



USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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National Sheep Summary

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs firm to 8.00 higher; slaughter ewes mostly steady; feeder lambs not well tested. At San Angelo, TX 4728 head sold in a one day sale. Equity Electronic Auction sold 125 slaughter lambs in Wisconsin. In direct trading slaughter ewes steady; no comparison on feeder lambs.

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

San Angelo: shorn and woolled 90-155 lbs 83.00-96.00.
 Eastern Area
 (VA and PA): woolled 130-160 lbs 95.00-98.00 in VA and in PA 90-110 lbs 144.00-153.00.

Inter Mt Area
 (CO, WY and MT): shorn and woolled 135-150 lbs 80.00-85.00; new crop 110-130 lbs 99.00-114.00.

Kalona, IA: no test.
 South Dakota: woolled 128 lbs 98.25; 135-145 lbs 95.50-97.75.
 Oklahoma: no test.
 Missouri: 110-115 lbs 122.00-126.00; 115-145 lbs 97.00-111.00.
 Equity Elec: shorn and woolled 125 lbs 97.25.

Slaughter Lambs: Good and Choice 1-2:

San Angelo: 60-90 lbs 105.00-115.00; 95-110 lbs 100.00-106.50. new crop 40-60 lbs 133.00-136.00; 60-70 lbs 124.50-137.00; 70-80 lbs 124.50-125.00. hair lambs 40-60 lbs 120.00-138.00; 60-75 lbs 120.00-133.00.

Kalona, IA: no test.
 Inter Mt Area: 50-65 lbs 121.00-127.00; 75-80 lbs 120.00-122.00; 80-90 lbs 118.00-122.00; 90-110 lbs 113.00-121.00; 60-70 lbs 128.00-129.00; 70-80 lbs 106.00-124.00; 80-90 lbs 104.00-113.00. hair lambs 40-50 lbs 120.00-121.00; 50-60 lbs 97.00-122.00; 70-80 lbs 125.00-139.00; 80-90 lbs 106.00-108.00.

Virginia: 60-90 lbs 110.00-129.00; 90-110 lbs 91.00.
 Oklahoma: no test.
 South Dakota: no test.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2:

Eastern Area: 50-60 lbs 150.00-166.00; 60-70 lbs 148.00-158.00; 70-80 lbs 144.00-152.00; 80-90 lbs 138.00-150.00; 90-110 lbs 122.00-140.00.

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

CA: 3000: Feeder Lambs 135-140 lbs 94.00.
 UT: 1300: Feeder Lambs 120-125 lbs 94.00.
 ID: 600: Slaughter Ewes Good 2-3 30.00; Cull 1 10.00.
 100: Stocker/Feeder Ewes 150-155 lbs 20.00 cwt.

Eastern
 Combelt: 400: Slaughter Lambs woolled 90-110 lbs 99.00. Good and Choice 1-2 60-90 lbs 122.00.
 Slaughter Ewes Utility and Good 1-3 29.00-32.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 29.00.

Slaughter Ewes:

San Angelo: Good 2-3 30.00-37.00; Utility and Good 1-3 40.00-48.50; Utility 1-2 29.00-39.00; Cull 1 10.00-20.00.
 Pennsylvania: Good and Choice 1-3 56.00-72.00; Utility and Good 1-3 40.00-52.00.
 Ft. Collins: Good 3-4 33.00-36.50; Good 2-3 36.00-45.00; Utility 1-2 27.00-31.00; Cull 1 15.00-25.00.

Billings, MT: no test.
 So Dakota: Good 2-4 34.00-45.00; Good 2-3 30.00-34.00; Utility 1-2 24.00-26.00; Cull 1 16.00.

Oklahoma: no test.
 Missouri: Good 2-3 30.00-38.99; Utility and Good 1-3 42.00-52.00.
 Virginia: Good and Choice 2-4 23.00-55.50; Utility 1-2 40.00; Cull 1 6.00-18.00.

Kalona: no test.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: 60-90 lbs 109.00-116.00; 95-115 lbs 105.00-109.50. new crop set 52 lbs 120.00; set 69 lbs 129.00; set 90 lbs 120.00.

Virginia: 40-60 lbs 99.00-116.00; 60-90 lbs 118.00-126.75.

Inter Mt area: no test.

So Dakota: 90-105 lbs 94.00-106.00.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

Ft. Collins: mixed aged bred black face ewes 120.00 per head.

National Daily Lamb Carcass Report

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

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 2/18/2009.

Compared to last week: Carcass lambs 45#'s and up traded 0.56 to 1.84 lower.

DAILY CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 1-4

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	17	314.53
45-55#	48	273.06
55-65#	180	235.60
65-75#	234	205.00
75-85#	489	200.93
85-UP	149	198.00

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

Weight	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	120	280.82
45-55#	314	251.41
55-65#	1,473	230.37
65-75#	2,836	209.17
75-85#	3,705	204.16
85-UP	1,856	198.54

USDA National Lamb Estimated Grading Percent Report

Week Ending 02/14/2009: Actual FIS Sheep Slaughter 44,001 head. 41,780 Lambs, 95.0% of total sheep slaughtered. 33,218 graded, 79.51% of total lambs slaughtered.

GRADE BREAKDOWN	Yield Grade (May include hindsaddles)					Total
Quality	1	2	3	4	5	
Prime	0.00%	1.50%	3.99%	2.67%	0.97%	9.13%
Choice	3.92%	32.64%	37.28%	12.98%	4.04%	90.87%
Total %	3.93%	34.14%	41.28%	15.65%	5.01%	

HIGHLIGHTS

SLAUGHTER LAMBS

Choice & Prime 2-3 Shorn & Woolled (130-160 pounds)			
Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr	
San Angelo, TX	89.50	88.00	85.00
El Reno, OK	N/Q	N/Q	83.50
Ft Collins, CO	95.00	94.00	N/Q

SLAUGHTER EWES

Good 2-4			
Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr	
San Angelo, TX	39.25	39.50	36.50
St. Onge, Newell, SD	N/Q	N/Q	24.50
Ft. Collins, CO	39.00	41.50	33.50
Sioux Falls, SD	42.00	34.50	36.50

FEEDER LAMBS

Medium-Large 1-2 Woolled (90-110 pounds)			
Latest	Last Wk	Last Yr	
San Angelo, TX	107.25	107.50	117.50
St. Onge, Newell, SD	N/Q	102.88	101.13
Ft. Collins, CO	N/Q	N/Q	N/Q

CARCASS LAMB

FOB PLANT WT AVG		
	Last Week	Latest
45#-Dn	265.42	314.53
45-55#	245.40	273.06
55-65#	226.00	235.60
65-75#	204.40	205.00
75-85#	201.83	200.93
85-Up	197.98	198.00

Last Year	
45#-Dn	365.33
45-55#	253.05
55-65#	209.11
65-75#	199.18
75-85#	199.21
85-Up	191.60

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 940,335 pounds
Frozen Cuts 347,329 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	7	791	\$531.19	0.00
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	86	15,279	\$517.40	(6.07)
204	Rack, 8-Rib, heavy	11	4,067	\$504.95	17.28
204A	Rack, chined	33	6,077	\$612.50	(20.02)
204B	Rack, roast-ready	19	4,069	\$838.44	(46.61)
204C	Rack, roast-ready, frenched	126	22,725	\$1,039.33	(15.12)
204D	Rack, roast-ready, special	17	2,043	\$1,314.97	(57.12)
206	Shoulders	79	105,741	\$184.50	(0.55)
207	Shoulders, square-cut	150	122,740	\$209.67	(3.79)
208	Shoulders, square-cut, bnls	26	4,230	\$400.21	12.87
209	Breast	63	38,748	\$92.06	0.02
	Breast, bulk	18	16,461	\$71.14	1.27
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	15	1,264	\$332.73	(3.14)
210	Foreshank	226	33,809	\$318.45	(1.02)
231	Loins	12	1,478	\$267.36	(0.14)
232	Loins, trimmed 4x4	53	12,579	\$332.79	(0.56)
232	Loins, trimmed 2x2	4	718	\$432.42	
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	6	2,408	\$537.34	(19.21)
232	Loins, trimmed 0x0	4	125	\$1,433.04	0.00
232A	Loins, short-cut, 2x2	14	1,972	\$432.08	6.07
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	63	21,154	\$541.98	(7.28)
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	33	7,149	\$627.78	6.09
232C	Loin, boneless, tied	5	156	\$1,033.51	216.71
232E	Flank, untrimmed	19	15,732	\$47.91	(0.23)
233	Legs	57	23,761	\$258.87	(2.04)
233A	Leg, trotter-off	161	91,174	\$263.07	(0.66)
233C	Leg, trotter-off, partial bnls	32	4,085	\$403.98	4.67
233E	Leg, steamship	13	4,114	\$350.45	8.45
233F	Hindshank	53	14,496	\$324.08	(2.08)
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	105	32,615	\$387.52	(11.35)
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	42	7,746	\$428.55	(16.81)
234B	Leg, 2-way boneless	6	1,137	\$397.76	(1.01)
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	67	11,807	\$493.64	12.88
234G	Sirloin, boneless	21	2,265	\$417.41	(7.18)
236	Back, trimmed	12	163	\$574.28	(1.58)
238	Trimnings	27	2,411	\$251.36	3.72
239	Special trimnings	5	670	\$209.21	(39.61)
295	Lamb for stewing	46	11,084	\$485.04	2.69
296	Ground lamb	103	16,978	\$361.91	(2.46)
	Necks	24	3,488	\$82.49	(2.28)

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

IMPS	Sub-Primal	# Of Trades	Total Pound	Weighted Average	Change from Prior Days
204	Rack, 8-Rib, medium	3	3,395	\$375.42	(14.77)
	Breast, bulk	7	72,821	\$66.71	(9.83)
209A	Ribs, Breast bones off	6	325	\$292.55	(1.25)
210	Foreshank	7	4,116	\$311.89	0.00
232	Loins, trimmed 1x1	3	6,445	\$346.19	0.79
232A	Loins, short-cut, 1x1	4	6,821	\$425.16	15.93
232A	Loins, short-cut, 0x0	3	85	\$729.12	
233A	Leg, trotter-off	7	42,566	\$253.11	0.79
234	Leg, Boneless, Tied	7	6,593	\$415.17	(0.37)
234A	Leg, shank off, bnls	3	1,217	\$404.18	0.00
234E	Leg, inside, boneless	3	490	\$565.80	0.00
238	Trimnings	13	10,323	\$99.61	2.12
295	Lamb for stewing	25	8,150	\$395.38	(0.87)
296	Ground lamb	24	3,787	\$350.36	(0.70)
	Necks	17	29,101	\$69.02	5.73

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	Wt Avg
45-DN	120	280.82
45-55#	314	251.41
55-65#	1,473	230.37
65-75#	3,276	209.11
75-85#	4,430	203.54
85-UP	2,497	197.56

CHOICE AND PRIME, YG 5	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	

UNGRADED	Head	Wt Avg
45-DN	19	169.74
45-55#	18	169.83
55-65#	53	152.39
65-75#	64	149.59
75-85#	37	136.96
85-UP	55	148.10

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.
204 RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM	517.40	-6.07	10.77%	7.76	
209 BREAST **	74.22	-2.59	8.85%	6.37	
207 SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT	209.67	-3.78	23.53%	16.94	
210 FORESHANK	318.45	-1.02	3.82%	2.75	
NECK **	70.46	4.96	2.22%	1.60	
HINDSADDLE					
232 LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4	332.79	-0.56	10.97%	7.90	
232E FLANK UNTRIMMED **	48.42	0.28	3.39%	2.44	
233A LEG, TROTTER OFF	263.07	-0.66	31.88%	22.96	

GROSS CARCASS VALUE: 247.42 -1.96 95.45% 68.72

FORESADDLE VALUE	254.85	-3.46	49.20%	35.43
HINDSADDLE VALUE	263.88	-0.57	46.24%	33.30

Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$31.50
NET CARCASS VALUE 215.92 -1.96

* Shrink and trim of 3.28 lb's not reflected in cutout value
* Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 72 lbs. for W/E 2/14/09, down 1 pound from last week.
**Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

Actual Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

For W/E 02/14/2009

Monday	9,978
Tuesday	8,873
Wednesday	7,853
Thursday	9,588
Friday	7,675
Saturday	34
Total	44,001

Lambs & Yearlings 95.0%
Mature Sheep 5.0%

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

(Estimated, except *Actual*)

Production Mil.Lbs.

28-Feb-2009	3.0
21-Feb-2009	2.8
Change	7.1%
30-Feb-2008	3.7
Change	-18.9%
2009 YTD:	25.0
*2008 YTD: *	29.0
Change	-13.7%
14-Feb-2009	3.2

Average Live

Weights

28-Feb-2009	144
21-Feb-2009	144
30-Feb-2008	144
14-Feb-2009	144

Dressed

28-Feb-2009	72
21-Feb-2009	72
30-Feb-2008	72
14-Feb-2009	72

Slaughter

28-Feb-2009	41,000
21-Feb-2009	39,000
Change	5.1%
30-Feb-2008	51,000
Change	-19.6%
2009 YTD:	345,000
*2008 YTD:	405,000
Change	-14.7%

New Zealand Meat and Wool Export Summary

LAMB: Another good rain late last week and over the weekend over most of the country looks likely to put farmers well on the way for a good start to Autumn. Store lamb buyers are starting to strongly compete for the reduced supply of stock and this is expected to continue. Overseas buyers of NZ lamb are acknowledging the shortages in product and are buying in steady quantities. Schedule and spot prices for this week are steady to up 5 c/kg on last week to \$4.90/kg in the North Island and \$5.10/kg in the South.

		Week Ending 21-Feb-09	Week Ending 14-Feb-09
Lamb (\$/Head)	Fat Cover (mm)		
	24 lbs 0-6	20.32	20.71
	33 lbs 7-12	38.45	39.45
	46 lbs 7-12	52.31	53.67
Pelt	1 lb	0.42	0.44
Ewe (\$/Head)	46 lbs	22.08	22.79
Wool (c/cwt clean)	(microns)		
	Fine 21	200.04	206.39
	Medium 25	142.43	146.97
	Coarse 35	74.84	73.94

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.

Canadian Federally Inspected Slaughter

	Current 02/14/09	Week Ago 02/07/09	Year Ago 02/09/08	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	%Change
Cattle:	63,622	61,105	64,571	385,201	354,776	8.6%
Calves:	5,031	5,006	5,139	28,979	28,526	1.6%
Sheep:	2,930	2,711	3,036	16,774	16,933	-0.9%
Hogs:	401,074	415,983	418,467	2,546,785	2,395,015	6.3%

Canadian Live Animal Imports By State Of Entry

Sheep State	Fdr	Week/Ending Feb 21, 2009					Total
		Slgtr Lambs	Slgtr Ewes	Brdng Males	Brdng Females	Other	
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Texas Sheep Export Figures

THURSDAY, 02/26/2009	WEEK-TO-DATE	YR-TO-DATE *2009*	PREV YTD *2008*	PERCENT CHANGE
Slaughter				
Lambs	0	0	0	
Ewes	0	0	12,693	18,405
Breeding Males	0	0	0	
Breeding Females	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	12,693	18,405 -15.95%

Lamb & Mutton Imports

METRIC TONS OF LAMB FOR REPORTING PERIOD:		1/4/08-1/10/09			TOTAL
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Manufact	Carcasses	Cuts	Misc Fresh	Processed
Australia	0	57	788	0	0
Canada	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	286	1	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	57	1074	1	0

METRIC TONS OF MUTTON FOR REPORTING PERIOD:		1/4/08-1/10/09			TOTAL
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	Manufact	Carcasses	Cuts	Misc Fresh	Processed
Australia	0	43	0	0	0
Canada	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	43	0	0	0

LAMB	Australia	Canada	N Zeal	Other	Total
Wk Ending 10-Jan-09	845	0	287	0	1132
Prev Week 3-Jan-09	418	0	230	0	648
Year Ago 12-Jan-08	769	0	261	0	1030
2008 YTD	1301	0	414	0	1715
2009 YTD	1263	0	517	0	1780
2009 to 2008 by %	97.06%		124.81%		103.76%

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:		Negotiated Sales 22/Up days
Fresh Cuts =	682,809 Pounds	Fresh Cuts = 495 Pounds
Frozen Cuts =	700,796 Pounds	Frozen Cuts = 2,800 Pounds

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FRESH

Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	26	4,339	735.00- 920.00	802.66
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz	29	12,427	750.00- 890.00	821.70
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up	24	7,930	755.00- 897.00	786.45
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	33	106,886	142.00- 210.00	151.56
AUS Foreshank, LP	4	2,058	215.00- 290.00	221.96
AUS Foreshank, VP	25	14,929	250.00- 310.00	276.15
AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1	22	16,212	315.00- 560.00	365.36
AUS Loin, Eye of, ss-off, 8 oz/dn	4	426	920.00-1,182.00	1,150.30
AUS Leg, semi bnls	27	15,600	253.00- 358.00	284.62
AUS Leg, bnls	25	27,737	280.00- 385.00	312.49
AUS Tenderloin	5	717	791.00- 927.00	850.33
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up	6	1,830	665.00- 789.00	775.35
NZ Shoulder, Square-cut	15	16,059	154.00- 221.02	177.84

NEGOTIATED SALES 0-21 DAYS, FROZEN

Sub-Primal	# of Trades	Total Pounds	Price Range	Weighted Average
AUS Carcass, 35 lb/up	8	9,106	159.00- 195.00	160.43
AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz	19	12,250	621.00- 867.00	691.57
AUS Shoulder, Square-cut	13	27,627	121.00- 160.00	138.18
AUS Foreshank, LP	19	20,868	192.00- 285.00	222.78
AUS Loin, Eye of, ss-off, 8 oz/up	6	784	895.00- 945.00	913.43
AUS Leg, Long	7	4,641	211.00- 275.00	236.10
AUS Leg, bnls	25	82,266	299.00- 367.00	307.21
NZ Carcass, 30 lb/dn	6	4,203	200.00- 237.00	210.54
NZ Rack, 8-Rib, Standard	6	6,460	322.00- 365.00	337.34
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12 oz/dn	18	7,833	567.00- 705.00	641.62
NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up	18	9,104	617.00- 700.00	636.63
NZ Shortloin, 1-Rib, 0x0	7	1,809	307.00- 525.00	372.72
NZ Loin, Eye of, ss-off, 6 oz/up	6	922	735.00- 955.00	843.22

Regional Weekly Summaries

Mountain Areas and Western United States Sheep

Receipts: 4900 Last Week: 0 Last Year: 925

Compared to last week: No recent comparable trades. Demand and trade activity light. In the supply 87 percent feeder lambs and balance slaughter ewes. 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

South Central Direct Sheep

Feeder Lambs: Trading at a standstill in the area. Supplies are limited and both buyers and sellers are taking a wait and see attitude. **Slaughter Lambs:** TX: No test. **Slaughter Ewes:** TX: no test. **Replacement Ewes:** TX: no test.

Eastern Cornebelt Direct Sheep

Total sheep and lamb sales: 380 Last week: 495 Year ago: 421

Compared to last week, slaughter lambs traded unevenly steady. Slaughter ewes traded steady. Slaughter goats traded mostly steady to 2.00 higher. Selection 1 kids were 2.00 to 10.00 higher. Trade and demand were moderate with light offerings. This week's supply was made up of 53% lambs and 47% slaughter ewes; with an additional 905 head of goats.

Sioux Falls Weekly Sheep Summary

Compared to last week wooled slaughter lambs sold 2.00-4.00 higher. Slaughter ewes sold steady with last week's light receipts. Feeder lambs too few to test. Buyer attendance good with good demand. Supplies this week near 36 percent slaughter lambs, 48 percent slaughter ewes, and the balance was feeder lambs, bucks and misc. sheep. Receipts this week 488 including 69 goats compared with 393 including 107 goats last week and 648 including 80 goats a year ago.

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 steady on nearly inactive trading.

PELT TYPES:	PACKER, SEED FREE, MOSTLY GOOD DENSITY WOOL	SHORN	UNSHORN	Price Range	Price Range
Fall Clips	5.00 - 7.00	Wools		4.00 - 5.00	
No. 1	4.00 - 6.00	Pickling skins		2.00 - 2.50	
No. 2	1.00 - 2.00	Springers		5.00 - 7.00	
No. 3	1.00 - 1.50	Western Slope,			
No. 4	1.00	California,			
		Idaho,			
Imperial's		Kansas,			
Fall Clips		Midwest,		5.00 - 7.00	
No. 1		Native(Gray)			
No. 2					

Livestock Mandatory Reporting on Negotiated, Formula and Contract trades last week showed 20,961 pelts consisting of 50.84% wooled, 43.06% Fall Shorn No. 1, 3.15% No. 2, and 2.95% No. 3&4.

National Wool Review

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was slow this week. With 18,100 lbs of confirmed sales this week. Demand very light to light. All clean prices from this week's Roswell wool sale.

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	1.15*
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	.60*	None	N.A.

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

Greasy wool trading was at a slow. With 100,500 lbs of confirmed sales this week. Demand very light to light. All greasy sales from this week's Roswell wool sale. Of about 387,000 lbs offered only 118,600 lbs sold. Ewe wools - Territory states BO Pack 50 mm 23 micron .53, BI Pack 77 mm 24.4 micron .52, Pack short 23.1 micron .45, BI Pack 81 mm 26.6 micron .44; Fleece states BI Pack short 31.1 micron .33. Lamb wools - Territory states BI Pack 23.3-23.7 micron .45-.50; Fleece states BI Pack 22.2 micron .58, 24.4 micron .42, 76 mm 29.1 micron .32, 32.2 micron .31. Yearling wools - Fleece states BI Pack 34.4 micron .32.

FSA Wool LDP payment unchanged at .29 per pound net grower on a greasy basis. This week's Mohair LDP up .21 at 1.76 per pound.

Domestic Wool Tags - delivered to buyer, greasy basis:

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

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

In Australia this week the Eastern Market Indicator was down 3 at 722 cents per Kg clean from a week ago. A total of 49,575 bales were offered with sales of 90.7 percent. Next week's offerings totaling 51,318 bales. The current exchange rate is .6490 percent of the U.S. dollar.

Australian Wool Sales - Prices Delivered Charleston S.C. All Schlumberger dry basis.

Micron	US Grade	Clean Del Price in U.S. Dollars	Change from last week
18	80's	3.16	+ .02
19	80's	2.76	+ .02
20	70's	2.32	+ .02
21	64-70's	2.27	+ .02
22	64's	2.22	+ .02
23	62's	2.20	+ .03
24	60-62's	2.16	+ .04
25	58's	1.88	+ .04
26	56-58's	1.83	+ .04
28	54's	1.51	-----
30	50's	1.39	+ .01
Merino Clippings		1.62	+ .05

EMI closed at 722 cents per kg clean
Australian Exchange rate to U.S. \$ is .6490

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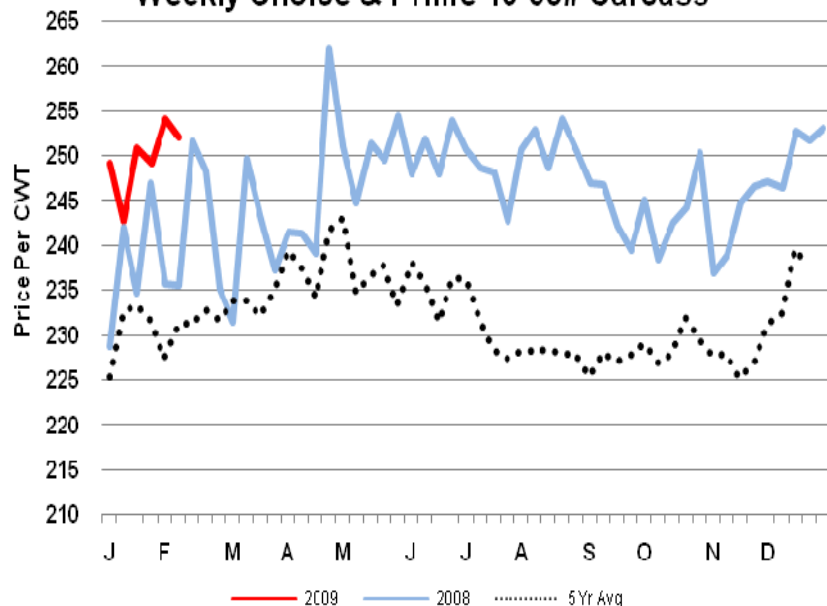
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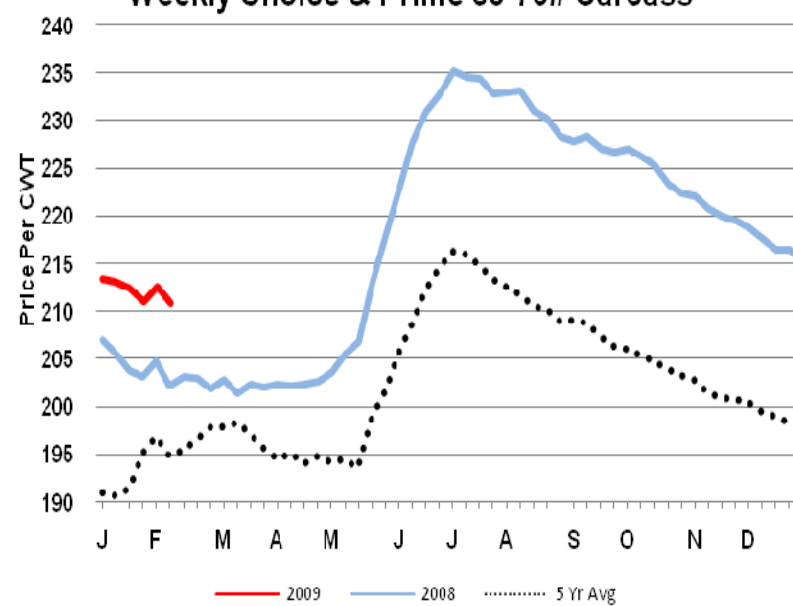
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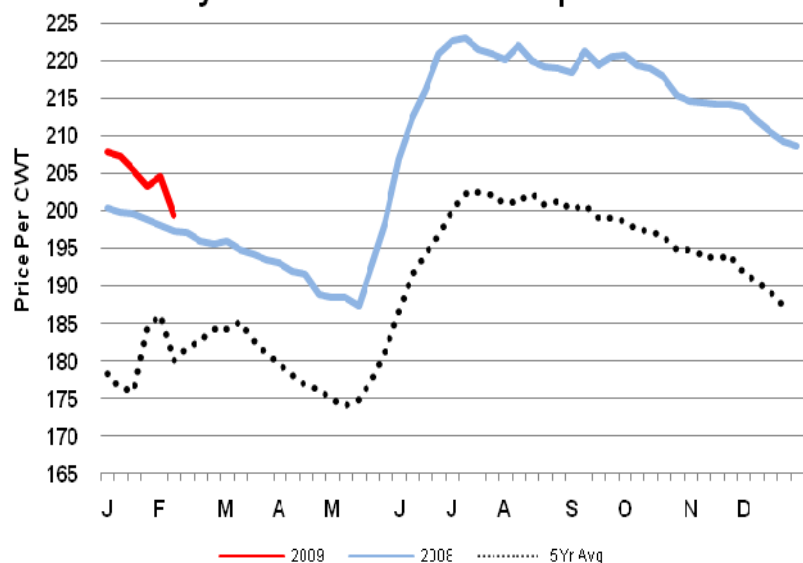
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