



# USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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## NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY

**Weekly Trends:** Compared to two weeks ago slaughter lambs were steady to 10.00 higher, except at San Angelo, TX weak to 5.00 lower. Slaughter ewes were mostly steady to 4.00 higher. Feeder steady to 5.00 higher. At San Angelo, TX 5754 head sold. Equity Electronic Auction sold 648 slaughter lambs in Nebraska.

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

San Angelo: shorn and woolled 100-155 lbs 120.00-132.00.  
VA: woolled 130-160 lbs 135.00-159.00.  
PA: shorn and woolled 90-110 lbs 180.00-216.00; 110-130 lbs 170.00-205.00; 130-150 lbs 144.00-160.00; 150-200 lbs 150.00-160.00.

Ft. Collins, CO: woolled 110-125 lbs 129.00-139.00; 130-145 lbs 120.00-133.00.

South Dakota: shorn and woolled 110-125 lbs 129.00-135.00; 130-150 lbs 127.00-131.00.

Equity Elec: 110 lbs 123.00; 128 lbs 127.75.

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

San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 235.00-266.00; 60-70 lbs 212.00-230.00; 70-80 lbs 192.00-218.00, few 222.00-228.00; 80-90 lbs 170.00-190.00; 90-110 lbs 140.00-174.00.

Pennsylvania: 50-60 lbs 220.00-260.00; 60-70 lbs 200.00-240.00; 70-80 lbs 210.00-235.00; 80-90 lbs 175.00-205.00; 90-110 lbs 170.00-200.00.

Ft. Collins: 50-60 lbs 220.00-221.00; 60-70 lbs 210.00-227.50; 71 lbs 185.00; 80-90 lbs 170.00-175.00; 105-110 lbs 160.00-165.00.

Virginia: 60-80 lbs 162.50-182.50; 80-110 lbs 120.00-182.50.

South Dakota: 45 lbs 217.50; 50-60 lbs 197.50-219.00; 60-70 lbs 185.00-215.00; 70-80 lbs 172.50-187.00; 84 lbs 155.00; 90-105 lbs 129.00-140.00.

### Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 50.00-62.00; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 63.00-75.00, high-yielding 76.00-80.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 50.00-62.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 42.00-50.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 30.00-40.00.

Pennsylvania: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 50.00-100.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 40.00-65.00; Cull 1 no test.

Ft. Collins: Good 3-5 (very fleshy) 67.50-77.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 59.00-65.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 33.00-40.00; 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) 46.00-71.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 44.00-54.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 42.00-54.00; Cull 1 40.00.

Missouri: Utility and Good 1-3 no test.

Virginia: Good 2-4 65.00-80.00.

Kalona: 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 1 no test.

### Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: 69 lbs 173.00; 70-80 lbs 165.00-172.00; 80-90 lbs 141.00-146.00.

So Dakota: 43 lbs 222.00; 50-60 lbs 211.00-226.00; 60-70 lbs 184.00-211.00; 70-80 lbs 172.00-180.00; 80-90 lbs 159.00-165.00; 90-100 lbs 152.00-165.00; 100-105 lbs 146.00-153.75; 122 lbs 124.00.

### Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: yearling hair ewes 144.00 per head; hair ewe lambs 64 lbs 236.00 cwt; mixed age hair ewes 80-130 lbs 75.00-120.00 cwt.

So Dakota: ewe lambs 70 lbs 191.00 cwt; baby tooth 160.00 per head; solid mouth 105.00-185.00 per head; solid to broken mouth 76.00-170.00 per head.

Virginia: bred ewes 70-145 lbs 82.50-127.50 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

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*

Head 417Weight

Head

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

Head 3,285

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 LAMB ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT

Week Ending 11/24/2018 Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 33,871 head. 31,875 Lambs, 94.1% of total sheep slaughtered. 16,416 graded, 51.50% of total lambs slaughtered.

### GRADE BREAKDOWN

Yield Grade

(May include hindsaddles)

Quality	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Prime	0.08%	1.04%	2.69%	2.60%	1.72%	8.12%
Choice	4.57%	24.11%	39.73%	17.30%	6.16%	91.88%
Total %	4.65%	25.15%	42.42%	19.90%	7.88%	

## 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	1,145,524 pounds
Frozen Cuts	255,579 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	5	2,056	\$890.71	(0.93)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	114	29,258	\$864.10	3.65
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	8	1,144	\$937.68	24.00
204A	Rack, chined	35	5,346	\$1,012.12	9.95
204B	Rack, roast-ready	21	7,932	\$1,214.05	11.78
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	146	22,027	\$1,606.37	2.34
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	6	928	\$2,195.30	(3.80)
206	Shoulders	74	60,874	\$260.10	(0.35)
207	Shoulders, square-cut	206	57,913	\$283.73	0.45
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	48	10,009	\$567.52	18.74
209	Breast	116	32,016	\$226.71	3.99
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	41	9,606	\$586.06	(15.82)
210	Foreshank	171	16,404	\$429.70	0.05
230	Hindsaddle	3	164	\$422.10	0.00
231	Loins	18	2,482	\$417.41	16.49
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	110	16,951	\$554.77	(3.44)
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	16	2,452	\$806.86	(6.86)
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	78	13,479	\$753.99	12.56
232	Loins, trimmed 0x0	27	3,482	\$898.99	(9.22)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	10	739	\$690.34	(8.11)
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	10	1,084	\$1,597.43	(14.15)
232E	Flank, untrimmed	31	8,535	\$143.40	(1.78)
233	Legs	54	8,540	\$367.63	5.87
233A	Leg, trotter-off	175	40,475	\$379.20	10.93
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnl	35	17,442	\$520.28	(3.95)
233E	Leg, steamship	12	10,005	\$469.89	14.54
233F	Hindshank	55	12,400	\$410.02	(3.70)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	176	49,786	\$543.70	(2.12)
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	33	5,275	\$669.52	(9.15)
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	76	6,428	\$839.68	(8.46)
234G	Sirloin, boneless	33	2,085	\$811.66	2.99
236	Back, trimmed	4	159	\$696.97	0.80
238	Trimnings	25	1,673	\$515.31	23.84
239	Special trimmings	26	1,810	\$591.46	(0.55)
295	Lamb for stewing	44	6,305	\$564.02	1.33
296	Ground lamb	82	16,341	\$568.24	(7.07)
	Necks	44	10,002	\$178.54	2.33

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	5	3,742	\$1,391.76	(37.80)
207	Shoulders, square-cut	5	6,217	\$197.12	(20.13)
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	3	362	\$484.67	
209	Breast	5	6,965	\$251.23	1.44
210	Foreshank	31	4,896	\$385.22	(12.84)
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	6	10,447	\$400.73	2.15
232E	Flank, untrimmed	9	16,176	\$87.74	(5.62)
233A	Leg, trotter-off	10	59,934	\$271.91	1.44
233F	Hindshank	4	6,403	\$354.76	0.00
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	15	9,116	\$472.78	1.33
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	17	7,766	\$759.35	(2.20)
246	Tenderloin	3	141	\$1,308.37	
295	Lamb for stewing	28	7,462	\$674.90	(5.67)
296	Ground lamb	51	9,979	\$564.85	23.27
	Necks	12	3,580	\$189.08	1.70

NATIONAL RETAIL SUMMARY

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	THIS WEEK		LAST WEEK		LAST YEAR	
Outlets	29,200		29,200		29,200	
Feature Rate (1/)	8.7%		6.9%		9.8%	
Special Rate (2/)	0.0%		0.7%		0.1%	
Activity Index (3/)	4,450		2,810		4,550	
	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
LAMB						
LB Shoulder Roast	50	8.99			50	4.57
LB Shldr Blade Chops	570	7.90	810	5.42	310	5.22
LB Shldr Rnd Bone Chop	170	7.04	40	5.34	130	5.92
LB Breast					20	3.57
LB Rack	450	15.36	10	14.99	470	12.20
LB Ribs			10	3.49		
LB Rib Chops	20	24.99	20	24.99	20	14.99
LB Whole Loin						
LB Loin Chops	890	9.21	230	11.09	1,600	8.14
LB Bone-In Leg					190	6.70
LB Boneless Leg	230	8.17	10	6.99	190	8.96
LB Semi-Bnls Leg	30	5.00			110	6.99
LB Butterflied, Bnls Leg	60	8.99				
LB Leg, Shank/Butt					30	5.20
LB Leg Steaks			10	5.99		
LB Top Round Roast						
LB Top Round Steak						
LB Ground Lamb	50	5.83	20	6.89	20	6.42
LB Shank	140	5.92	20	5.36	70	5.17
LB Stew Meat-Lamb	170	5.57	10	4.99	10	4.99
LB Stew Meat-Mutton	180	3.76	200	3.61	150	3.78

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	864.10	3.65	11.42%	7.65
209 BREAST **	231.09	2.62	7.74%	5.19
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	283.73	0.45	24.17%	16.19
210 FORESHANK	429.70	0.05	3.48%	2.33
NECK **	181.32	1.38	2.31%	1.55
HINDSADDLE				
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	554.77	-3.44	10.91%	7.31
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	106.97	-3.56	2.81%	1.88
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	379.20	10.93	31.29%	20.96
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GROSS CARCASS VALUE:	386.47	3.71	94.13%	63.07
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FORESADDLE VALUE	415.89	1.55	49.12%	32.91
HINDSADDLE VALUE	404.76	6.54	45.01%	30.16

Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$44.85  
NET CARCASS VALUE 341.62 3.71

\* 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 11/24/2018 , -2.00lbs lighter than last week.  
\*\*Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

ACTUAL SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

For W/E 11/24/2018

Monday	10,639
Tuesday	10,389
Wednesday	6,248
Thursday	138
Friday	6,438
Saturday	19
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Total	33,871
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%Lambs & yearlings 94.1  
%Mature sheep 5.9

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

(Estimated, except  
\*Actual\*)

Production Mil.lbs.

01-Dec-18	2.8
24-Nov-18	2.0
Change:	40.0%
02-Dec-17	2.9
Change:	-3.4%
2018 YTD	127.6
2017 YTD	120.7
Change:	5.7%
*24-Nov-18*	2.3

Average Live Weights

08-Dec-18	134
01-Dec-18	134
09-Dec-17	142
*24-Nov-18*	133

Dressed:

08-Dec-18	67
01-Dec-18	67
09-Dec-17	71
*24-Nov-18*	67

Slaughter

08-Dec-18	41,000
01-Dec-18	42,000
Change:	-2.4%
09-Dec-17	42,000
Change:	-2.4%
2018 YTD	1,863,000
2017 YTD	1,813,000
Change:	2.7%

US FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGION

Week Ending 11/24/2018			
Sheep			
Standard Federal Regions 1/	Total	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings
1,000 head			
1	0.4	-	0.4
2	4.0	0.4	3.6
3	2.8	0.2	2.5
4	1.7	0.2	1.5
5	6.0	0.5	5.5
6	0.7	0.2	0.5
7	0.2	-	0.2
8	13.4	0.2	13.2
9	3.7	0.2	3.5
10	0.9	-	0.9
U.S. 2/	33.9	2.0	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 12/01/18	Week Ago 11/24/18	Year Ago 12/02/17	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	%Change
Cattle:	61,462	65,819	57,296	2,791,448	2,623,864	6.4%
Calves:	3,547	3,559	4,021	172,717	184,647	-6.5%
Sheep:	3,902	3,309	4,365	155,556	153,726	1.2%
Hogs:	434,568	430,098	439,018	19,054,339	19,217,221	-0.8%

Texas to Mexico Daily Livestock Exports

Fri Dec 7, 2018	EXPORTS 12/6/2018	CURRENT WEEK-T-D	CURRENT YTD	PREVIOUS YTD
Slaughter Lambs	0	0	0	0
Slaughter Ewes	0	0	7,146	5,220
Breeding Males	0	0	30	9
Breeding Females	0	0	0	33
Total Sheep	0	0	7,176	5,262

US TO MEXICO WEEKLY LIVESTOCK EXPORT SUMMARY

Thu, Dec 6, 2018	Current Week 12/1/2018	Previous Week 11/24/2018	Current YTD	Previous YTD*	PERCENT CHANGE
Slaughter Lambs	0	0	0	0	
Slaughter Ewes	337	0	7,146	5,220	
Breeding Males	0	0	30	9	
Breeding Females	0	0	0	33	
Total Sheep	337	0	7,176	5,262	136.37%

LAMB AND MUTTON IMPORTS

For Reporting Period: 11/18/2018 to 11/24/2018							
Metric Tons Week Number 47							
Lamb	Boneless Trimmings	Carcasses	Cuts	Edible Offals	Primals & Subprimals	Weekly Total	2018 YTD Total
Australia	19	36	797	25	498	1,376	50,730
Canada					2	3	89
Chile							583
Iceland				6		6	219
Mexico							0
New Zealand	4	7	34	9	642	695	23,128
Northern Ireland							0
Spain							0
Uruguay							115
Total	23	49	836	34	1,143	2,085	74,864
Mutton	Boneless Trimmings	Corned (Species)	Cuts	Edible Offals	Primals & Subprimals	Weekly Total	2018 YTD Total
Australia			305	18	199	522	16,961
Chile							17
New Zealand	23			1		24	3,176
Total	23		305	19	199	546	20,153

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 =	1,490,383 Pounds	
Frozen Cuts =	2,036,688 Pounds	

NEGOTIATED SALES, FRESH					
Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average	
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	15	6,786	1125.00	1503.00	1,181.22
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	30	19,788	1153.00	1485.00	1,222.23
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	18	12,424	1185.00	1553.00	1,217.08
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	20	47,925	288.00	350.00	318.18
AUS Foreshank, VP	8	7,266	305.00	360.00	352.11
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 0x0	32	107,042	459.00	610.00	552.98
AUS Leg, semi bnls	10	4,598	335.00	431.00	405.93

NEGOTIATED SALES, FROZEN					
Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average	
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	13	16,928	1128.00	1376.00	1,157.19
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	28	14,010	1050.00	1452.00	1,203.53
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	13	5,247	1150.00	1501.00	1,317.15
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	45	130,801	212.00	297.00	262.32
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls	25	42,313	316.00	399.00	370.67
AUS Foreshank, LP	34	60,072	265.00	335.00	277.46
AUS Leg, Long	83	207,436	241.00	419.00	369.17
AUS Hindshank, LP	6	4,487	260.00	340.00	292.16
AUS Hindshank, VP	5	2,829	269.00	350.00	285.05
AUS Leg, bnls	81	126,125	365.00	436.00	385.77
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12-16 oz	31	7,598	1225.00	1618.00	1,293.93
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 16-20 oz	49	37,519	1015.00	1485.00	1,208.21
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up	31	18,033	1115.00	1364.00	1,213.75

## 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: 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, negotiated purchases of slaughter lambs were steady to 1.00 lower on comparable sales.

**Negotiated Purchases:**  
**This Week: 3000      Last Week: 3600      Last Year: 3700**

#### **Domestic Slaughter Lambs**

##### **Choice and Prime:**

Live Purchases:	Weight Range	Price Range	Wtd Avg Price
Wooled and Shorn	130-172 lbs	124.00-143.79	132.55

##### **Formula Purchases:**

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

Weighted Average Weight:	78.60 lbs
Weighted Average Net Price:	270.46
Weighted Average Dressing Percent:	50.70

##### **Comprehensive Information:**

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

Weighted Average Weight:	77.94 lbs
Weighted Average Net Price:	270.18
Weighted Average Dressing Percent:	50.59

**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: 11/30/2018**

**Pelt activity this week compared to last report:** Compared to last week, pelts were steady on very light demand.

Unshorn	Price Range	Shorn	Price Range
Supreme	0.50 - 3.25	Supreme	(1.50) - 2.25
Premium	(2.75) - 2.25	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 December 3, 2018 through Friday December 7, 2018 showed pelts consisting of 70.2% Unshorn and 29.8% 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. 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

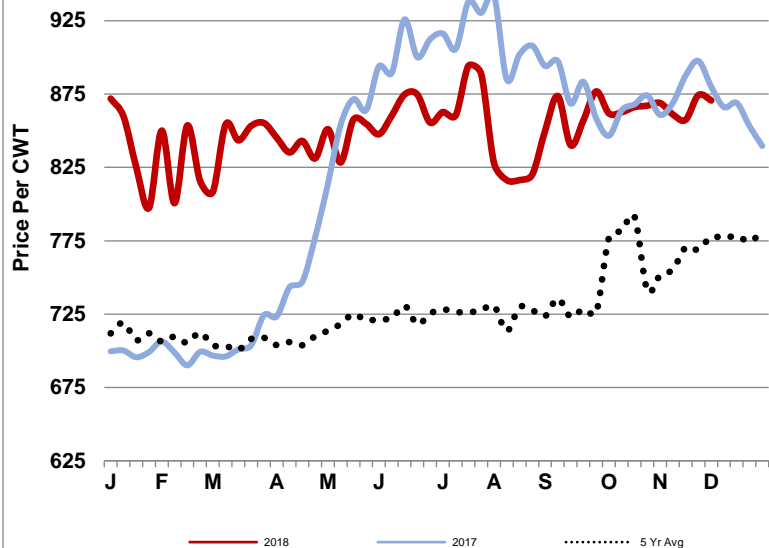
In Australia this week, the Eastern Market Indicator was down 11 at 1849 cents per Kg clean from the sale a week ago. A total of 38,315 bales were offered with sales of 89.7 percent. The Australian exchange rate was stronger by .0090 at .7225 percent of the U.S. dollar. Australian wool prices are quoted 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.

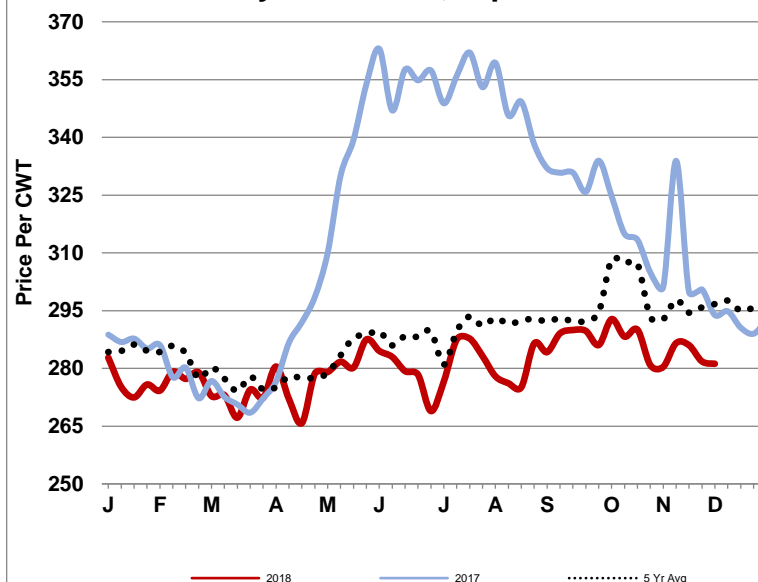
Micron	US Grade	Clean Del Price in U.S. Dollars	Change from Previous Sale	75-85 Percent of Australia
18	80s	7.86	- .07	5.89-6.68
19	70-80s	7.39	- .03	5.54-6.28
20	64-70s	7.20	- .07	5.40-6.12
21	64s	7.13	- .10	5.35-6.06
22	62s	7.16	- .09	5.37-6.09
23	60-62s	----	-----	-----
24	60s	----	-----	-----
25	58s	4.85	- .29	3.63-4.12
26	56-58s	4.16	- .46	3.12-3.54
28	54s	2.94	- .35	2.21-2.50
30	50s	2.42	- .23	1.82-2.06
32	46-48s	1.63	----	1.22-1.38
Merino	Clippings	4.01	- .09	3.01-3.41

**Eastern Market Indicator was down 11 at 1849 cents per kg clean. Australian exchange rate was stronger by .0090 at .7225 percent of the U.S. dollar.**

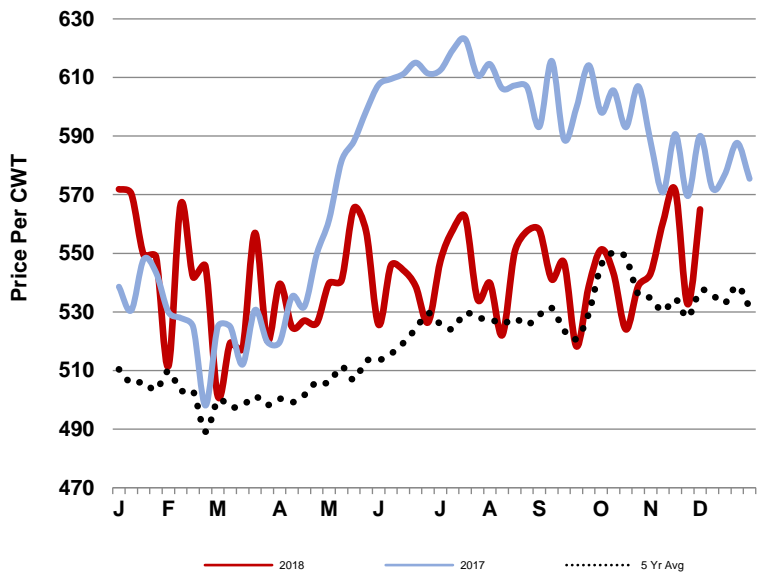
**Weekly Rack, 8-Rib, Medium**



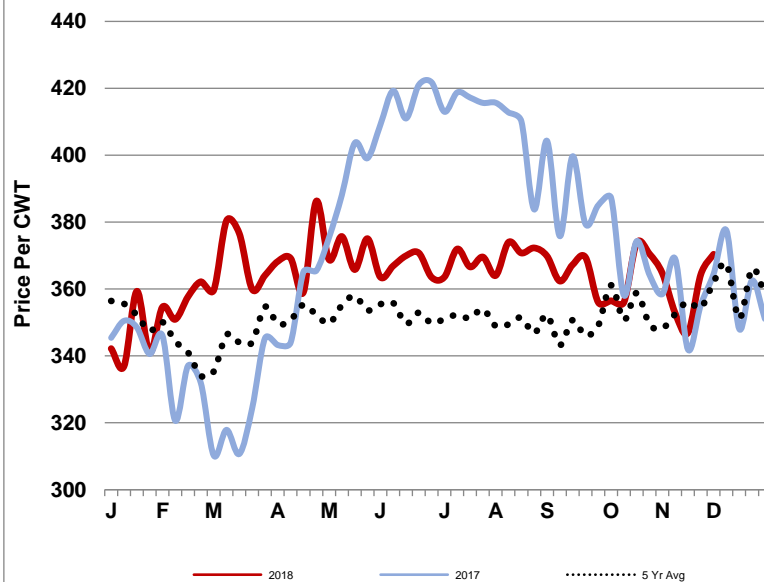
**Weekly Shoulders, Square-Cut**



**Weekly Loins, Trimmed 4X4**



**Weekly Leg, Trotter-Off**



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