



USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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National Sheep Summary

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week at New Holland, PA slaughter lambs 8.00-10.00 lower; slaughter ewes 4.00-8.00 higher. Due to the holidays no other recent comparisons. At San Angelo, TX 3696 head sold in a one day sale. Equity Electronic Auction sold 535 slaughter lambs in Wisconsin and Illinois. In direct trading no recent comparisons.

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

San Angelo: shorn and woolled 100-135 lbs 88.00-96.00.
 Eastern Area (VA and PA): woolled 90-110 lbs 108.50-118.00; 110-130 lbs 107.00 in VA and in PA 90-110 lbs 136.00-152.00; 110-130 lbs 124.00-136.00; 130-150 lbs 120.00-136.00.

Inter Mt Area (CO, WY and MT): shorn and woolled 90-110 lbs 100.00-109.50.
 Kalona, IA: woolled 115-155 lbs 91.00-95.00; 155-160 lbs 89.50-92.75.

South Dakota: woolled 105-150 lbs 96.00-98.50.
 Oklahoma: shorn and woolled 100-140 lbs 110.00-118.00.
 Missouri: 95-145 lbs 91.00-99.50.

Equity Elec: shorn and woolled 125-145 lbs 94.50-94.75.

Slaughter Lambs: Good and Choice 1-2:

San Angelo: set 100 lbs 108.00. hair lambs 40-85 lbs 112.00-125.00, set 132.00; 90-100 lbs 105.00-109.00.

Kalona, IA: 50-70 lbs 115.00-125.00, set new crop 130.00; 70-75 lbs 105.00-117.00; 90-105 lbs 87.50-99.00. hair lambs 80 lbs 87.50.

Inter Mt Area: 60-80 lbs 101.00-104.00, set 114.00. hair lambs 80-100 lbs 92.00-98.50.

Missouri: 80-90 lbs 112.00-118.00; 90-95 lbs 102.00-108.00. hair lambs 60-65 lbs 114.00-118.00.

Virginia: 40-60 lbs 113.00; 60-90 lbs 111.00-120.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2:

Eastern Area: 50-60 lbs 167.00-185.00; 60-70 lbs 155.00-177.00; 70-80 lbs 160.00-178.00; 80-90 lbs 140.00-160.00.

Direct Trading: (lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent)

NV: 500: Replacement Ewes 85-90 lbs ewe lambs 100.00 per head.

Eastern
 Corbelt: 400: Slaughter Lambs woolled 90-110 lbs 95.00-98.00; 110-130 lbs 85.00. Good and Choice 1-2 60-90 lbs 100.00-115.00.

Slaughter Ewes Utility and Good 1-3 31.00-33.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 26.00-31.00.

Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 2-3 30.00-34.00; Utility and Good 1-3 39.00-47.00; Utility 1-2 30.00-38.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 19.00-30.00; Cull 1 11.00-19.00.

Pennsylvania: Good 2-3 66.00-86.00.
 Ft. Collins: Good 3-4 25.00-31.00; Good 2-3 34.00-40.00; Utility 1-2 25.00-29.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 14.00-17.00.

Billings, MT: Good 3-4 no test; Good 2-3 no test; Utility 1-2 no test; Cull 1 no test.

So Dakota: Good 3-4 31.00; Good 2-3 31.50-43.00; Utility and Good 1-3 31.00-31.50; Utility 1-2 24.00-28.50; Cull 1 13.00.

Oklahoma: Good 2-3 49.00-50.00; Utility 1-2 30.50-40.00; Cull 1

26.00-30.00.
 Missouri: Utility and Good 1-3 36.00-42.00; Utility 1-2 27.00.
 Virginia: Good and Choice 2-4 47.00-55.00; Utility 1-2 30.00-49.00.
 Kalona: Utility and Good 1-3 28.00-33.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: 60-90 lbs 110.00-120.00; 90-110 lbs 103.00-114.00.

Virginia: 40-60 lbs 123.00; 60-90 lbs 114.00-119.00.

Inter Mt area: no test.

Kalona: 85-90 lbs 107.00-110.00; 90-105 lbs 94.00-97.00.

So Dakota: 50-70 lbs 110.00-114.00; 70-75 lbs 120.00-121.00; 80-90 lbs 113.50-114.50; 95-100 lbs 105.25-107.75; 109 lbs 101.25; 110 lbs 99.00.

Oklahoma: 35-100 lbs 120.00-131.00, few 154.00.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: Mixed age 135 lbs 54.00 cwt.

Kalona, IA: Bred mixed age 47.50-62.50 per head.

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National Daily Lamb Carcass Report

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

Compared to last week: Carcass lambs 65#'s and down are unevenly steady; 65#'s and up traded 0.81 to 1.52 lower.

Today's trades not reportable because they did not meet the 3/70/20 guideline for carcass lambs. Below is the last reported market as of 1/08/2009.

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	*	305.22
45-55#	*	238.79
55-65#	*	234.66
65-75#	*	208.30
75-85#	*	208.82
85-UP	*	204.49

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

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	199	289.98
45-55#	479	249.11
55-65#	1,077	232.61
65-75#	2,627	213.50
75-85#	4,148	211.52
85-UP	1,895	207.86

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USDA National Lamb Estimated Grading Percent Report

Week Ending 12/27/2008: Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 35,503 head. 33,603 Lambs, 94.6% of total Sheep slaughtered. 24,853 graded, 73.96% of total Lambs slaughtered. 201 Certified Schedule CL, 0.81% of total Lambs graded.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield	Grade	(May include hindsaddles)			Total
Quality	1	2	3	4	5	
Prime	0.00%	1.48%	4.29%	1.95%	0.40%	8.12%
Choice	5.58%	29.29%	46.55%	9.27%	1.19%	91.88%
Total %	5.58%	30.78%	50.84%	11.22%	1.59%	

[USDA AMS Meat Grading, Certification and Verification](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lm_xl501.txt)

HIGHLIGHTS

SLAUGHTER LAMBS

Choice & Prime 2-3 Shorn & Woolled (130-160 pounds)			
Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr	
San Angelo, TX			
N/Q	N/Q	N/Q	
El Reno, OK			
N/Q	N/Q	N/Q	
Ft Collins, CO			
N/Q	N/Q	88.00	

SLAUGHTER EWES

Good 2-4			
Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr	
San Angelo, TX			
38.50	N/Q	45.00	
St. Onge, Newell, SD			
33.29	N/Q	33.01	
Ft. Collins, CO			
32.50	N/Q	36.50	
Sioux Falls, SD			
40.00	34.00	33.75	

FEEDER LAMBS

Medium-Large 1-2 Woolled (90-110 pounds)			
Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr	
San Angelo, TX			
108.50	N/Q	99.00	
St. Onge, Newell, SD			
103.88	N/Q	85.00	
Ft. Collins, CO			
N/Q	N/Q	N/Q	

CARCASS LAMB

FOB PLANT WT AVG

	Last Week	Latest
45#-Dn	299.15	305.22
45-55#	266.05	238.79
55-65#	271.79	234.66
65-75#	217.29	208.30
75-85#	212.00	208.82
85-Up	209.00	204.49

Last Year

45#-Dn	333.82
45-55#	247.82
55-65#	211.74
65-75#	202.68
75-85#	199.00
85-Up	207.00

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 1,073,007 pounds
Frozen Cuts 369,197 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	3	4,453	\$280.37	0.96
202	Foresaddle	4	1,305	\$281.75	7.91
204	Rack, 8-Rib, light	5	223	\$566.34	(104.76)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	65	21,071	\$541.23	11.17
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	3	1,244	\$492.39	(2.35)
204A	Rack, chined	33	8,027	\$673.11	18.67
204B	Rack, roast-ready	22	4,518	\$868.92	(10.73)
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	133	22,687	\$1,090.53	31.02
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	17	4,326	\$1,339.44	(11.20)
206	Shoulders	103	155,168	\$182.14	2.92
207	Shoulders, square-cut	177	154,048	\$205.31	(1.65)
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	11	1,167	\$414.11	7.18
209	Breast	89	34,284	\$91.54	(1.08)
	Breast, bulk	27	40,995	\$63.92	1.32
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	17	1,311	\$316.11	1.87
210	Foreshank	252	38,996	\$311.75	(2.71)
230	Hindsaddle	4	426	\$325.68	14.46
231	Loins	16	4,316	\$310.94	(5.04)
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	58	15,544	\$347.87	(0.34)
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	10	6,287	\$539.66	1.19
232	Loins, trimmed 0x0	5	454	\$1,161.77	257.02
232A	Loins, short-cut, 2x2	11	935	\$492.74	1.46
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	61	20,155	\$531.68	2.79
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	41	14,995	\$619.78	5.86
232E	Flank, untrimmed	19	17,926	\$54.12	(0.08)
233	Legs	72	39,347	\$264.27	0.17
233A	Leg, trotter-off	168	61,427	\$265.51	1.72
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial hnl	28	3,277	\$414.29	(12.04)
233E	Leg, steamship	12	5,161	\$354.89	(21.16)
233F	Hindshank	56	19,376	\$304.22	(4.33)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	113	37,492	\$397.57	(4.37)
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	52	7,519	\$473.03	5.69
234B	Leg, 2-way boneless	3	638	\$397.39	(2.66)
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	69	10,486	\$478.36	(2.32)
234G	Sirloin, boneless	26	2,495	\$416.59	0.67
236	Back, trimmed	16	222	\$575.28	(0.63)
238	Trimnings	23	2,187	\$256.69	2.40
245	Sirloin	3	966	\$390.51	
295	Lamb for stewing	45	8,231	\$443.90	2.48
296	Ground lamb	81	12,697	\$370.72	(129.15)
	Necks	23	2,850	\$88.09	2.44

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	9	14,299	\$407.42	6.13
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	3	724	\$933.91	
207	Shoulders, square-cut	3	10,484	\$186.35	
209	Breast	9	40,874	\$82.35	2.67
	Breast, bulk	5	52,289	\$78.41	
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	3	255	\$284.35	
210	Foreshank	9	14,656	\$282.65	(0.35)
232E	Flank, untrimmed	3	41,212	\$68.61	0.12
233A	Leg, trotter-off	4	88,212	\$240.34	
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	10	3,020	\$414.16	(3.12)
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	8	321	\$588.35	(6.41)
238	Trimnings	7	1,820	\$255.60	14.08
295	Lamb for stewing	14	865	\$410.14	11.49
296	Ground lamb	25	3,067	\$386.25	22.50
	Necks	14	10,140	\$55.23	6.94

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National Weekly Comprehensive Lamb Carcass Report

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	11,193
Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN		
45-55#		
55-65#		
65-75#		
75-85#		
85-UP		

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 5	Head	322
Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	0	
45-55#	0	
55-65#		
65-75#		
75-85#		
85-UP		

CERTIFIED FRESH AMERICAN LAMB	Head	Wt Avg
Weight	Head	Wt Avg

UNGRADED	Head	238
Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	22	179.23
45-55#	16	178.75
55-65#	79	145.82
65-75#	66	154.00
75-85#	25	117.86
85-UP	30	130.05

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USDA Estimated National Lamb Carcass Cutout

Based on 5-Day Rolling weighted average FOB plant prices collected under Mandatory Price Reporting and industry yields.

*** Based on information provided by major lamb breakers the lamb cut percentages have been updated ***

CUTS	FOB PRICE	CHANGE	%	CARCAS	LBS.
FORESADDLE					
204 RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	541.23	11.18	10.77%	7.43	
209 BREAST **	78.51	3.74	8.85%	6.11	
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	205.31	-1.66	23.53%	16.24	
210 FORESHANK	311.75	-2.71	3.82%	2.64	
NECK **	62.44	6.45	2.22%	1.53	
HINDSADDLE					
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	347.87	-0.34	10.97%	7.57	
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	64.22	-0.29	3.39%	2.34	
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	265.51	1.72	31.88%	22.00	
GROSS CARCASS VALUE:					
	251.87	1.69	95.45%	65.86	
FORESADDLE VALUE					
	257.87	2.41	49.20%	33.95	
HINDSADDLE VALUE					
	270.30	1.08	46.24%	31.91	
Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$31.50					
NET CARCASS VALUE					
	220.37	1.69			

* Shrink and trim of 3.14 lb's not reflected in cutout value
* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 69 lbs. for W/E 12/27/08, one pound more than last week.
** Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

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Actual Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

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For W/E 12/27/2008

Monday	10,665
Tuesday	10,501
Wednesday	5,200
Thursday	0
Friday	9,032
Saturday	105
Total	35,503

Lambs & Yearlings 94.6%
Mature Sheep 5.4%

Red Meat Production

(Estimated, except *Actual*)

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Production Mil.Lbs.

10-Jan-2009	2.9
03-Jan-2009	2.4
Change	20.8%
12-Jan-2008	3.1
Change	-6.5%
2009 YTD:	3.6
*2008 YTD: *	5.2
Change	-30.2%
27-Dec-2008	2.4

Average Live

Weights

10-Jan-2009	137
03-Jan-2009	136
12-Jan-2008	141
27-Dec-2008	138

Dressed

10-Jan-2009	69
03-Jan-2009	69
12-Jan-2008	70
27-Dec-2008	69

Slaughter

10-Jan-2009	43,000
03-Jan-2009	35,000
Change	22.9%
12-Jan-2008	44,000
Change	-2.3%
2009 YTD:	53,000
*2008 YTD:	73,000
Change	-27.9%

New Zealand Meat and Wool Export Summary

LAMB: Although too early to make a definitive judgment on consumption levels over the Christmas/New Year period, the fact that sales have continued during the holiday week is a positive sign. This season in-market prices in overseas currency terms have held up surprisingly well for most cuts. Higher priced leg and middle cuts have only eased 5-10% from recent highs and lower value forequarter cuts and flaps are steady.

	Fat Cover (mm)	Week Ending	Week Ending	%Change
		03-Jan-09	27-Dec-08	
Lamb (\$/Head)				
24 lbs	0-6	21.67	21.58	
33 lbs	7-12	41.98	41.67	
46 lbs	7-12	57.39	56.97	
Pelt				
1 lb		0.92	0.91	
Ewe (\$/Head)				
46 lbs		25.75	25.39	
Wool (c/cwt clean)	(microns)			
Fine	21	223.17	219.99	
Medium	25	157.85	156.04	
Coarse	35	87.09	86.18	

Notes: All prices are U.S. Dollars./ All meat prices are carcass based and net to farmers. Lamb values include a 1 kg shorn pelt. Ewe values at 0.5 kg pelt.

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Canadian Federally Inspected Slaughter

	Current 12/06/08	Week Ago 11/29/08	Year Ago 12/08/07	12/06/08 YTD	12/08/07 YTD	%Change
Cattle:				3,032,006	3,036,293	-0.1%
Calves:	*** Current report unavailable			239,163	241,559	-1.0%
Sheep:	2,886	3,265	3,799	156,898	151,737	3.4%
Hogs:	426,391	435,684	412,767	19,289,606	19,155,279	0.7%

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Canadian Live Animal Imports By State Of Entry

Sheep State	Fdr	Week/Ending Dec 27, 2008				Other	Total
		Slghtr Lambs	Slghtr Ewes	Brdng Males	Brdng Females		
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Texas Sheep Export Figures

THURSDAY, 01/08/2009	WEEK-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE	PREV YTD	PERCENT
	2009	*2008*		CHANGE
Slaughter				
Lambs	0	0	0	0
Ewes	2,226	2,226	3,517	
Breeding Males	0	0	0	
Breeding Females	0	0	0	
Total	2,226	2,226	3,517	-36.71%

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Lamb & Mutton Imports

METRIC TONS OF LAMB FOR REPORTING PERIOD: 11/16/08-11/22/08		Cuts		Misc		Fresh		Processed		TOTAL
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Manufact	Carcasses								
Australia	0	71	544	0	2					617
Canada	0	0	0	0	0					0
New Zealand	0	0	236	0	0					236
Other	0	0	0	0	0					0
Total	0	71	780	0	2					853

METRIC TONS OF MUTTON FOR REPORTING PERIOD: 11/16/08-11/22/08		Cuts		Misc		Fresh		Processed		TOTAL
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Manufact	Carcasses								
Australia	0	50	0	0	0					50
Canada	0	0	0	0	1					1
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	0					0
Other	0	0	0	0	0					0
Total	0	50	0	0	1					51

LAMB	Wk Ending	22-Nov-08	Australia	N Zeal	Canada	Other	Total
Wk Ending	22-Nov-08	617	617	236			853
Prev Week	15-Nov-08	641	641	233			874
Year Ago	24-Nov-07	790	790	173			963
2007 YTD		27,098	27,098	14,805	27	54	41,984
2008 YTD		22,474	22,474	14,928	7	65	37,474
2008 to 2007 by %			82.94%	100.83%	25.93%	120.37%	89.26%

Imported Lamb

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS AND LAMB CUTS - IMPORTED PRODUCT
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 =	224,280 Pound	Fresh Cuts =	Pounds
	Frozen Cuts =	535,225 Pounds	Frozen Cuts =	Pounds

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FRESH				
Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/dn	12	10,316	635.00- 920.00	751.21
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	18	8,668	752.00- 920.00	829.85
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	31	14,927	782.00- 950.00	846.89
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	26	9,179	835.00- 930.00	893.35
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	27	83,129	156.00- 215.00	169.81
AUS Foreshank, VP	14	13,510	257.00- 320.00	284.81
AUS Loin, Eye of, ss-off, 8 oz/dn	5	628	920.00- 985.00	965.26
AUS Loin, Eye of, ss-off, 8 oz/up	6	669	872.00- 934.00	904.89
AUS Leg, bnls	15	6,329	335.00- 390.00	373.22
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up	4	676	645.00- 789.00	709.53
NZ Shoulder, Square-cut	5	5,384	140.00- 221.01	164.89
NZ Foreshank, LP	9	922	255.00- 290.00	275.30

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FROZEN				
Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	8	1,604	623.00- 930.00	722.90
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	5	3,943	127.00- 185.00	137.01
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls	4	3,821	255.00- 325.00	260.56
AUS Foreshank, LP	7	9,486	212.00- 260.00	229.29
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1	19	8,857	383.00- 560.00	519.52
AUS Leg, Long	3	18,934	200.00- 229.00	218.96
AUS Leg, bnls	20	67,943	319.00- 365.00	331.94
NZ Carcass, 30 lb/dn	9	7,437	197.00- 240.00	209.95
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12 oz/dn	21	11,055	500.00- 730.00	610.36
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12-16 oz	63	63,297	607.00- 705.00	650.13
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 16-20 oz	53	55,319	607.00- 730.00	638.16
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up	18	8,362	617.00- 750.00	640.11

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Regional Weekly Summaries

Mountain Areas and Western United States Sheep

Receipts: 525 **Last Week:** 965 **Last Year:** 5365

Compared to last week: No recent comparison on replacement ewe lambs therefore no trend will be available. Demand and trade activity light. All of the supply consisted of replacement ewe lambs. Feeder lamb sales FOB with overnight stand or equivalent 3-4 percent shrink unless otherwise noted. Prices quoted per cwt. Current delivery unless otherwise noted.

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South Central Direct Sheep

Feeder Lambs: Trading at a standstill in the area. Available supplies of feeder lambs are very limited. TX: None. **Slaughter Lambs:** TX: None. **Slaughter Ewes:** TX: None. **Replacement Ewes:** TX: None.

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Eastern Cornebelt Direct Sheep

Total sheep and lamb sales: 393 **Three weeks ago:** 788 **Year ago:** 572

First report in three weeks no price comparison available. Trade light to moderate with light demand. Offerings light. This week's supply was made up of 54% lambs and 46% slaughter ewes; with an additional 815 head of goats.

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Sioux Falls Weekly Sheep Summary

Compared to last week, wooled slaughter lambs sold steady. Slaughter ewes sold with a higher undertone noted. Feeder lambs not well tested. Sheep supplies this week near 66 percent slaughter lambs, 15 percent slaughter ewes, and the balance mostly bucks. Receipts this week 566 including 164 goats compared with 668 including 140 goats last week and 998 including 68 goats a year ago.

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Weekly Lamb Pelts

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 generally steady on nearly inactive trading. Market undertone trending weak with movement of finished product at a standstill in Europe and the Asian buyers are shopping the world for cheap pelts.

PELT TYPES:	PACKER, SEED	FREE, MOSTLY GOOD	DENSITY WOOL
SHORN	Price Range	UNSHORN	Price Range
Fall Clips	6.00 - 8.50	Wools	4.00 - 6.00
No. 1	4.00 - 7.00	Pickling skins	2.00 - 3.00
No. 2	3.00 - 4.00	Springers:	6.00 - 7.50
No. 3	2.00	Western Slope,	
No. 4	1.00	California,	
Imperial's		Idaho,	
Fall Clips		Kansas,	6.00 - 7.50
No. 1		Midwest,	
No. 2		Native(Gray)	

Livestock Mandatory Reporting on Negotiated, Formula and Contract trades last week showed 20,499 pelts consisting of 73.6% wooled, 24.14% Fall Shorn No.1, 0.65% No.2, 1.61% No.3&4.

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National Wool Review

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week. With no confirmed sales this week. Demand very light to light.

Weighted Average Clean Wool Prices for this week Prices reflect FOB warehouse sales for Original Bag, Bellies Out wool (some graded), in square packs, 76 mm or longer. No allowance made for coring, freight or handling fees at the warehouse level to reflect net grower prices.

**** Indicates new Price this week ****

Micron	U.S. GRADE	Fleece States	Territory States	Texas/N.M
18	80'S	N.A	None	None
19	80'S	N.A.	None	None
20	70'S	None	None	None
21	64-70'S	None	None	None
22	64'S	None	None	None
23	62'S	None	None	None
24	60-62'S	None	None	None
25	58'S	None	None	None
26	56-58'S	None	None	None
27	56'S	None	None	N.A.
28	54'S	None	None	N.A.
29	50-54'S	None	None	N.A.
30-34	46-50'S	None	.40	N.A.

(N.A. - microns normally not available in this area) Wool less than 75 mm discounted .10-.20 clean. Classed and skirted wools usually .10-.20 premium to OB prices.

Greasy wool trading was at a standstill this week. With no confirmed sales this week. Demand light to moderate.

FSA Wool LDP payment unchanged at .29 per pound net grower on a greasy basis. This week's Mohair LDP unchanged at 1.55 per pound.

Domestic Wool Tags - delivered to buyer, greasy basis:

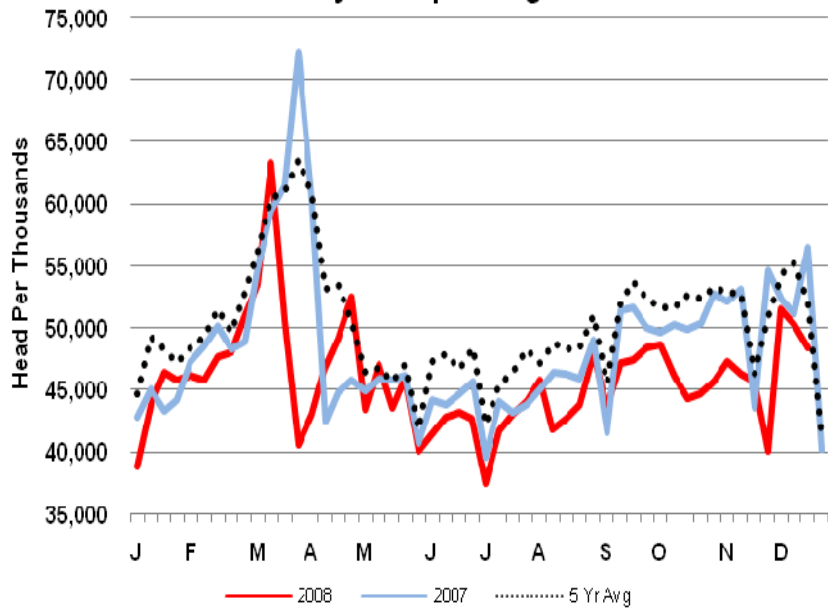
1 .25-30 # 2 .15-.20 # 3 .10

Mohair trading was at a standstill this week. With no confirmed sales this week. Demand moderate.

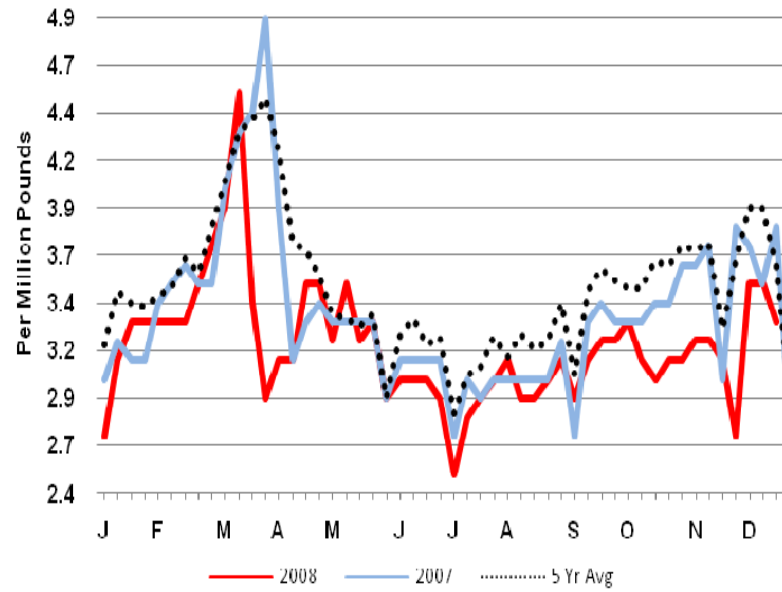
Australia is on Christmas break the next available report will be January 16, 2009.

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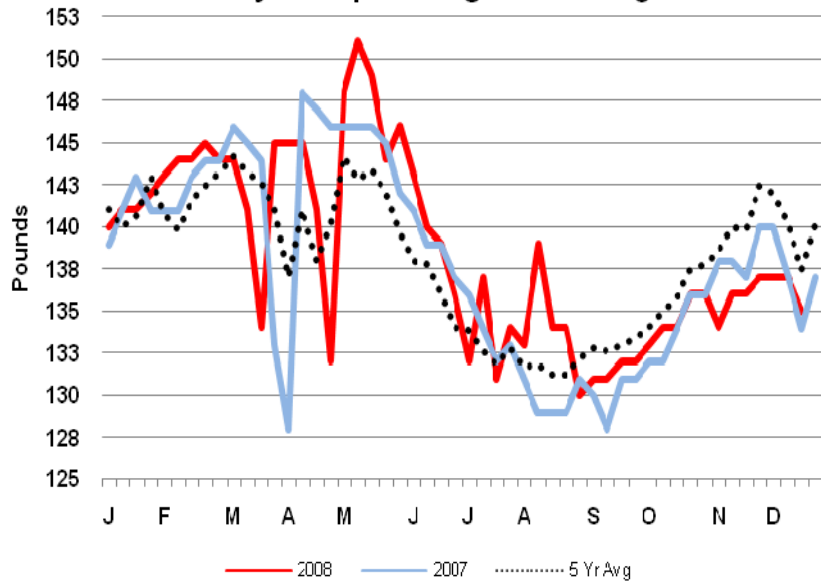
Weekly Sheep Slaughter



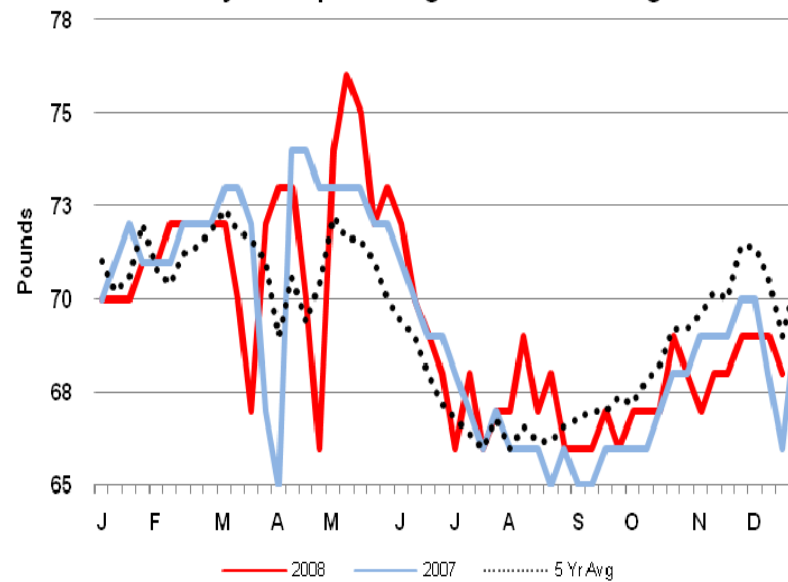
Weekly Sheep Production



Weekly Sheep Average Live Weight



Weekly Sheep Average Dressed Weight



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