



USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs steady to 5.00 higher, except light lambs at San Angelo, TX were 5.00-10.00 lower. Slaughter ewes were 5.00-10.00 lower. Feeder lambs were firm. At San Angelo, TX 5334 head sold this week. Equity Electronic Auction sold 338 slaughter lambs in Nebraska. In direct trading slaughter ewes not tested and no comparison on feeder lambs in Texas.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-160 lbs:
San Angelo: shorn and woolled 100-170 lbs 170.00-188.00.
VA: woolled 90-110 lbs 190.00-220.00; 110-130 lbs 164.00.
PA: shorn and woolled 90-110 lbs 238.00-253.00; 110-130 lbs 220.00-235.00; 130-150 lbs 214.00-229.00.
Ft. Collins, CO: shorn 135 lbs 170.00; woolled 110 lbs 207.50-227.50, 135-145 lbs 165.00-190.00, 160-180 lbs 135.00-160.00.
Billings, MT: no test.
Kalona, IA: woolled 120-155 lbs 201.00-208.50; 170 lbs 185.00.
South Dakota: shorn 145 lbs 198.00; woolled 115-125 lbs 197.00-207.50, 130-140 lbs 196.00-209.50.
Oklahoma: 110-180 lbs no test.
Missouri: 122 lbs 228.00.
Equity Elec: shorn and woolled 125 lbs 199.75.
Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1:
San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 208.00-224.00; 60-70 lbs 200.00-232.00; 70-80 lbs 200.00-226.00; 80-90 lbs 186.00-206.00; 90-110 lbs 180.00-192.00.
Pennsylvania: 40-60 lbs 259.00-274.00; 60-80 lbs 248.00-280.00; 80-90 lbs 251.00-265.00.
Kalona, IA: 50-60 lbs 257.00-262.50; 60-70 lbs 245.00-255.00; 70-75 lbs 240.00-255.00; 86 lbs 230.00; 90-105 lbs 215.00-235.00.
Ft. Collins: 40-55 lbs 205.00-225.00; 60-70 lbs 205.00-230.00; 80-85 lbs 205.00-210.00; 90-110 lbs 195.00-215.00.
Missouri: 68 lbs 222.00.
South Dakota: 62 lbs 240.00; 85-115 lbs 211.00-219.00.
Direct Trading: (lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent)
TX: 300: Feeder Lambs 75-80 lbs 240.00-244.00.
Slaughter Ewes:
San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) 65.00-74.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 75.00-87.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 65.00-75.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 58.00-65.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 45.00-58.00.
Pennsylvania: Good 2-3 (fleshy) 91.00-107.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 60.00-80.00.
Ft. Collins: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 63.00-65.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 65.00-75.50; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 66.00-73.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 52.00-61.00.
Billings, MT: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) no test; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) no test; Cull 1 (extremely thin) no test.
So Dakota: Good 3-4 55.00-64.00; Good 2-3 54.00-65.00; Utility 1-2 47.00-52.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 45.00-49.00; Cull 1 39.00-44.00.
Oklahoma: Utility and Good 1-3 no test; Cull 1 no test.
Missouri: Utility and Good 1-3 60.00-70.00, few 70.00-80.00.
Virginia: Good 2-4 85.00-93.00.
Kalona: Good 2-3 62.50-77.50; Utility and Good 1-3 57.00-69.00; Utility 1-2 60.00-62.50.
Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:
San Angelo: new crop 50-60 lbs 232.00-259.00; 60-80 lbs 232.00-258.00; 80-90 lbs 232.00-245.00; 90-105 lbs 244.00-248.00.
Ft. Collins: 60-80 lbs 240.00-250.00.
So Dakota: 40 lbs 292.50; 59 lbs 242.50; 77 lbs 243.50; 85 lbs 229.00; 110-115 lbs 203.00-219.50.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: Broken mouth 75.00-95.00 per head.
Ft. Collins: Bred whiteface 210.00-215.00 per head.
So Dakota: Bred yearlings 280.00 per head; bred baby tooth 260.00 per head; bred baby tooth to solid mouth 245.00-305.00 per head; bred solid mouth 245.00 per head, thin 180.00 per head; exposed baby tooth to solid mouth 102.50-130.00 per head; baby tooth to solid mouth ewes with lambs 200.00-210.00 per family.
Kalona, IA: Bred blackface 170.00-195.00 per head.

NATIONAL DAILY LAMB CARCASS

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

Compared to last week: Carcasses higher; 55#'s and down trended higher to sharply higher; 55-65#'s trended 6.77 higher; 65#'s and up trended 7.48-8.55 higher.

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head	1,765
Weight	Head	Wt Avg	
45-DN	41	548.66	
45-55#	42	439.85	
55-65#	218	383.70	
65-75#	428	369.89	
75-85#	670	355.23	
85-UP	366	342.14	

* SAT-FRI CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head	7,397
Weight	Head	Wt Avg	
45-DN	133	524.60	
45-55#	217	411.31	
55-65#	703	381.08	
65-75#	1,707	359.02	
75-85#	3,066	352.75	
85-UP	1,571	343.14	

USDA NATIONAL LAMB ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT

Week Ending 3/19/2011: Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 40,817 head. 38,004 Lambs, 93.1% of total sheep slaughtered. 29,860 graded, 78.57% of total lambs slaughtered.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield Grade		(May include hindsaddles)			Total
Quality	1	2	3	4	5	
Prime	0.03%	0.71%	2.26%	1.59%	0.42%	5.01%
Choice	4.83%	34.46%	43.15%	10.49%	2.05%	94.99%
Total %	4.86%	35.17%	45.42%	12.08%	2.47%	

HIGHLIGHTS

Wtd Avg Prices (unless otherwise noted)

SLAUGHTER LAMBS

Choice & Prime 2-3

Shorn & Woolled (130 - 180 pounds)

Latest Last Wk Last Yr

San Angelo, TX

180.57 182.55 106.46

El Reno, OK (Simple Avg)

N/Q N/Q N/Q

Ft Collins, CO

164.53 N/Q N/Q

SLAUGHTER EWES

Good 2-3 & Good 3-4

Latest Last Wk Last Yr

San Angelo, TX

66.18 78.81 46.78

St. Onge, Newell, SD

62.87 N/Q 44.50

Ft. Collins, CO

72.08 N/Q 52.17

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

245.90 N/Q 145.28

St. Onge, Newell, SD

N/Q N/Q N/Q

Ft. Collins, CO

N/Q N/Q 124.63

CARCASS LAMB

FOB PLANT WT AVG

Last Week Latest

45#-Dn 498.37 548.66

45-55# 409.64 439.85

55-65# 380.39 383.70

65-75# 358.03 369.89

75-85# 350.67 355.23

85#-Up 342.20 342.14

Last Year

45#-Dn 448.33

45-55# 280.05

55-65# 251.06

65-75# 233.04

75-85# 230.51

85-Up 224.85

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 956,829 pounds
Frozen Cuts 205,099 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
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 55/dn	3	1,568	\$406.09	0.00
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 55/65	7	7,223	\$419.19	2.49
202	Foresaddle	3	627	\$423.26	0.00
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	7	1,404	\$900.33	9.38
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	106	31,206	\$874.04	0.57
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	8	13,748	\$856.74	5.55
204A	Rack, chined	47	12,816	\$1,029.92	40.90
204B	Rack, roast-ready	25	6,550	\$1,180.51	12.45
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	168	24,195	\$1,715.62	26.34
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	17	1,761	\$2,149.54	4.49
206	Shoulders	114	98,362	\$281.58	3.25
207	Shoulders, square-cut	162	94,263	\$313.35	6.39
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	52	21,959	\$422.33	(4.23)
209	Breast	100	54,322	\$142.42	(1.66)
	Breast, bulk	22	30,121	\$127.99	(2.16)
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	32	3,213	\$446.02	(10.63)
210	Foreshank	251	37,154	\$410.84	1.28
230	Hindsaddle	5	316	\$450.41	10.93
231	Loins	30	4,544	\$405.58	0.49
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	106	26,144	\$472.54	3.95
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	6	404	\$839.25	34.79
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	12	3,516	\$737.02	4.08
232A	Loins, short-cut, 2x2	13	1,651	\$600.31	0.44
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	79	16,766	\$683.06	(17.71)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	39	8,982	\$751.93	(19.67)
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	9	226	\$1,507.34	95.90
232E	Flank, untrimmed	17	32,448	\$62.18	(0.53)
233	Legs	51	19,500	\$455.01	1.91
233A	Leg, trotter-off	177	47,373	\$459.96	14.18
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnl	40	5,564	\$614.67	22.86
233E	Leg, steamship	46	8,469	\$579.46	22.39
233F	Hindshank	112	29,303	\$396.13	(0.84)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	149	38,803	\$655.25	8.97
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	29	3,078	\$714.37	10.97
234B	Leg, 2-way boneless	4	266	\$577.26	34.39
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	89	13,772	\$704.29	0.42
234G	Sirloin, boneless	25	1,860	\$739.06	(21.86)
236	Back, trimmed	19	291	\$755.09	(20.55)
238	Trimnings	35	3,938	\$481.71	(0.86)
239	Special trimmings	14	350	\$510.06	5.78
245	Sirloin	3	228	\$722.65	59.88
246	Tenderloin	5	134	\$1,330.39	29.70
295	Lamb for stewing	66	15,615	\$724.63	3.99
296	Ground lamb	183	31,171	\$545.23	(2.20)
	Necks	40	9,491	\$142.59	0.39

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
206	Shoulders	3	2,804	\$320.50	
207	Shoulders, square-cut	7	9,135	\$323.93	237.21
209	Breast	5	10,111	\$163.27	9.11
210	Foreshank	4	2,142	\$398.00	(28.96)
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	3	1,712	\$445.00	(89.29)
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	7	17,975	\$535.12	(7.40)
233A	Leg, trotter-off	13	18,509	\$448.97	
233F	Hindshank	9	2,056	\$377.24	0.09
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	8	2,063	\$749.17	2.65
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	23	1,666	\$781.49	7.15
238	Trimnings	5	33,470	\$144.33	0.00
295	Lamb for stewing	16	3,818	\$684.50	(21.47)
296	Ground lamb	44	6,330	\$599.69	(9.95)
	Necks	17	19,634	\$98.71	5.36

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	9,952
Weight			Wt Avg
45-DN		133	524.60
45-55#		217	411.31
55-65#		703	381.08
65-75#	2,217		355.21
75-85#	3,981		348.35
85-UP	2,701		336.44

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 5		Head	280
Weight			Wt Avg
45-DN			
45-55#			
55-65#			
65-75#			
75-85#			
85-UP			

CERTIFIED FRESH AMERICAN LAMB		Head	
Weight			Wt Avg

UNGRADED		Head	338
Weight			Wt Avg
45-DN		65	346.68
45-55#		64	347.99
55-65#		83	324.28
65-75#		77	323.52
75-85#		26	317.81
85-UP		23	322.26

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	%	CARCAS	LBS.
FORESADDLE						
204	RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	874.04	0.56	10.77%	8.08	
209	BREAST **	121.32	-2.23	8.85%	6.64	
207	SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	313.35	6.39	23.53%	17.65	
210	FORESHANK	410.84	1.28	3.82%	2.87	
	NECK **	113.01	2.35	2.22%	1.67	
HINDSADDLE						
232	LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	472.54	3.94	10.97%	8.23	
232E	FLANK UNTRIMMED **	63.32	-5.17	3.39%	2.54	
233A	LEG, TROTTER OFF	459.96	14.17	31.88%	23.91	
GROSS CARCASS VALUE:		397.50	6.24	95.45%	71.59	
FORESADDLE VALUE		400.10	2.98	49.20%	36.90	
HINDSADDLE VALUE		433.87	10.33	46.24%	34.68	

Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$31.50
NET CARCASS VALUE 366.00 6.24

* Shrink and trim of 3.41 lb's not reflected in cutout value
* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 75 lbs. for W/E 3/19/2011, up 1 pound from last week.
*Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

ACTUAL SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

For W/E 03/19/2011

Monday	9,255
Tuesday	8,694
Wednesday	7,318
Thursday	9,024
Friday	6,417
Saturday	109

Total 40,817

Lambs & Yearlings 93.1
Mature Sheep 6.9%

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

(Estimated, except *Actual*)

Production Mil.Lbs.

02-Apr-2011	3.2
26-Mar-2011	3.0
Change	6.7%
03-Apr-2010	3.4
Change	-5.9%
2011 YTD:	35.3
*2010 YTD:	42.3
Change	-16.5%
19-Mar-2011	3.0

Average Live Weights

02-Apr-2011	148
26-Mar-2011	147
03-Apr-2010	121
19-Mar-2011	148

Dressed

02-Apr-2011	74
26-Mar-2011	73
03-Apr-2010	61
19-Apr-2011	74

Slaughter

02-Apr-2011	44,000
26-Mar-2011	41,000
Change	7.3%
03-Apr-2010	56,000
Change	-21.4%
2011 YTD:	489,000
*2010 YTD:	607,000
Change	-19.4%

US FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGION

Week Ending 03/19/2011

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Total 2/	Sheep Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1	0.3	0.1	0.2
2	2.2	0.5	1.7
3	1.7	0.0	1.6
4	0.7	0.2	0.5
5	5.8	0.8	5.1
6	0.5	0.1	0.3
7	1.8	0.3	1.5
8	21.4	0.8	20.6
9	6.1	0.1	6.0
10	0.4	0.0	0.4
U.S. 2/	40.8	2.8	38.0

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.

CANADIAN FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER

	Current 03/19/11	Week Ago 03/12/11	Year Ago 03/20/10	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	%Change
Cattle:	53,591	50,869	62,125	596,032	662,802	-10.1%
Calves:	5,177	4,657	5,090	51,511	52,191	-1.3%
Sheep:	2,557	2,872	3,903	31,813	33,772	-5.8%
Hogs:	400,438	386,459	403,449	4,437,958	4,605,923	-3.6%

TEXAS SHEEP EXPORT FIGURES

THURSDAY, 03/31/2011	WEEK-TO-DATE 03/26/2011	YR-TO-DATE 03/19/2011	PREV YTD *2011*	PERCENT CHANGE *2010*
Slaughter				
Lambs	0	0	0	0
Ewes	0	0	3,263	21,360
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	3,263	21,360 - 84.72%

US TO MEXICO WEEKLY SHEEP EXPORT FIGURES

	Current Week 03/26/2011	Previous Week 03/19/2011	Current Y-T-D	Previous Y-T-D*	PERCENT CHANGE
Slaughter					
Lambs	0	0	0	0	
Ewes	0	0	3,263	21,069	
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0	
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	3,263	21,069 - 84.51%	

LAMB & MUTTON IMPORTS

METRIC TONS OF LAMB FOR REPORTING PERIOD:	2/6/11-2/12/11	
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN Manufact	Cuts Misc Fresh Processed	TOTAL
Australia	0 3 253 0 0	256
Canada	0 0 0 0 0	0
New Zealand	0 17 153 0 0	170
Other	0 0 0 0 0	0
Total	0 21 405 0 0	426

METRIC TONS OF MUTTON FOR REPORTING PERIOD:	2/6/11-2/12/11	
Australia	0 0 0 0 0	0
Canada	0 0 0 0 0	0
New Zealand	0 15 0 0 0	15
Other	0 0 0 0 0	0
Total	0 15 0 0 0	15

LAMB	Australia	Canada	N Zeal	Other	Total
Wk Ending 12-Feb-11	256	0	170	0	426
Prev Week 5-Feb-11	314	0	97	0	412
Year Ago 13-Feb-10	224	0	294	0	519
2010 YTD	3477	1	1798	6	5282
2011 YTD	3036	1	1525	13	4575
2011 to 2010 by %	-14.55%	-3.60%	-17.87%	55.85%	-15.46%

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
Negotiated Sales 0-21 days:		
Fresh Cuts =	643,605 Pounds	Fresh Cuts = 7,655 Pounds
Frozen Cuts =	704,957 Pounds	Frozen Cuts = 2,278 Pounds

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FRESH	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
Sub-Primal				
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	16	3,173	935.00-1,476.00	1,120.55
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	16	5,362	1,212.00-1,505.00	1,349.01
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	10	3,976	1,112.00-1,545.00	1,198.96
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	16	82,928	247.00- 353.00	267.63
AUS Fore Shank, VP	10	4,632	297.00- 375.00	327.70
AUS Leg, semi bnls	13	20,492	409.00- 605.00	458.89
AUS Leg, bnls	11	5,951	499.00- 645.00	571.83
AUS Leg, bnls, shank-off	11	125,018	434.00- 434.00	434.00

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FROZEN	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
Sub-Primal				
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	4	1,500	1,020.00-1,320.00	1,218.94
AUS Fore Shank, LP	21	42,592	245.00- 290.00	254.00
AUS Hind Shank, LP	5	32,258	300.00- 327.00	315.82
AUS Leg, bnls, shank-off	11	28,766	475.00- 632.00	495.88
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12 oz/dn	11	2,781	1,085.00-1,350.00	1,173.46
NZ Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls	13	29,745	410.00- 551.00	435.99
NZ Flap, LP	4	27,301	184.00- 191.00	186.13

Regional Weekly Summaries

MOUNTAIN AREAS AND WESTERN UNITED STATES DIRECT SHEEP

Receipts: 0 Last Week: 18,500 Last Year: 1500

Compared to last week: no trend available as no trades were reported. The majority of the California springers have been traded. A few clean up sales may be available when it comes time to ship. Buyers seem to be reluctant to commit on fall contract lambs, at the current levels, not knowing how this market will react after the upcoming holidays. Demand good to very good. Trade activity was slow.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIRECT SHEEP

Feeder Lambs: No recent comparison. Trading at a near standstill in the area. Supplies remain limited. TX: 300: Medium and Large 1-2 75-80 lbs 240.00-244.00. **Slaughter Lambs:** TX: None. **Slaughter Ewes:** TX: None. **Replacement Ewes:** TX: None.

NATIONAL DAILY LAMB REPORT

Receipts:	Negotiated	Formula
This Period	5,271	11,302
Week to Date	5,271	11,302
Last Week Total	7,327	9,772
Last Year Total	3,204	17,642

Comments: Compared to last week, negotiated live slaughter lambs sold 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Compared to last week, formula dressed slaughter lambs sold 12.00 higher.

NEGOTIATED PURCHASES -

Slaughter Lambs:	Live Basis	- Choice and Prime				
	Head Count	Weight Range	Wtd Avg Weight	Wtd Avg Dr pct	Price Range	Wtd Avg Price
Woolled and Shorn	5,271	124-181	148.8	50.0	157.00-200.00	186.59

FORMULA PURCHASES -

Slaughter Lambs:	Carcass Basis	- Choice and Prime				
	Head Count	Weight Range	Wtd Avg Weight	Wtd Avg Dr pct	Price Range	Wtd Avg Price
	108	under 55 lbs	45.2	51.4	368.70-400.00	393.33
	51	55-65 lbs	61.9	44.2	350.00-350.00	350.00
	1,095	65-75 lbs	70.9	47.6	332.61-355.92	350.79
	5,964	75-85 lbs	80.9	49.6	284.00-375.00	344.72
	4,084	over 85 lbs	88.0	50.0	294.00-368.88	357.16

NATIONAL WEEKLY SLAUGHTER SHEEP REVIEW

Negotiated Sales: This Week: 5600 Last Week: 7700 Last Year: 3200

Compared to last week, negotiated live slaughter lambs sold 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Compared to last week, formula dressed slaughter lambs sold 12.00 higher. Negotiated sales fob unless otherwise noted.

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 were mostly steady, with good demand and light supply. Movement remains active.

PELT TYPES:	PACKER, SEED	FREE, MOSTLY GOOD	DENSITY WOOL
SHORN	Price Range	UNSHORN	Price Range
Fall Clips (suitable to tan, wool on)	8.00 - 18.00	Wools	5.00 - 17.00
No. 1	7.00 - 16.00	Pickling skins	3.00 - 7.00
No. 2	6.00 - 14.00	Springers:	5.50 - 15.00
No. 3	1.00 - 6.00	Western Slope,	
No. 4	1.00 - 5.00	California,	
		Heavy seedy	
		Idaho,	
		Kansas,	
		Midwest	
Imperial's		Native(Gray)	
Fall Clips			
No. 1			
No. 2			

Livestock Mandatory Reporting on Negotiated, Formula and Contract trades Saturday through Friday showed 17,794 pelts consisting of 34.74% woolled, 61.47% Fall Shorn No. 1, 3.73% No. 2, and 0.06% No. 3&4.

NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was moderate this week. With 780,290 lbs of confirmed sales this week. Demand good to very good. All prices reported on a weighted average. Prices include auction and country trades.

Domestic clean wool, confirmed trades, and reported on a weighted average basis. 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	80'S	NA	None	None
19	70-80'S	None	6.28*	6.09
20	64-70'S	None	5.26*	5.36*
21	64'S	None	5.18*	5.26*
22	62'S	None	4.88*	4.70*
23	60-62'S	None	4.56*	None
24	60'S	None	3.90*	None
25	58'S	None	3.37*	None
26	56-58'S	None	3.11*	None
27	54-56'S	None	2.40*	NA
28	54'S	None	2.10*	NA
29	50-54'S	None	None	NA
30-34	44-50'S	None	None	NA

Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was slow this week. With 61,000 lbs confirmed sales this week. Demand good to very good. All prices reported on a weighted average. Territory States lamb wool: 21-22 micron 63 mm BI Pack 1.55, 21-22 micron 70-73 mm BI Pack 2.51, 22-23 micron 57-63 mm BI Pack 1.41, 25-26 micron 60-65 mm BI Pack 1.00.

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

Number 1 tags	Number 2 tags	Number 3 tags
.80-.90	.70-.75	.60-.65

The FSA effective LDP rate for wool is down .02 at .03 per pound.
The FSA effective LDP rate for mohair is unchanged at .00 per pound.

In Australia this week the Eastern Market Indicator was up 4 at 1383 cents per Kg clean from last week. A total of 47,905 bales were offered with sales of 91.7 percent. The Australian exchange rate was weaker by .0197 at 1.0320 percent of the US dollar. The sale next week has a total offering of 49,050 bales.

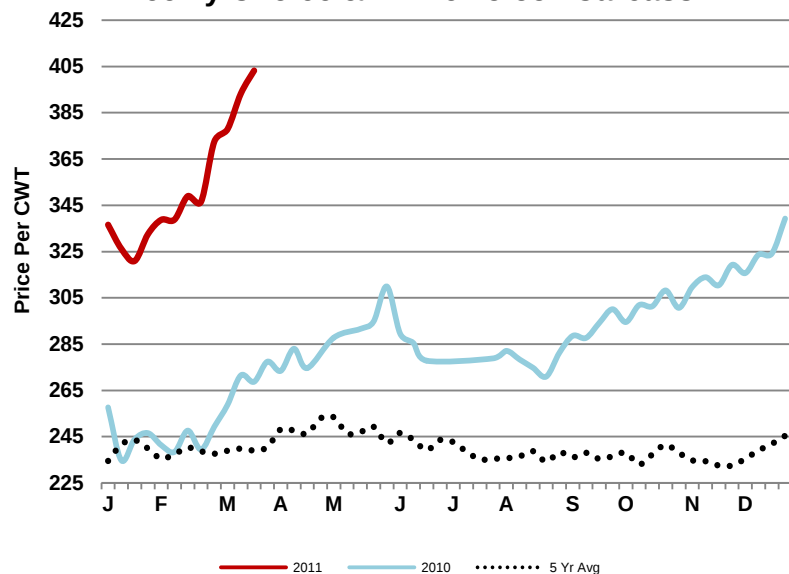
Australian wool prices are quoted delivered Charleston, South Carolina. The current freight rate is .15 cents per pound clean. Schlumberger Dry formula is used for yield determination.

The 75-80 percent of Australia price range can be used as an estimated value of clean 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.

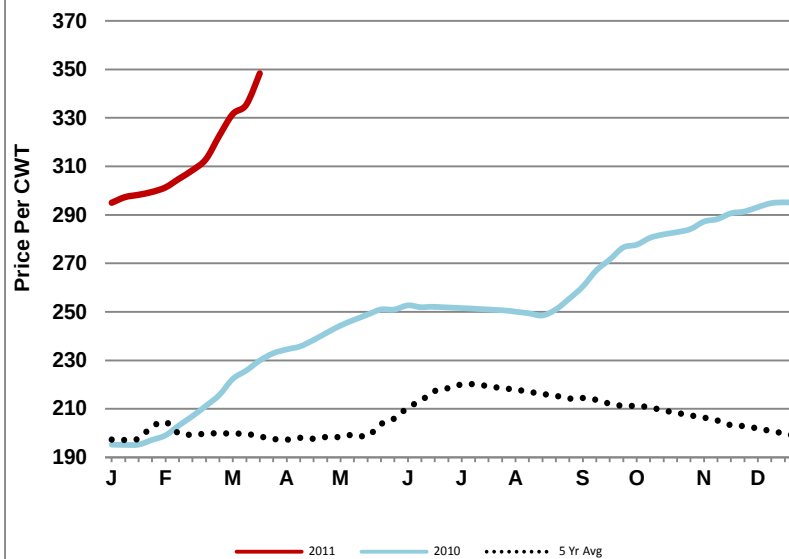
Micron	US Grade	Clean Del Price in US Dollars	Change from Last Week	75-85 Percent of Australia
18	80's	10.06	+ .06	7.55-8.55
19	70-80's	8.14	+ .18	6.10-6.92
20	64-70's	6.69	+ .18	5.02-5.69
21	64's	6.33	+ .16	4.75-5.38
22	62's	6.21	+ .10	4.66-5.28
23	60-62's	6.11	+ .09	4.59-5.20
24	60's	5.50	+ .07	4.13-4.68
25	58's	4.88	+ .09	3.66-4.15
26	56-58's	4.49	+ .09	3.37-3.82
28	54's	3.58	+ .07	2.69-3.05
30	50's	3.29	+ .06	2.46-2.79
	Merino Clippings	3.99	+ .11	2.99-3.39

Eastern Market Indicator closed up 4 at 1383 cents per kg clean. Australian exchange rate was weaker by .0197 at 1.0320 percent of the US dollar.

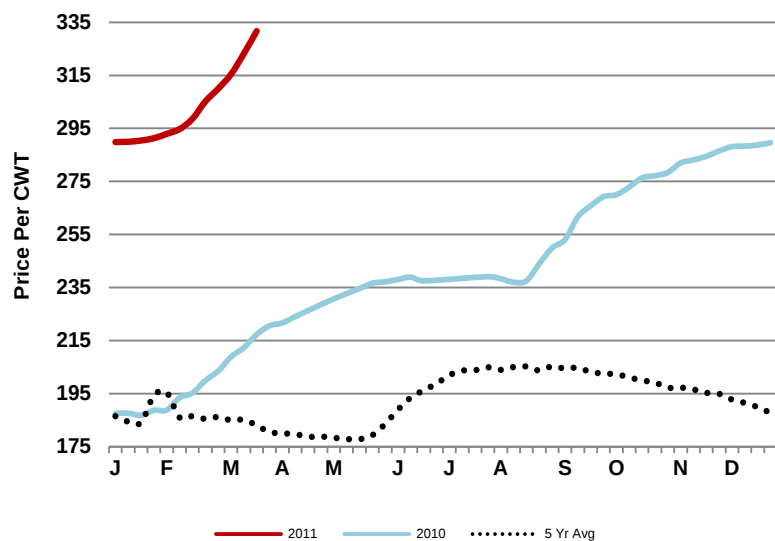
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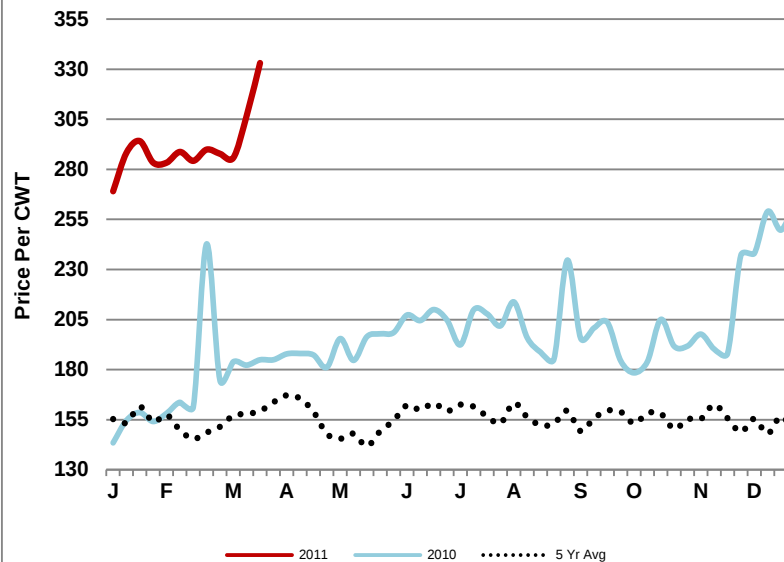
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