



# USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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## NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY

National Sheep Summary for Week Ending Friday, September 21, 2018

**Weekly Trends:** Compared to last week slaughter lambs were steady to 10.00 lower. Slaughter ewes were steady to 5.00 lower. Feeder lambs were 2.00-10.00 higher. At San Angelo, TX 4774 head sold. Equity Electronic Auction sold 335 slaughter lambs in North Dakota. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 2600 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were steady to 1.00 higher. 2,456 lamb carcasses sold with all weights no trend due to confidentiality. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

**Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-160 lbs:**  
San Angelo: shorn and woolled 100-125 lbs 110.00-120.00.  
VA: no test.  
PA: shorn and woolled 90-110 lbs 160.00-180.00; 110-130 lbs 140.00-167.00; 130-150 lbs 140.00-160.00; 150-200 lbs 130.00-150.00.  
Ft. Collins, CO: woolled 120-195 lbs 122.50-139.00.  
South Dakota: shorn and woolled 95-160 lbs 125.00-137.00.  
Equity Elec: shorn and woolled 145 lbs 130.25.

**Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2:**  
San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 200.00-222.00, few 228.00; 60-70 lbs 170.00-190.00, few 195.00-210.00; 70-80 lbs 166.00-176.00, few 180.00-181.00; 80-90 lbs 140.00-150.00; 90-110 lbs 128.00-132.00, few 140.00.  
Pennsylvania: 40-50 lbs 180.00-190.00; 50-60 lbs 175.00-215.00; 60-70 lbs 165.00-210.00; 70-80 lbs 150.00-185.00; 80-90 lbs 140.00-150.00, few 175.00-185.00.  
Ft. Collins: 50-70 lbs 143.00-156.00; 70-90 lbs 130.00-143.00.  
Missouri: 70-100 lbs 115.00-145.00.  
Virginia: 30-60 lbs 220.00-230.00; 60-90 lbs 142.50-185.00; 90-110 lbs 137.50-167.50.  
South Dakota: 78 lbs 155.00; 90-105 lbs 139.00-141.00.  
Billings, MT: no test.  
Direct Trading: (lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent)  
2600: Slaughter Lambs shorn and woolled 130-179 lbs 126.00-156.69 (wtd avg 139.19).

**Slaughter Ewes:**  
San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 58.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 60.00-70.00, high-yielding 75.00-81.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 50.00-60.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 40.00-50.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 19.00-32.00.  
Pennsylvania: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 60.00-85.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull 1 no test.  
Ft. Collins: Good 3-5 (very fleshy) 52.00-66.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 52.50-67.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 23.00; 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 1 no test.  
So Dakota: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 49.00-63.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 49.00-74.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 40.00-46.00; Cull 1 34.50.  
Missouri: Good 2-4 42.50-57.50.  
Virginia: Good 2-4 50.00-72.50; Utility 1-2 47.50.  
Kalona: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-2 (medium flesh) no test; Utility 1-2 (thin) no test; Cull 1 no test.

**Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:**  
Ft. Collins: 50-70 lbs 150.00-154.00; 70-95 lbs 140.00-149.00; 100-105 lbs 141.00-143.00; 117 lbs 140.00; 123 lbs 132.00.  
So Dakota: 50-60 lbs 206.00-227.00; 60-70 lbs 160.00-216.00; 70-80 lbs 142.50-168.00; 80-90 lbs 146.00-155.50; 90-100 lbs 132.50-144.00; 100-110 lbs 132.50-140.50; 110-120 lbs 126.00-132.00; 130 lbs 118.00.  
Missouri: 50-75 lbs 155.00.  
**Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:**  
San Angelo: hair ewe lambs 66 lbs 194.00 cwt, 80-90 lbs 154.00-158.00 cwt; mixed age hair ewes 80-130 lbs 74.00-110.00 cwt.  
So Dakota: ewe lambs 56 lbs 214.00 cwt, 70-80 lbs 162.00-168.00 cwt, 80-90 lbs 160.00-188.00 cwt, 90-110 lbs 151.00-154.00 cwt, 113 lbs 143.00 cwt; yearlings 245.00-285.00 per head; baby tooth 170.00-235.00 per head; baby tooth to solid mouth 105.00-200.00 per head; solid mouth 85.00-195.00 per head; solid to broken mouth 80.00-145.00 per head.  
Missouri: wool ewes 100-150 lbs 60.00-75.00 cwt; hair ewes 85-115 lbs 85.00-115.00 cwt.

## 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		Head 715	
Weight	Head	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		Head 2,456	
Weight	Head	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*		

\*For more information, please visit  
[www.ams.usda.gov/ConfidentialityGuidelines\\*](http://www.ams.usda.gov/ConfidentialityGuidelines*)

## NATIONAL LAMB ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT

Week Ending 09/08/2018: Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 33,958 head. 31,894 Lambs, 93.9% of total sheep slaughtered. 16,263 graded, 50.99% of total lambs slaughtered.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield Grade					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
Prime	0.31%	1.62%	3.16%	2.74%	1.68%	9.51%
Choice	4.26%	22.71%	42.93%	10.64%	9.96%	90.49%
Total %	4.56%	24.33%	46.09%	13.38%	11.64%	

## WEEKLY AUCTIONS

### SLAUGHTER LAMBS

[San Angelo, TX](#)

[Worthing, SD](#)

[Ft Collins, CO](#)

### SLAUGHTER EWES

[San Angelo, TX](#)

[St. Onge-Newell, SD](#)

[Ft. Collins, CO](#)

[Billings, MT](#)

### FEEDER LAMBS

[San Angelo, TX](#)

[St. Onge-Newell, SD](#)

[Ft. Collins, CO](#)

### CARCASS LAMB

FOB PLANT \*SAT-FRI\*  
WTD 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#	N/Q
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 874,133 pounds  
 Frozen Cuts 125,548 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	8	1,660	\$906.09	0.00
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	117	19,727	\$857.10	0.53
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	9	1,547	\$919.22	(4.28)
204A	Rack, chined	44	6,402	\$1,062.04	24.40
204B	Rack, roast-ready	25	7,846	\$1,233.82	18.13
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	142	16,348	\$1,609.27	(3.91)
206	Shoulders	71	61,177	\$261.88	0.77
207	Shoulders, square-cut	204	77,440	\$289.72	2.72
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	39	7,494	\$545.50	(8.26)
209	Breast	112	33,470	\$228.95	(2.29)
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	42	5,729	\$569.60	8.03
210	Foreshank	140	11,397	\$413.76	(0.87)
230	Hindsaddle	3	172	\$453.84	0.00
231	Loins	15	2,681	\$414.91	4.20
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	85	12,795	\$518.24	(2.64)
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	18	2,198	\$754.98	13.00
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	78	18,319	\$703.71	(0.25)
232	Loins, trimmed 0x0	26	2,393	\$931.43	(14.83)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	12	5,400	\$497.39	(14.75)
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	14	840	\$1,558.52	(12.79)
232E	Flank, untrimmed	30	10,806	\$155.95	0.51
233	Legs	66	9,094	\$359.20	3.00
233A	Leg, trotter-off	179	31,522	\$369.49	0.53
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnls	20	2,518	\$506.88	(10.01)
233E	Leg, steamship	7	463	\$498.73	11.83
233F	Hindshank	41	9,363	\$404.73	(12.22)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	140	32,404	\$523.96	1.62
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	27	3,364	\$682.28	7.33
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	62	5,998	\$829.01	0.51
234G	Sirloin, boneless	31	1,677	\$857.32	(0.83)
236	Back, trimmed	3	73	\$699.26	0.00
238	Trimnings	18	1,276	\$539.18	6.82
239	Special trimnings	27	1,830	\$584.96	6.34
295	Lamb for stewing	43	6,036	\$616.71	12.89
296	Ground lamb	75	13,884	\$569.02	2.85
	Necks	33	5,384	\$194.27	11.95

### FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
207	Shoulders, square-cut	3	6,808	\$215.97	
209	Breast	7	5,047	\$232.19	(0.98)
210	Foreshank	7	2,336	\$407.98	8.81
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	3	4,754	\$478.62	(4.62)
232E	Flank, untrimmed	6	15,462	\$79.95	0.00
233F	Hindshank	5	832	\$473.26	0.37
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	3	996	\$592.81	(20.90)
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	17	1,261	\$955.44	(3.12)
246	Tenderloin	3	55	\$676.73	(415.82)
295	Lamb for stewing	26	8,473	\$662.14	(21.78)
296	Ground lamb	59	10,582	\$596.30	35.09
	Necks	10	7,371	\$167.70	(0.82)

## NATONAL RETAIL SUMMARY

NATIONAL SUMMARY						
	THIS WEEK		LAST WEEK		LAST YEAR	
Outlets	29,200		29,200		29,200	
Feature Rate (1/)	10.4%		13.1%		8.0%	
Special Rate (2/)	0.0%		0.1%		0.0%	
Activity Index (3/)	4,410		4,970		3,360	
	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
<b>LAMB</b>						
LB Shoulder Roast	190	8.82	10	3.79	20	4.67
LB Shldr Blade Chops	560	5.54	1,960	5.13	870	4.90
LB Shldr Rnd Bone Chop	70	5.25	60	6.06	170	5.53
LB Breast	20	3.68	20	3.99	20	3.99
LB Rack					70	14.74
LB Ribs						
LB Rib Chops	20	19.99	20	19.99	60	14.82
LB Whole Loin						
LB Loin Chops	1,320	8.30	800	9.06	680	7.99
LB Bone-In Leg	10	3.99	20	6.05		
LB Boneless Leg	40	8.99			110	6.20
LB Semi-Bnls Leg					10	8.99
LB Butterflied, Bnls Leg						
LB Leg, Shank/Butt			10	5.34		
LB Leg Steaks			10	6.99		
LB Top Round Roast	20	19.99				
LB Top Round Steak						
LB Ground Lamb	440	6.95	10	4.99	40	5.94
LB Shank	30	4.55	30	5.90	10	5.99
LB Stew Meat-Lamb	160	4.07	30	4.32		
LB Stew Meat-Mutton	10	2.58	120	3.99	20	2.59

## 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
<b>FORESADDLE</b>				
204 RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	857.10	0.53	11.42%	7.65
209 BREAST **	221.49	-1.50	7.74%	5.19
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	289.72	2.72	24.17%	16.19
210 FORESHANK	413.76	-0.87	3.48%	2.33
NECK **	178.92	3.13	2.31%	1.55
<b>HINDSADDLE</b>				
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	518.24	-2.64	10.91%	7.31
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	111.21	-1.21	2.81%	1.88
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	369.49	0.53	31.29%	20.96
<b>GROSS CARCASS VALUE:</b>				
	378.86	0.49	94.13%	63.07
<b>FORESADDLE VALUE</b>				
	414.46	1.31	49.12%	32.91
<b>HINDSADDLE VALUE</b>				
	389.42	-0.35	45.01%	30.16
<b>Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$44.85</b>				
<b>NET CARCASS VALUE</b>				
	334.01	0.49		

\* Shrink and trim of 3.93 lb's not reflected in cutout value  
 \* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 67.00 lbs. for W/E 09/08/2018, unchanged from last week.  
 \*\*Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

## ACTUAL SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

For W/E 09/08/2018

Monday	878
Tuesday	8,461
Wednesday	6,820
Thursday	8,251
Friday	7,224
Saturday	2,324

Total	33,958
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%Lambs & yearlings	93.9
%Mature sheep	6.1

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION

(Estimated, except \*Actual\*)

**Production Mil.lbs.**

22-Sep-18	2.7
15-Sep-18	2.6
Change:	3.8%
16-Sep-17	2.4
Change:	12.5%
2018 YTD	101.7
2017 YTD	95.4
Change:	6.6%
*08-Sep-18*	2.3

## Average Live Weights

22-Sep-18	134
15-Sep-18	135
16-Sep-17	131
*08-Sep-18*	134

## Dressed:

22-Sep-18	67
15-Sep-18	68
16-Sep-17	66
*08-Sep-18*	67

## Slaughter

22-Sep-18	41,000
15-Sep-18	38,000
Change:	7.9%
16-Sep-17	37,000
Change:	10.8%
2018 YTD	1,438,000
2017 YTD	1,395,000
Change:	3.1%

## US FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGION

Week Ending 09/08/2018

Standard :	Sheep		
Federal :	-----		
Regions :	Total	Mature	Lambs &
1/ :		Sheep	Yearlings
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	1,000 head		
1	0.5	-	0.4
2	3.6	0.3	3.3
3	2.7	0.4	2.3
4	1.5	0.3	1.2
5	6.2	0.4	5.8
6	0.9	0.2	0.7
7	0.3	-	0.3
8	12.3	0.3	12.0
9	5.2	0.2	5.0
10	1.0	0.1	0.9
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U.S. 2/	35.0	2.1	31.9

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	Week Ago	Year Ago	YTD	YTD	%Change
	09/15/18	09/08/18	09/16/17	2018	2017	
Cattle:	64,360	56,231	58,732	2,121,744	1,986,114	6.8%
Calves:	3,639	3,027	4,038	133,885	142,285	-5.9%
Sheep:	3,161	3,400	3,049	118,964	117,895	0.9%
Hogs:	412,407	345,029	419,630	14,481,286	14,629,593	-1.0%

## Texas to Mexico Daily Livestock Exports

Fri, 09/21/2018	EXPORTS	CURRENT	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
	9/20/2018	WEEK-T-D	YTD	YTD
Slaughter Lambs	0	0	0	0
Slaughter Ewes	0	0	5,541	3,584
Breeding Males	0	0	0	4
Breeding Females	0	0	0	6
Total Sheep	0	0	5,541	3,594

## US TO MEXICO WEEKLY LIVESTOCK EXPORT SUMMARY

Thu 09/20/2018	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	PERCENT
	Week	Week	YTD	YTD*	CHANGE
	9/15/2018	9/8/2018			
Slaughter Lambs	0	0	0	0	
Slaughter Ewes	340	0	5,541	3,584	
Breeding Males	0	0	0	4	
Breeding Females	0	0	0	6	
Total Sheep	340	0	5,541	3,594	+ 154.17%

## LAMB AND MUTTON IMPORTS

For Reporting Period: 09/02/2018 to 09/08/2018 Metric Tons Week 37

	Boneless			Edible	Primals &	Weekly	2018
	Trimmings	Carcasses	Cuts	Offals	Subprimals	Total	YTD Total
Lamb							
Australia		42	352	25	280	699	40,850
Canada					1	1	75
Chile					21	21	538
Iceland							96
Mexico							0
New Zealand	3	7	10	24	229	274	19,282
Northern Ireland							0
Spain							0
Uruguay							62
Total							60,904
Corned							
(Species)							
Mutton							
Australia			250	3	50	303	12,087
Chile							17
New Zealand					24	33	2,938
Total							

## NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS AND LAMB CUTS - IMPORTED

FOB cold storage; negotiated sales for delivery periods; 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:  
Fresh Cuts = 856,462 Pounds  
Frozen Cuts = 1,855,098 Pounds

### NEGOTIATED SALES, FRESH

Sub-Primal	# of	Total	Price	Weighted
	Trades	Pounds	Range	Average
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	23	12,912	1,089.00	1,178.69
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	36	19,585	1,069.00	1,221.57
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	51	85,689	945.00	1,109.71
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	16	49,943	289.00	304.38
AUS Foreshank, VP	7	2,436	307.00	322.45
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1	3	1,850	533.00	542.88
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 0x0	30	123,606	439.00	571.35
AUS Leg, semi bnls	7	4,494	392.00	397.82

### NEGOTIATED SALES, FROZEN

AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	21	40,852	1,058.00	1,326.00	1,099.36
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	33	63,234	895.00	1,350.00	1,076.03
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	10	28,781	1,063.00	1,265.00	1,086.91
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	40	105,108	239.00	378.00	263.06
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls	25	42,224	339.00	361.00	352.83
AUS Foreshank, LP	17	17,359	225.00	310.00	254.68
AUS Leg, Long	66	133,567	258.00	423.00	361.79
AUS Hindshank, VP	18	12,774	248.00	360.00	266.98
AUS Leg, bnls	84	262,104	248.06	439.00	367.81
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12 oz/dn	5	1,500	1,182.00	1,425.00	1,263.72
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12-16 oz	66	28,773	1,139.00	1,364.00	1,224.06
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 16-20 oz	94	50,490	990.00	1,382.00	1,200.32
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up	42	21,913	1,040.00	1,347.00	1,184.53

## REGIONAL WEEKLY SUMMARIES

### MOUNTAIN AREAS AND WESTERN UNITED STATES DIRECT SHEEP

Receipts: 0 Last Week: 16,200 Last Year: 0

Compared to a week ago: There were no confirmed trades reported this week. Feeder lambs sell FOB with an overnight stand or equivalent 3-4 percent shrink unless otherwise noted. 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

Comments: Compared to last week's light test, negotiated purchases of slaughter lambs were steady to 1.00 higher on comparable sales.

Negotiated Purchases:  
This Week: 2600 Last Week: 3700 Last Year: 2400

#### Domestic Slaughter Lambs

##### Choice and Prime:

Live Purchases:	Weight Range	Price Range	Wtd Avg Price
Wooled and Shorn	130-179 lbs	126.00-156.69	139.19

##### Formula Purchases:

Formula purchase information for previously slaughtered lambs (carcass basis)

Weighted Average Weight:	83.50 lbs
Weighted Average Net Price:	282.45
Weighted Average Dressing Percent:	51.07

##### Comprehensive Information:

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

Weighted Average Weight:	80.56 lbs
Weighted Average Net Price:	282.50
Weighted Average Dressing Percent:	51.06

### WEEKLY LAMB PELTS PRICE REPORT - FOB Major Production Points

#### Per Piece Price

Estimated Credit Returned to Producers Per Piece Price for Week Ending: 9/14/2018

Pelt activity this week compared to last week, pelts were steady.

Unshorn	Price Range	Shorn	Price Range
Supreme	0.50 - 4.50	Supreme	0.50 - 4.50
Premium	(2.75)- 3.50	Premium	(2.50)- 3.25
Standard	(2.50)- 1.00	Standard	(2.50)- 0.25
Fair	(2.50)- 1.00	Fair	(2.25)-(1.00)
Mixed Class	(2.50)- 0.50	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, September 17, 2018 through Friday September 21, 2018 showed pelts consisting of 48.0% Unshorn and 52.0% 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

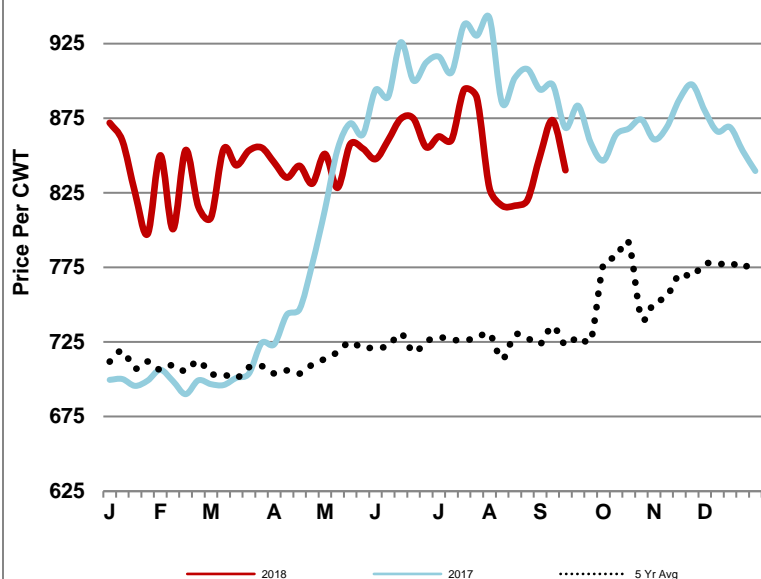
In Australia this week, the Eastern Market Indicator was down 27 at 2067 cents per Kg clean from the sale a week ago. A total of 35,630 bales were offered with sales of 90.2 percent. The Australian exchange rate was weaker by .0079 at .7257 percent of the U.S. dollar. Australian wool prices are quoted 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.

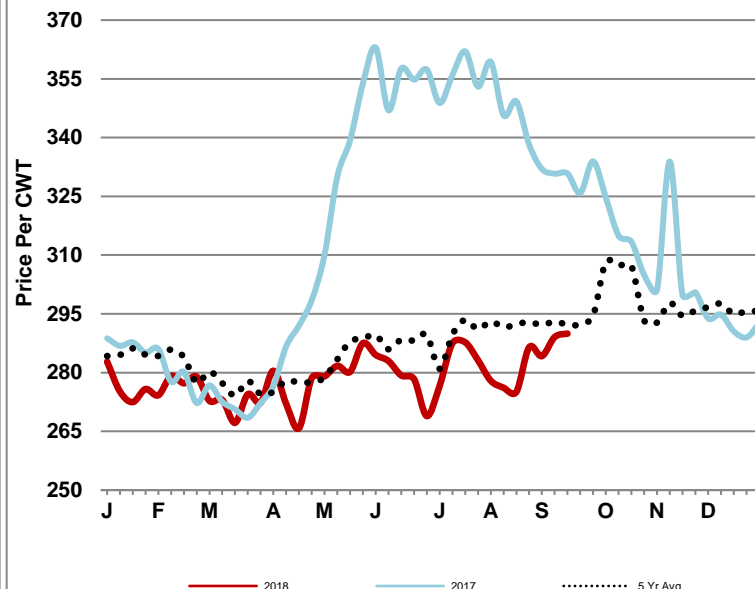
Micron	US Grade	Clean Del Price in U.S. Dollars	Change from Previous Sale	75-85 Percent of Australia
18	80s	8.91	+ .03	6.68-7.57
19	70-80s	8.09	+ .00	6.07-6.88
20	64-70s	7.64	- .01	5.73-6.50
21	64s	7.51	- .01	5.63-6.38
22	62s	7.46	- .03	5.60-6.34
23	60-62s	7.42	- .01	5.57-6.31
24	60s	6.89	+ .03	5.17-5.86
25	58s	5.76	- .14	4.32-4.90
26	56-58s	4.98	- .09	3.74-4.24
28	54s	3.28	- .03	2.46-2.79
30	50s	2.59	+ .03	1.94-2.20
32	46-48s	1.80	+ .05	1.35-1.53
Merino Clippings		5.25	- .01	3.94-4.46

Eastern Market Indicator closed down 27 at 2067 cents per kg clean. Australian exchange rate was weaker by .0079 at .7257 percent of the U.S. dollar.

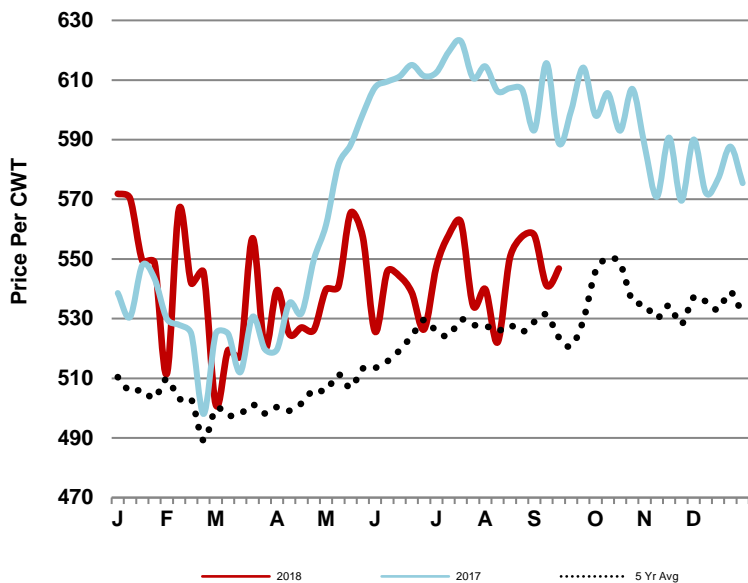
**Weekly Rack, 8-Rib, Medium**



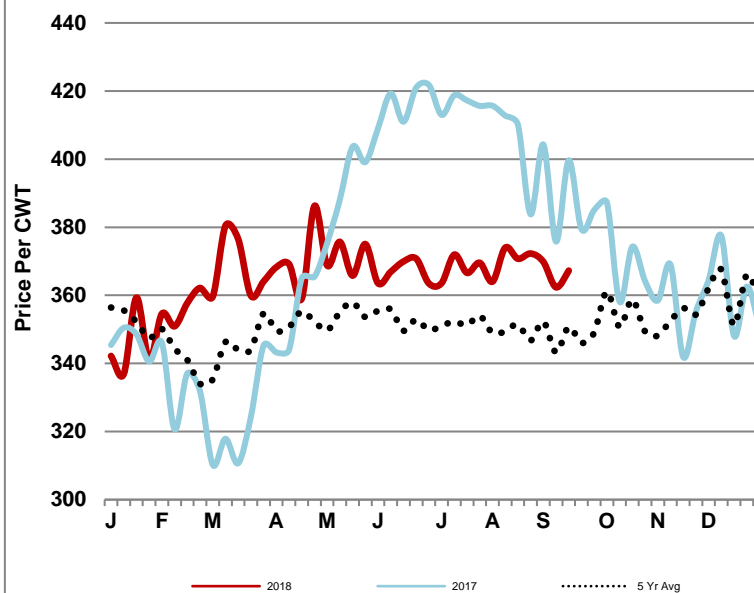
**Weekly Shoulders, Square-Cut**



**Weekly Loins, Trimmed 4X4**



**Weekly Leg, Trotter-Off**



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