



# USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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## NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY

**Weekly Trends:** Compared to last week slaughter lambs were steady to 10.00 lower. Slaughter ewes were uneven, fleshier ewes weak to 2.00 lower and thin ewes 5.00-10.00 higher. Feeder lambs were not well tested. At San Angelo, TX 4163 head sold. No sales in Equity Electronic Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 3400 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were 3.00-4.00 higher. 2,543 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 120-175 lbs 120.00-130.00, few 140.00-144.00.  
VA: woolled 110-125 lbs 150.00; 125-150 lbs 87.50.  
PA: shorn and woolled 90-110 lbs 237.00-265.00; 110-130 lbs 220.00-232.00; 130-150 lbs 185.00-205.00; 150-200 lbs 185.00-195.00.  
Ft.Collins, CO: woolled 110-125 lbs 145.00-170.00; 134 lbs 145.00.  
South Dakota: shorn and woolled 115-145 lbs 141.00-147.50.  
Kalona, IA: woolled 110 lbs 148.00; 130-145 lbs 139.00-147.00.

### Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2:

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 242.00-252.00, few 255.00; 60-70 lbs 228.00-250.00; 70-80 lbs 226.00-234.00; 80-90 lbs 202.00-220.00, few 227.00; 90-110 lbs 186.00-210.00.  
Pennsylvania: 40-50 lbs 270.00-295.00; 50-60 lbs 260.00-300.00, few 310.00-320.00; 60-70 lbs 255.00-280.00, few 295.00-300.00; 70-80 lbs 230.00-260.00, few 270.00-285.00; 80-90 lbs 215.00-240.00, few 265.00-285.00; 90-110 lbs 240.00-250.00.  
Kalona, IA: 45-60 lbs 242.50-252.50, few 275.00; 70-75 lbs 205.00-215.00; 102 lbs 147.00.  
Ft. Collins: 50-60 lbs 235.00-240.00; 60-70 lbs 210.00-237.50; 75 lbs 207.50; 83 lbs 197.50; 90-105 lbs 205.00-215.00.  
Missouri: 56 lbs 260.00; 60-70 lbs 225.00-235.00; 70-80 lbs 215.00.  
Virginia: 60-80 lbs 170.00-232.00; 80-110 lbs 119.00-217.00.

### Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 78.00-88.00, high-yielding 90.00-100.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 70.00-78.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 60.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 44.00.  
Pennsylvania: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) 60.00-80.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 80.00-130.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 60.00-75.00; Cull 1 no test.  
Ft. Collins: Good 3-5 (very fleshy) 67.50-77.50; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 67.50-77.50; Utility 1-2 (thin) 36.00; 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) 54.00-63.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 46.00-59.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 46.00-54.00; Cull 1 31.00-41.00.  
Missouri: Utility and Good 1-3 60.00-75.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 45.00-67.50.  
Virginia: Good 2-4 95.00-130.00.  
Kalona: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 70.00-95.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 57.50-75.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 57.50; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) no test; Cull 1 no test.

**Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:**  
San Angelo: 70-80 lbs 174.00-176.00; 80-90 lbs 164.00-178.00; 90-100 lbs 156.00-164.00.  
**Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:**  
San Angelo: mixed age hair ewes 80-130 lbs 90.00-118.00 cwt; hair ewes and lambs 78.00-98.00 per head.  
So Dakota: bred solid mouth 140.00-150.00 per head; open ewes 125-175 lbs 65.00-71.00 cwt.  
Missouri: hair ewes 100-175 lbs 70.00-82.50 cwt, few 122.50 per head.  
Virginia: ewes with lambs 190.00-230.00 per family.

## NATIONAL DAILY LAMB CARCASS

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

Compared to last week: All weights

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4		Head 337
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 2,543
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*	

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## NATIONAL SUMMARY OF LAMB GRADED - JANUARY

Lamb & Mutton	Yield Grade					Quality	Total	% of
Quality Grade	#1	#2	#3	#4	\$5	Only	Quality Graded This PD	all Quality Graded
Prime	4	48	105	119	74		350	6.1%
Choice	163	1,272	2,183	1,246	488		5,352	93.9%
Good	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Utility	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Cull	0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0%
Total Yield Graded This Period	166	1,320	2,288	1,365	562			
% of all Yield Graded	2.9%	23.2%	40.1%	23.9%	9.9%			

## 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 Wk Current

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 Yr

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	1,209,851 pounds
Frozen Cuts	200,028 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	4	1,737	\$367.99	0.00
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	5	1,094	\$902.78	0.00
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	113	23,097	\$868.93	0.20
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	8	1,042	\$937.54	40.71
204A	Rack, chined	34	6,645	\$1,032.33	15.78
204B	Rack, roast-ready	25	5,971	\$1,273.22	-3.37
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	118	16,417	\$1,656.04	2.86
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	20	2,710	\$2,169.07	5.61
206	Shoulders	70	54,366	\$261.02	4.63
207	Shoulders, square-cut	229	104,751	\$269.96	1.08
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	41	12,297	\$548.53	12.55
209	Breast	108	28,371	\$219.00	3.26
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	43	6,304	\$555.10	6.17
210	Foreshank	190	18,205	\$407.83	-1.93
230	Hindsaddle	5	222	\$423.84	41.12
231	Loins	12	1,491	\$425.68	-3.00
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	85	13,856	\$509.50	-7.23
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	19	2,967	\$726.20	2.25
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	64	13,959	\$631.61	6.40
232	Loins, trimmed 0x0	32	7,707	\$748.76	0.42
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	11	626	\$683.43	5.18
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	5	605	\$1,496.12	-12.05
232E	Flank, untrimmed	32	10,347	\$143.33	5.15
233	Legs	63	8,235	\$366.44	-0.92
233A	Leg, trotter-off	164	42,198	\$361.67	-4.11
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnl	15	1,421	\$510.83	-0.67
233E	Leg, steamship	7	904	\$491.41	8.01
233F	Hindshank	57	14,702	\$410.62	-4.28
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	131	28,723	\$537.03	-2.70
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	30	3,401	\$682.89	0.72
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	67	7,030	\$834.73	1.00
234G	Sirloin, boneless	25	1,647	\$846.41	2.38
235	Back	4	712	\$638.14	-10.30
238	Trimnings	17	1,294	\$504.08	-9.24
239	Special trimmings	18	530	\$554.92	-12.71
245	Sirloin	3	206	\$692.23	0.00
295	Lamb for stewing	51	8,641	\$594.99	10.99
296	Ground lamb	77	15,480	\$580.43	-1.12
Necks		56	10,673	\$179.16	-11.20

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
207	Shoulders, square-cut	6	10,326	\$205.77	-8.92
209	Breast	3	2,145	\$255.85	
210	Foreshank	27	7,239	\$393.02	32.69
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	3	1,939	\$266.45	-22.61
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	4	1,899	\$481.22	0.00
232E	Flank, untrimmed	14	10,774	\$95.36	-1.72
233A	Leg, trotter-off	5	6,674	\$319.86	3.87
233F	Hindshank	6	988	\$478.71	1.57
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	12	5,254	\$567.89	-15.82
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	21	1,588	\$882.88	-28.14
239	Special trimmings	6	7,710	\$387.92	-24.04
295	Lamb for stewing	27	14,197	\$643.56	-6.41
296	Ground lamb	64	17,030	\$539.26	-16.01
Necks		10	11,288	\$105.64	8.32

NATIONAL RETAIL SUMMARY

NATIONAL SUMMARY						
	THIS WEEK		LAST WEEK		LAST YEAR	
Outlets	29,200		29,200		29,200	
Feature Rate (1/)	7.6%		13.4%		7.5%	
Special Rate (2/)	0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	
Activity Index (3/)	3,700		6,560		3,260	
	Stores	Wld Avg	Stores	Wld Avg	Stores	Wld Avg
LAMB						
LB Shoulder Roast	210	7.99	100	4.03	20	3.52
LB Shldr Blade Chops	270	5.36	1,400	6.01	710	5.26
LB Shldr Rnd Bone Chop	20	5.64	390	6.92	160	5.93
LB Breast	10	3.49	70	3.99	20	3.72
LB Rack						
LB Ribs						
LB Rib Chops						
LB Whole Loin			60	9.99		
LB Loin Chops	1,290	10.65	1,360	10.27	520	10.99
LB Bone-In Leg					20	4.99
LB Boneless Leg	70	8.99			10	9.99
LB Semi-Bnls Leg					10	8.99
LB Butterflied, Bnls Leg			110	4.99	70	5.99
LB Leg, Shank/Butt			290	4.99	30	5.35
LB Leg Steaks	100	7.99			20	9.90
LB Top Round Roast			10	10.00		
LB Top Round Steak						
LB Ground Lamb	10	4.99	290	5.99	150	7.02
LB Shank			290	5.75	20	5.75
LB Stew Meat-Lamb	10	3.99	210	5.49	20	6.59
LB Stew Meat-Mutton	90	3.99				

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	868.93	0.20	11.50%	8.05
209 BREAST **	218.61	3.50	7.64%	5.35
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	269.96	1.08	24.00%	16.80
210 FORESHANK	407.83	-1.93	3.45%	2.42
NECK **	141.37	-15.59	2.33%	1.63
HINDSADDLE				
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	509.50	-7.23	11.07%	7.75
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	118.86	2.52	3.20%	2.24
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	361.67	-4.11	31.28%	21.90

GROSS CARCASS VALUE:	372.12	-1.89	94.47%	66.13
FORESADDLE VALUE	406.34	0.24	48.92%	34.24
HINDSADDLE VALUE	380.54	-4.41	45.55%	31.89

Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$48.45  
NET CARCASS VALUE 323.67 -1.89

\* Shrink and trim of 3.87 lb's not reflected in cutout value  
\* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 70.00 lbs. for W/E 01/26/2019, 1.00 lbs heavier than last week.  
\*\*Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

ACTUAL SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION\*\*

\*\*Successive reports will be released as data becomes available.\*\*

For W/E 02/16/2019

Monday	7,674
Tuesday	8,648
Wednesday	6,344
Thursday	6,753
Friday	6,093
Saturday	907

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%Lambs & yearlings 95.3  
%Mature sheep 4.7

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

(Estimated, except  
\*Actual\*)

Production Mil.lbs.

02-Mar-19	2.6
23-Feb-19	2.7
Change:	-3.7%
03-Mar-18	3.0
Change:	-13.3%
2019 YTD	22.2
2018 YTD	23.8
Change:	-6.7%
*23-Feb-19*	NA

Average Live Weights

02-Mar-19	137
23-Feb-19	138
03-Mar-18	151
*23-Feb-19*	NA

Dressed:

02-Mar-19	69
23-Feb-19	69
03-Mar-18	76
*23-Feb-19*	NA

Slaughter

02-Mar-19	38,000
23-Feb-19	39,000
Change:	-2.6%
03-Mar-18	39,000
Change:	-2.6%
2019 YTD	324,000
2018 YTD	324,000
Change:	-0.1%

US FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGION

Week Ending 02/16/2019			
Standard	:	Sheep	
Federal	:		
Regions	:	Total	Mature Lambs &
1/	:	Sheep	Yearlings
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		1,000 head	
1	0.4	-	0.4
2	3.5	0.3	3.2
3	2.5	0.2	2.3
4	1.7	0.2	1.5
5	5.6	0.4	5.3
6	0.8	0.1	0.8
7	0.3	-	0.3
8	14.6	0.3	14.3
9	6.2	0.2	6.0
10	0.8	-	0.7
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U.S. 2/	36.4	1.7	34.7
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- 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
	02/23/19	02/16/19	02/24/18	2019	2018	
Cattle:	50,881	60,435	45,812	445,354	403,284	10.4%
Calves:	3,690	3,641	3,740	28,337	28,905	-2.0%
Sheep:	3,160	3,186	3,151	24,949	23,859	4.6%
Hogs:	400,092	395,426	384,501	3,205,112	3,203,765	0.0%

Texas to Mexico Daily Livestock Exports

Fri Mar 1, 2019	Exports	Current	Current	Previous
	2/28/2019	Week-T-D	YTD	YTD
Slaughter Lambs	0	0	0	0
Slaughter Ewes	306	306	1,194	1,268
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0
Total Sheep	306	306	1,194	1,268

US TO MEXICO WEEKLY LIVESTOCK EXPORT SUMMARY

Thu, Feb 28, 2019	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	PERCENT
	Week	Week	YTD	YTD*	CHANGE
	2/23/2019	2/16/2019			
Slaughter Lambs	0	0	0	0	
Slaughter Ewes	0	309	888	1,268	
Breeding Males	0	0	0	0	
Breeding Females	0	0	0	0	
Total Sheep	0	309	888	1,268	-29.97%

LAMB AND MUTTON IMPORTS

For Reporting Period: 02/17/2019 to 02/23/2019							
Metric Tons	Week Number 8						
	Boneless	Carcasses	Cuts	Edible	Primals &	Weekly	2019
	Trimmings			Offals	Subprimals	Total	YTD Total
Lamb							
Australia		11	933		341	1,284	10,427
Canada					2	2	5
Chile							15
Iceland							18
Mexico							0
New Zealand	44	66	40	65	333	547	3,578
North Ireland							0
Spain							0
Uruguay							28
Total	44	77	973	65	676	1,834	14,071
Mutton							
Australia		9	360	1	25	395	3,084
Chile							0
New Zealand					60	60	305
Total		9	360	1	85	455	3,389

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	=	773,900 Pounds			
Frozen Cuts	=	1,458,082 Pounds			
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NEGOTIATED SALES, FRESH					
Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range		Weighted Average
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AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	8	1,483	1,170.00	1,265.00	1,220.27
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	15	7,224	1,185.00	1,280.00	1,226.00
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	13	12,046	1,195.00	1,285.00	1,226.09
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	18	41,054	270.00	350.00	319.81
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 0x0	17	75,260	430.00	605.00	516.05
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NEGOTIATED SALES, FROZEN					
Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range		Weighted Average
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AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	16	14,150	1,112.92	1,190.00	1,155.81
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	14	7,999	1,129.00	1,335.00	1,192.20
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	11	5,356	1,156.00	1,290.00	1,198.70
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	16	73,135	239.00	409.00	281.93
AUS Foreshank, LP	36	28,623	249.00	320.00	280.96
AUS Leg, Long	46	161,132	305.00	433.00	376.27
AUS Hindshank, LP	9	10,441	299.00	365.00	310.99
AUS Hindshank, VP	4	562	340.00	370.00	351.98
AUS Leg, bnls	8	5,508	395.00	435.00	404.47
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12 oz/dn	8	1,195	1,199.00	1,425.00	1,273.66
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12-16 oz	41	30,565	1,164.00	1,336.00	1,212.65
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 16-20 oz	67	66,529	1,050.00	1,347.00	1,186.66
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up	21	23,815	1,040.00	1,347.00	1,202.70

## REGIONAL WEEKLY SUMMARIES

### MOUNTAIN AREAS AND WESTERN UNITED STATES DIRECT SHEEP

(CO, WY, MT, NE, SD, ND, UT, NV, ID, WA, OR, AZ and CA)

Receipts: 0      Last Week: 0      Last Year: 3550

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

All sales FOB with 2-4 percent shrink. Prices quoted per hundredweight (cwt) unless otherwise specified.

**Feeder Lambs:** Trading at a standstill, demand light. **Slaughter Lambs:** No recent comparison. TX: 1350: Choice and Prime 2-3 shorn club lambs 145 lbs 137.15.  
**Slaughter Ewes:** TX: None. **Replacement Ewes:** TX: None.

### NATIONAL WEEKLY SLAUGHTER SHEEP REVIEW

**Comments:** Compared to last week, negotiated purchases of slaughter lambs were 3.00-4.00 higher on comparable sales.

#### Negotiated Purchases:

This Week: 3400      Last Week: 5100      Last Year: 2600

#### Domestic Slaughter Lambs

##### Choice and Prime:

Live Purchases:	Weight Range	Price Range	Wtd Avg Price
Wooled and Shorn	139-170 lbs	130.00-156.51	141.07

#### Formula Purchases:

##### Formula purchase information for previously slaughtered lambs (carcass basis)

Weighted Average Weight: 81.50 lbs  
Weighted Average Net Price: 263.42  
Weighted Average Dressing Percent: 50.28

#### Comprehensive Information:

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

Weighted Average Weight: 80.02 lbs  
Weighted Average Net Price: 268.97  
Weighted Average Dressing Percent: 50.13

**Note:** Each lot of live basis transactions is converted to carcass basis using the estimated dressing percentage packers report for that lot. For example, a live price of \$131.30 divided by a dressing percentage of 50.51% equals a \$259.95 carcass basis price. These converted prices are aggregated with existing carcass basis prices to determine the weighted average net price.

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

#### Per Piece Price

Estimated Credit Returned to Producers per Piece Price for **Week Ending: 3/1/2019**

Pelt activity this week compared to last week: pelts remained steady.

Unshorn	Price Range	Shorn	Price Range
Supreme	0.50 - 4.00	Supreme	(1.50) - 2.25
Premium	(2.75) - 2.50	Premium	(2.50) - 0.75
Standard	(2.50) - 0.50	Standard	(2.50) - 0.00
Fair	(2.50) - 1.00	Fair	(2.50) - (1.00)
Mixed Class	(2.50) - 0.50	Mixed Class	(2.50) - (2.25)
Damaged/Puller	(2.50) - (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 February 25, 2018 through Friday March 1, 2019 showed pelts consisting of 64.2% Unshorn and 35.8% Shorn.

## NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was inactive 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. Classified 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

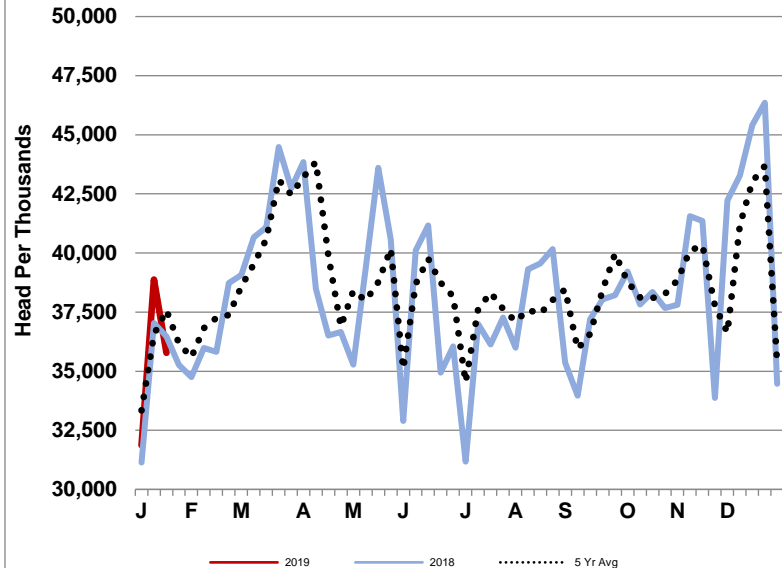
In Australia this week, the Eastern Market Indicator was down 11 at 2016 cents per Kg clean from the sale a week ago. A total of 48,948 bales were offered with sales of 91.6 percent. The Australian exchange rate was stronger by .0013 at .7147 percent of the U.S. dollar. Australian wool prices are quoted 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.

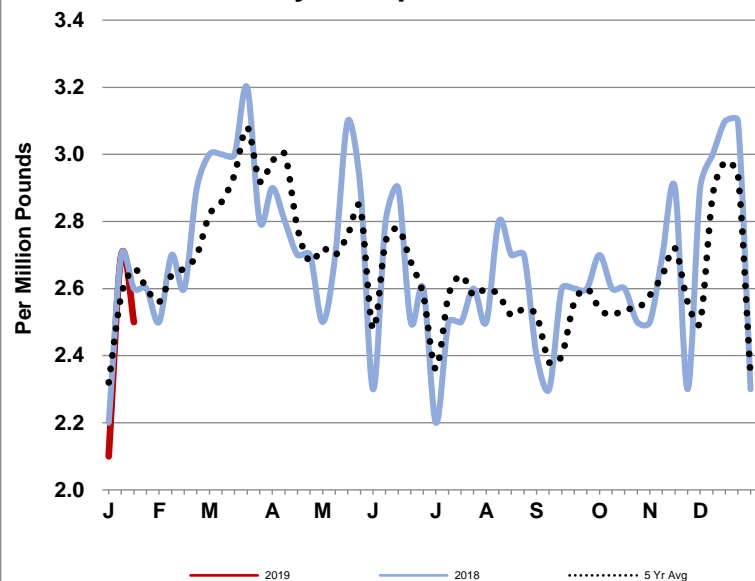
Micron	US Grade	Clean Del Price in U.S. Dollars	Change from Previous Sale	75-85 Percent of Australia
18	80s	8.24	- .06	6.18-7.01
19	70-80s	7.88	- .07	5.91-6.70
20	64-70s	7.76	- .11	5.82-6.60
21	64s	7.72	- .08	5.79-6.56
22	62s	7.70	+ .01	5.78-6.55
23	60-62s	----	-----	-----
24	60s	----	-----	-----
25	58s	----	-----	-----
26	56-58s	4.81	+ .06	3.60-4.08
28	54s	3.85	- .03	2.89-3.27
30	50s	3.30	- .04	2.47-2.80
32	46-48s	2.07	+ .07	1.55-1.76
Merino	Clippings	4.02	- .00	3.01-3.41

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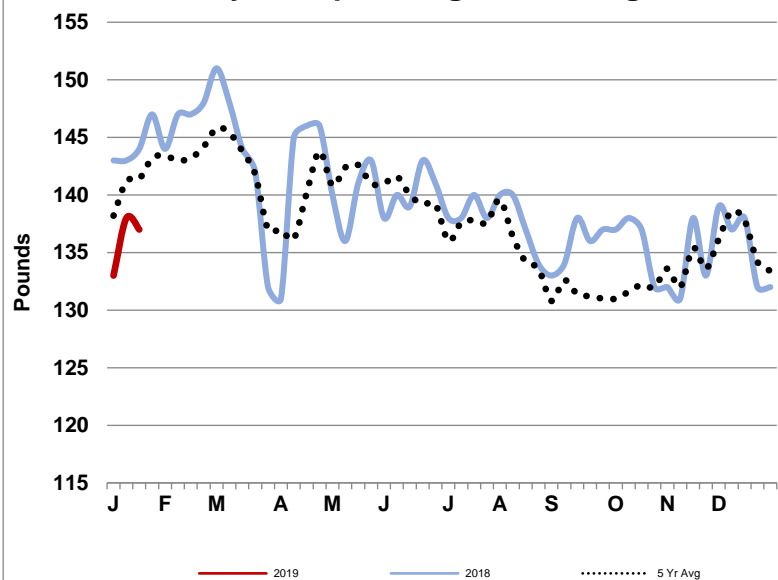
### Weekly Sheep Slaughter



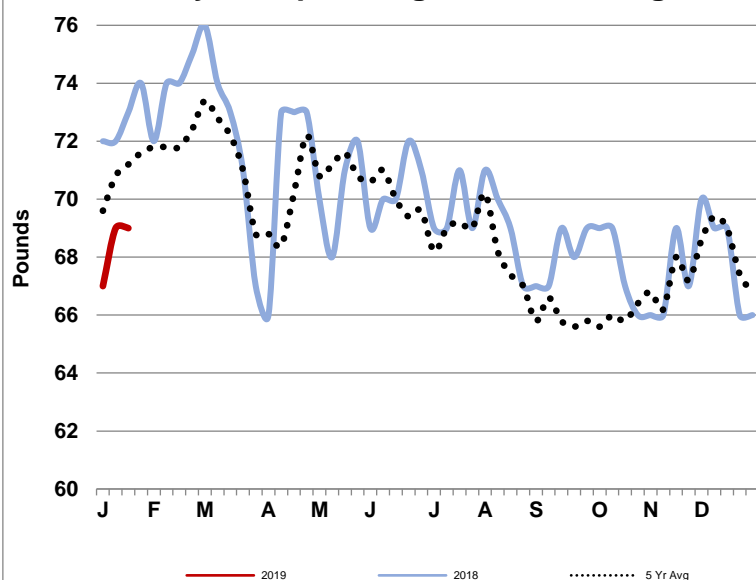
### Weekly Sheep Production



### Weekly Sheep Average Live Weight



### Weekly Sheep Average Dressed Weight



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