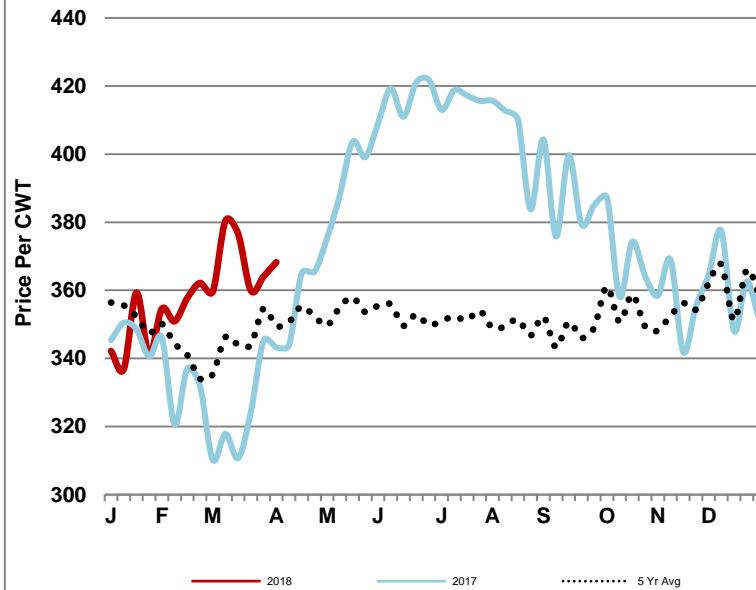
Weekly Shoulders, Square-Cut



Weekly Loins, Trimmed 4X4



Weekly Leg, Trotter-Off



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