



USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs mostly 10.00-20.00 lower, except light lambs at New Holland, PA 10.00-15.00 higher. Slaughter ewes mostly 4.00-10.00 lower. Feeder lambs were weak to 15.00 lower, except at Ft. Collins 5.00-10.00 higher. At San Angelo, TX 7885 head sold this week. Equity Electronic Auction sold 125 slaughter lambs in Wisconsin. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-160 lbs:
San Angelo: shorn and woolled 100-150 lbs 140.00-150.00.
VA: woolled 80-110 lbs 200.00-231.00; 110-125 lbs 190.00-230.00.
PA: shorn and woolled 90-110 lbs 228.00-243.00; 110-130 lbs 219.00-234.00.
Ft. Collins, CO: woolled 115-155 lbs 152.00-162.50.
Kalona, IA: woolled 125-145 lbs 180.00-192.50.
South Dakota: shorn 145 lbs 180.00; woolled 125 lbs 190.00.
Oklahoma: 90-205 lbs 153.00-189.00.
Equity Elec: shorn and woolled 125 lbs 175.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1:
San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 180.00-190.00; 60-70 lbs 180.00-192.00; 70-90 lbs 180.00-186.00; 90-100 lbs 170.00-176.00.
Pennsylvania: 40-60 lbs 277.00-300.00; 60-80 lbs 238.00-269.00; 80-90 lbs 230.00-245.00.
Kalona, IA: 48 lbs 195.00; 50-60 lbs 200.00-235.00; 60-70 lbs 205.00-215.00; 70-80 lbs 210.00-215.00; 85-105 lbs 190.00-210.00.
Ft. Collins: 40-50 lbs 195.00-220.00; 50-65 lbs 180.00-200.00; 90-100 lbs 190.00-210.00.
Missouri: 45-75 lbs 184.00-212.00; 98 lbs 192.00.
Virginia: 30-60 lbs 167.00-225.00; 60-90 lbs 198.00-220.00.
Oklahoma: 60-90 lbs 180.00-199.00.
Direct Trading: (lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent)

Slaughter Ewes:
San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) 60.00-66.00, few 55.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 65.00-75.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 58.00-72.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 53.00-58.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 30.00-53.00.
Pennsylvania: Good 2-3 (fleshy) 64.00-98.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 58.00-78.00.
Ft. Collins: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 66.00-75.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 77.00-83.00; Utility 1-2 59.00-65.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 60.00-63.00.
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 46.00-49.00; Good 2-3 52.00-58.00; Utility 1-2 44.00; Cull 1 37.00.
Oklahoma: Utility and Good 1-3 69.00-80.00; Cull 1 56.00-71.00.
Missouri: Utility and Good 1-3 50.00-73.00.
Virginia: Good 2-4 54.00-89.50; Utility 1-2 80.00-92.50.
Kalona: Good 2-3 57.00-65.00; Utility and Good 1-3 47.00-63.00; Utility 1-2 45.00-55.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:
San Angelo: new crop 45-70 lbs 190.00-214.00; 70-90 lbs 190.00-200.00; 90-105 lbs 180.00-184.00.
Virginia: no test.
Ft. Collins: 45-50 lbs 210.00-215.00; 50-60 lbs 205.00-210.00; 65 lbs 227.50; 70-75 lbs 200.00-232.50; 80-85 lbs 210.00-242.50; 90-100 lbs 190.00-205.00.
Kalona: 30-40 lbs 200.00-290.00; 40-50 lbs 210.00-255.00; 50-60 lbs 210.00-240.00; 60-70 lbs 200.00-235.00; 70-80 lbs

So Dakota: 185.00-215.00; 80-85 lbs 195.00-200.00.
30-45 lbs 260.00-310.00; 50-60 lbs 280.00-286.00; 88 lbs 187.00; 90-100 lbs 200.00-214.00.
Oklahoma: 30-40 lbs 181.00-190.00; 40-50 lbs 186.00-204.00; 55-60 lbs 166.00-198.00.
Missouri: 30-35 lbs 144.00-154.00.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:
Ft. Collins: Solid mouth ewes with lambs 250.00-300.00 per family; aged ewe with lamb 185.00 per family.
So Dakota: Solid to broken mouth ewes 160 lbs 63.00 cwt.

NATIONAL DAILY LAMB CARCASS

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

Compared to last week: Carcasses mixed, however mostly higher; 45#'s down 73.18 higher; 45-65#'s trended 5.85 lower; 65-75#'s 7.77 higher; 75#'s up trended 5.27-24.58 lower.

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head	2,017
Weight	Head		Wt Avg
45-DN	118		594.89
45-55#	48		423.00
55-65#	274		385.49
65-75#	390		365.23
75-85#	666		353.39
85-UP	521		333.09

* SAT-FRI CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head	12,929
Weight	Head		Wt Avg
45-DN	1,575		595.69
45-55#	274		419.78
55-65#	1,081		381.61
65-75#	2,365		359.51
75-85#	4,285		352.25
85-UP	3,349		336.86

USDA NATIONAL LAMB ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT

Week Ending 4/9/2011: Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 43,354 head. 41,091 Lambs, 94.8% of total sheep slaughtered. 31,185 graded, 75.89% of total lambs slaughtered.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield	Grade	(May include hindsaddles)	Total		
Quality	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Prime	0.00%	0.64%	2.53%	2.53%	0.55%	6.25%
Choice	4.38%	29.50%	43.00%	14.83%	2.04%	93.75%
Total %	4.38%	30.14%	45.53%	17.36%	2.59%	

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

N/Q 141.93 105.00

El Reno, OK (Simple Avg)

156.98 N/Q N/Q

Ft Collins, CO

N/Q 177.50 N/Q

SLAUGHTER EWES

Good 2-3 & Good 3-4

Latest Last Wk Last Yr

San Angelo, TX

62.82 65.79 38.98

St. Onge, Newell, SD

N/Q 58.00 47.00

Ft. Collins, CO

81.27 69.79 50.69

Billings, MT

N/Q 65.38 N/Q

FEEDER LAMBS

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

Latest Last Wk Last Yr

San Angelo, TX

184.00 195.74 N/Q

St. Onge, Newell, SD

N/Q N/Q N/Q

Ft. Collins, CO

198.17 185.00 N/Q

CARCASS LAMB

FOB PLANT WT AVG

Latest Last Wk Latest

45#-Dn 568.63 594.89

45-55# 438.10 423.00

55-65# 389.20 385.49

65-75# 353.57 365.23

75-85# 350.65 353.39

85#-Up 332.65 333.09

Last Year

45#-Dn 350.50

45-55# 289.79

55-65# 259.82

65-75# 241.78

75-85# 240.02

85-Up 237.18

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 1,703,003 pounds
Frozen Cuts 212,025 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	4,222	\$423.48	0.00
200A	Carcass, 3-way, 55/65	5	3,328	\$418.92	1.18
202	Foresaddle	4	1,269	\$424.85	0.00
203	Bracelet	5	4,635	\$445.73	(0.28)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	10	2,378	\$897.51	(3.32)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	172	52,083	\$897.35	(4.09)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	7	3,732	\$887.57	0.00
204A	Rack, chined	67	14,213	\$1,006.17	(33.44)
204B	Rack, roast-ready	31	10,337	\$1,221.92	15.59
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	224	33,144	\$1,668.35	(4.71)
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	24	3,263	\$2,201.34	18.47
206	Shoulders	112	120,966	\$280.18	(0.69)
207	Shoulders, square-cut	192	120,320	\$327.33	1.26
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	46	13,552	\$440.58	6.60
209	Breast	159	75,551	\$138.67	(4.99)
	Breast, bulk	24	57,962	\$123.05	0.52
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	43	4,881	\$469.23	0.34
210	Foreshank	332	43,158	\$421.69	2.85
229	Hindsaddle, long-cut	7	4,889	\$492.08	0.00
230	Hindsaddle	11	1,401	\$464.62	(0.31)
231	Loins	41	6,971	\$417.06	(8.27)
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	148	31,101	\$499.30	0.53
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	7	409	\$840.35	0.03
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	27	8,840	\$684.34	4.01
232A	Loins, short-cut, 2x2	19	3,569	\$602.34	0.03
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	112	22,435	\$731.71	4.87
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	51	13,633	\$783.65	2.60
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	17	1,259	\$1,590.79	4.15
232E	Flank, untrimmed	16	39,082	\$64.94	(0.44)
233	Legs	132	66,260	\$463.46	(14.47)
233A	Leg, trotter-off	418	242,083	\$440.36	0.27
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnls	93	49,065	\$574.91	12.71
233E	Leg, steamship	81	88,041	\$520.06	15.93
233F	Hindshank	125	29,922	\$387.33	(0.52)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	243	85,411	\$634.68	(0.80)
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	59	6,708	\$728.75	7.45
234B	Leg, 2-way boneless	8	3,678	\$585.35	7.35
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	108	20,102	\$723.35	(1.71)
234G	Sirloin, boneless	36	2,125	\$677.92	(20.18)
235	Back	3	592	\$499.34	
236	Back, trimmed	28	375	\$814.92	25.43
238	Trimnings	31	3,867	\$478.59	1.19
239	Special trimmings	12	320	\$479.88	(21.24)
245	Sirloin	3	205	\$643.44	20.98
246	Tenderloin	3	146	\$1,206.97	
295	Lamb for stewing	63	6,326	\$699.93	3.93
296	Ground lamb	197	29,259	\$557.18	(4.62)
	Necks	52	23,254	\$118.11	(1.42)

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	10	12,896	\$887.61	(0.28)
209	Breast	4	14,018	\$160.06	(0.80)
210	Foreshank	6	2,055	\$428.82	0.00
230	Hindsaddle	4	2,819	\$442.45	0.00
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	3	2,591	\$448.69	23.85
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	7	27,036	\$530.22	0.12
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	5	430	\$707.45	2.73
232E	Flank, untrimmed	5	1,121	\$132.85	0.00
233A	Leg, trotter-off	12	32,736	\$405.86	7.48
233F	Hindshank	9	1,821	\$414.87	2.26
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	5	2,556	\$689.68	20.71
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	29	2,236	\$784.78	55.35
238	Trimnings	12	24,153	\$172.88	7.13
295	Lamb for stewing	17	2,569	\$651.94	(12.05)
296	Ground lamb	41	7,004	\$599.78	(5.61)
	Necks	19	7,781	\$131.97	(0.64)

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	13,091
Weight	Wt Avg	
45-DN	1,575	595.69
45-55#	274	419.78
55-65#	1,081	381.61
65-75#	2,461	359.60
75-85#	4,285	352.25
85-UP	3,415	337.09

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 5	Head	414
Weight	Wt Avg	
45-DN	0	
45-55#		
55-65#		
65-75#		
75-85#		
85-UP		

CERTIFIED FRESH AMERICAN LAMB	Head	Wt Avg
Weight	Head	

UNGRADED	Head	611
Weight	Wt Avg	
45-DN	205	549.93
45-55#	97	353.64
55-65#	114	337.05
65-75#	107	338.29
75-85#	44	270.63
85-UP	44	270.63

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	897.35	-4.09	10.77%	8.08	
209 BREAST **	119.36	0.53	8.85%	6.64	
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	327.33	1.26	23.53%	17.65	
210 FORESHANK	421.69	2.84	3.82%	2.87	
NECK **	121.58	-1.26	2.22%	1.67	
HINDSADDLE					
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	499.30	0.53	10.97%	8.23	
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	66.83	-0.40	3.39%	2.54	
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	440.36	0.27	31.88%	23.91	
GROSS CARCASS VALUE:	400.54	0.11	95.45%	71.59	
FORESADDLE VALUE	412.77	-0.03	49.20%	36.90	
HINDSADDLE VALUE	426.97	0.28	46.24%	34.68	

Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$31.50

NET CARCASS VALUE 369.04 0.11

* Shrink and trim of 3.46 lb's not reflected in cutout value

* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 75 lbs. for W/E 4/9/2011, down 1 pound from last week.

*Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

ACTUAL SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

For W/E 04/09/2011

Monday	8,319
Tuesday	8,951
Wednesday	8,003
Thursday	9,357
Friday	6,449
Saturday	2,275

Total 43,354

Lambs & Yearlings 94.8
Mature Sheep 5.2%

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

(Estimated, except *Actual*)

Production Mil.Lbs.

23-Apr-2011	3.6
16-Apr-2011	3.9
Change	-7.7%
24-Apr-2010	2.9
Change	24.1%
2011 YTD:	46.2
*2010 YTD:	50.6
Change	-8.6%
09-Apr-2011	3.2

Average Live Weights

23-Apr-2011	149
16-Apr-2011	149
24-Apr-2010	143
09-Apr-2011	148

Dressed

23-Apr-2011	74
16-Apr-2011	74
24-Apr-2010	71
09-Apr-2011	74

Slaughter

23-Apr-2011	48,000
16-Apr-2011	52,000
Change	-7.7%
24-Apr-2010	40,000
Change	20.0%
2011 YTD:	632,000
*2010 YTD:	723,000
Change	-12.6%

US FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGION

Week Ending 04/09/2011

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Total	Sheep Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1/	1,000 head		
1	0.4	-	0.4
2	2.7	0.4	2.3
3	1.7	0.1	1.6
4	0.8	0.2	0.6
5	5.7	0.7	5.1
6	0.6	0.2	0.4
7	2.6	0.2	2.4
8	22.0	0.5	21.5
9	6.2	-	6.2
10	0.5	-	0.5
U.S. 2/	43.4	2.3	41.1

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 04/09/11	Week Ago 04/02/11	Year Ago 04/10/10	YTD 2011	YTD 2010	%Change
Cattle:	52,167	52,175	54,916	752,213	830,554	-9.4%
Calves:	4,922	4,884	4,681	66,019	65,870	0.2%
Sheep:	3,454	3,125	2,337	40,860	45,877	-10.9%
Hogs:	387,232	388,695	375,907	5,605,836	5,759,273	-2.7%

TEXAS SHEEP EXPORT FIGURES

THURSDAY, 04/21/2011	WEEK-TO-DATE 04/16/2011	YR-TO-DATE 04/09/2011	PREV YTD *2010*	PERCENT CHANGE
Slaughter				
Lambs	0	0	0	
Ewes	0	0	3,613	
Breeding Males	0	0	0	
Breeding Females	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	3,613	- 87.49%

US TO MEXICO WEEKLY SHEEP EXPORT FIGURES

	Current Week 04/16/2011	Previous Week 04/09/2011	Current Y-T-D	Previous Y-T-D*	PERCENT CHANGE
Slaughter					
Lambs	0	0	0	0	
Ewes	0	0	3,613	27,911	
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0	
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	3,613	27,911	-87.06%

LAMB & MUTTON IMPORTS

METRIC TONS OF LAMB FOR REPORTING PERIOD:	2/27/11-3/05/11				
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN Manufact	Carcasses	Cuts	Misc	Fresh	Processed
Australia	0	0	391	0	0
Canada	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	193	17	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	584	17	0

METRIC TONS OF MUTTON FOR REPORTING PERIOD:	2/27/11-3/05/11				
Australia	0	0	0	2	2
Canada	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	32	0	0	32
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	32	0	2	34

LAMB	Australia	Canada	N Zeal	Other	Total
Wk Ending 5-Mar-11	391	0	209	0	600
Prev Week 26-Feb-11	383	0	474	0	856
Year Ago 6-Mar-10	504	1	211	0	716
2010 YTD	4684	2	2901	6	7593
2011 YTD	4035	1	2563	13	6612
2011 to 2010 by %	-16.10%	-64.75%	-13.17%	55.85%	-14.84%

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 =	1,491,365 Pounds	Fresh Cuts = 24,064 Pounds
Frozen Cuts =	751,942 Pounds	Frozen Cuts = 2,842 Pounds

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FRESH				
Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
AUS Rack, CF0, Cap-off, 24 oz/up	17	76,972	1,068.00-1,087.00	1,071.20
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/dn	14	8,337	1,107.00-1,540.00	1,125.74
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	25	10,778	150.00-1,595.00	1,119.52
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	36	14,291	1,065.00-1,650.00	1,306.39
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	17	5,250	1,250.00-1,650.00	1,417.54
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	20	120,697	275.00- 346.00	289.63
AUS Foreshank, VP	13	26,697	309.00- 365.00	350.84
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1	10	10,277	585.00- 645.00	599.24
AUS Leg, semi bnls	23	98,611	457.00- 620.00	509.78
AUS Leg, bnls	20	24,920	585.00- 677.00	618.42

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FROZEN					
Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range		Weighted Average
AUS Carcass, 35 lb/up	6	15,613	270.00-	280.00	271.47
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	10	12,270	231.00-	305.00	252.24
AUS Foreshank, LP	12	51,339	232.00-	338.00	248.22
AUS Foreshank, VP	5	385	284.00-	330.00	309.64
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1	4	513	550.00-	682.00	583.28
AUS Leg, semi bnls	4	2,456	395.00-	577.00	401.54
AUS Hindshank, LP	5	739	305.00-	315.00	306.94
AUS Leg, bnls, shank-off	7	26,505	455.00-	642.00	515.03
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12 oz/dn	16	6,472	1,132.00-	1,340.00	1,236.55
NZ Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls	4	2,172	471.00-	624.00	590.20

Regional Weekly Summaries

MOUNTAIN AREAS AND WESTERN UNITED STATES DIRECT SHEEP

Receipts: 0 Last Week: 2825 Last Year: 4960

Compared to last week: No trend available as no trades were reported. Demand moderate to good. Trade activity was slow.

SOUTH CENTRAL DIRECT SHEEP

Feeder Lambs: Trading at a standstill in the area. Supplies remain limited. Fires continue to burn in the area, but they are more contained and the danger from them is less eminent. **Slaughter Lambs:** TX: None. **Slaughter Ewes:** TX: None. **Replacement Ewes:** TX: None.

NATIONAL DAILY LAMB REPORT

Receipts:	Negotiated	Formula
This Period	2,557	13,160
Week to Date	2,557	13,160
Last Week Total	2,912	13,140
Last Year Total	6,600	12,084

Comments: Compared to last week, negotiated live slaughter lambs sold steady to firm. Compared to last week, formula dressed slaughter lambs sold 2.00 lower.

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
Wooled and Shorn	2,557	106-195	149.1	50.2	165.00-210.00	185.87

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
	117	under 55 lbs	37.2	51.1	340.00-400.00	386.03
	163	55-65 lbs	60.8	50.0	389.13-389.13	389.13
	1,607	65-75 lbs	69.0	48.5	308.33-370.00	343.91
	3,713	75-85 lbs	79.7	49.3	304.00-372.16	352.30
	7,560	over 85 lbs	90.2	50.1	319.99-375.04	365.15

NATIONAL WEEKLY SLAUGHTER SHEEP REVIEW

Negotiated Sales: This Week: 2900 Last Week: 4400 Last Year: 6600

Compared to last week, negotiated live slaughter lambs sold steady to firm. Compared to last week, formula dressed slaughter lambs sold 2.00 lower. 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 a slightly firm undertone for good quality pelts. Demand remains good on short supply creating an active market both domestically and internationally.

PELT TYPES:	PACKER, SEED FREE, MOSTLY GOOD DENSITY WOOL
SHORN	Price Range UNSHORN Price Range

Fall Clips (suitable to tan, wool on)	8.00 - 20.00	Wools	5.00 - 18.00
No. 1	7.00 - 17.00	Pickling skins	3.00 - 7.00
No. 2	6.00 - 15.00	Springers:	5.50 - 15.00
No. 3	1.00 - 6.00	Western Slope,	
No. 4	1.00 - 6.00	California,	
		Heavy seedy	
		Idaho,	
		Kansas,	
		Midwest	
Imperial's		Native(Gray)	

Fall Clips	22.00
No. 1	
No. 2	

Livestock Mandatory Reporting on Negotiated, Formula and Contract trades Saturday through Friday showed 14,951 pelts consisting of 24.16% woolled, 69.82% Fall Shorn No. 1, 4.30% No. 2, and 1.72% No. 3&4.

NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was slow this week. With no confirmed sales this week. Demand good to very good. All prices reported on a weighted average.

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	6.31	6.09
20	64-70'S	None	5.26	5.36
21	64'S	None	5.27	5.26
22	62'S	None	5.24	4.70
23	60-62'S	None	4.54	None
24	60'S	None	3.92	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	1.60	NA

Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was slow this week. With no confirmed sales this week. Demand good to very good. All prices 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
.80-.90	.70-.75	.60-.65

The FSA effective LDP rate for wool is unchanged at .00 per pound.

The FSA effective LDP rate for mohair is unchanged at .00 per pound.

South Africa held the fourth mohair sale of the 2011 summer season. Values for kid goats unchanged, young goats increased, fine adult goats increased and strong adult goats increased. A total of 389,938 lbs were offered, with a clearance of 94.8 percent. The Exchange rate of the Rand to US dollars was at 6.69. The next sale will be held on May 17, 2011.

In Australia this week the Eastern Market Indicator was down 27 at 1325 cents per Kg clean from last week. A total of 48,837 bales were offered with sales of 83.4 percent. The Australian exchange rate was weaker by .0065 at 1.0589 percent of the US dollar. No sale will be held next week due to their market is shut down in observance of the holiday.

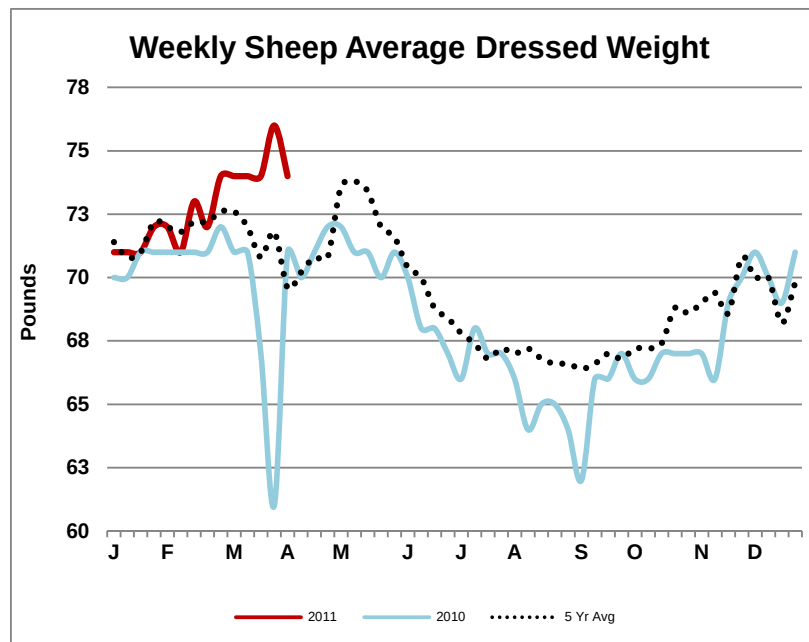
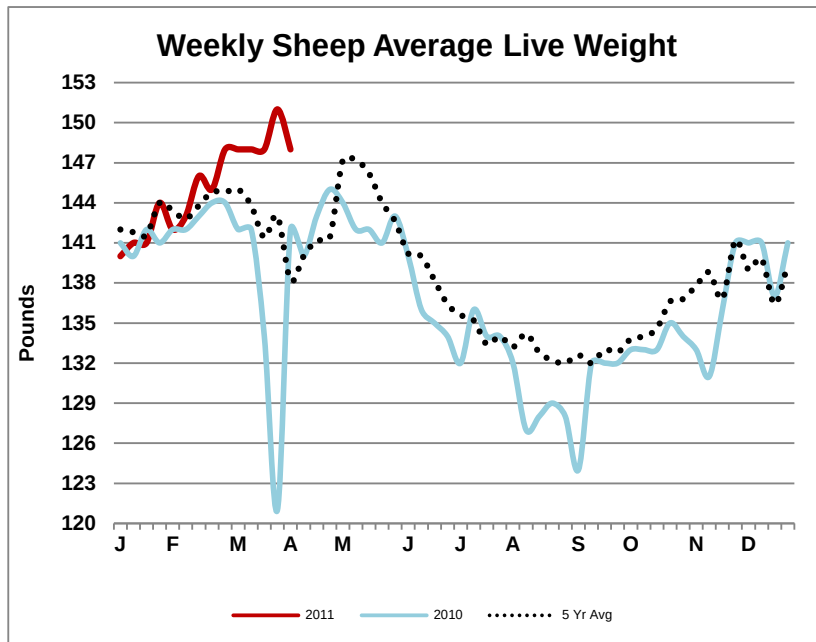
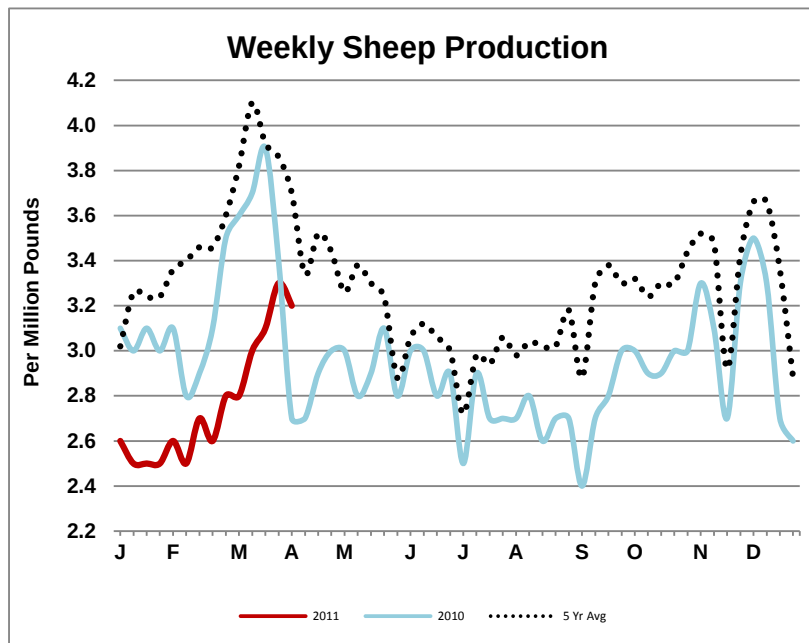
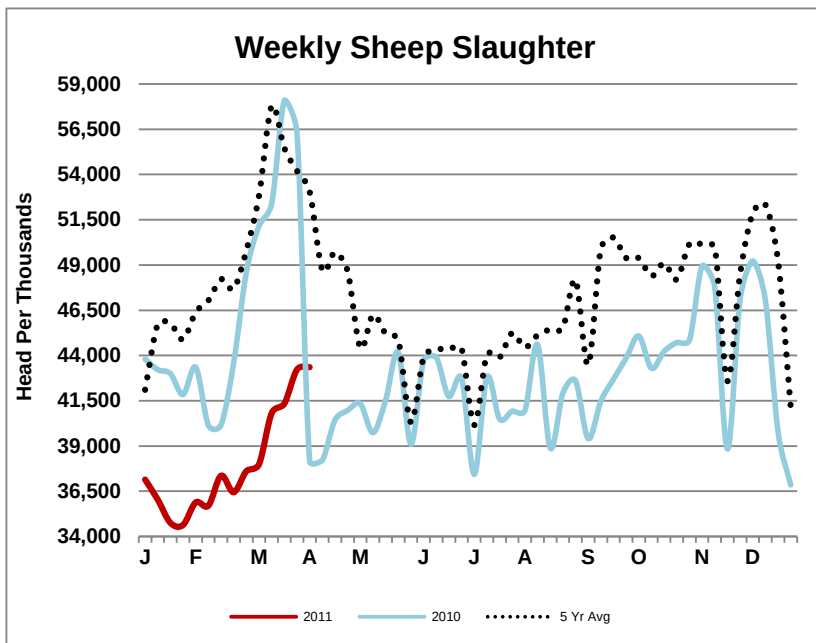
Australian wool prices are quoted delivered Charleston, South Carolina. The current freight rate is .15 cents per pound clean. Schlumberger Dry formula is used for yield determination.

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	9.87	- .20	7.40-8.39
19	70-80's	7.93	- .13	5.95-6.74
20	64-70's	6.73	- .02	5.05-5.72
21	64's	6.33	- .06	4.75-5.38
22	62's	6.23	- .05	4.67-5.29
23	60-62's	6.00	- .10	4.50-5.10
24	60's	5.21	- .10	3.91-4.43
25	58's	-----	-----	-----
26	56-58's	4.25	- .29	3.19-3.61
28	54's	3.32	- .10	2.49-2.82
30	50's	3.02	- .09	2.26-2.56
Merino Clippings		4.03	- .03	3.02-3.42

Eastern Market Indicator closed down 27 at 1325 cents per kg clean.

Australian exchange rate was weaker by .0065 at 1.0589 percent of the US dollar.



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