



USDA WEEKLY NATIONAL LAMB MARKET SUMMARY

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NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs were 3.00 to sharply higher, except at New Holland, PA 5.00-10.00 lower. Slaughter ewes were firm to sharply higher. Feeder lambs were mostly steady to 5.00 higher. At San Angelo, TX 4702 head sold. No sales in Equity Electronic Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 4,000 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were 2.00 lower. 2,499 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 105-150 lbs 128.00-150.00.
 VA: woolled 110-125 lbs 152.50-158.00; 130-160 lbs 135.00.
 PA: shorn and woolled 90-110 lbs 179.00-205.00; 110-130 lbs 165.00-186.00; 130-150 lbs 150.00-162.00.
 Ft. Collins, CO: woolled 110-125 lbs 147.00-157.00; 130-145 lbs 141.00-147.50; 150-185 lbs 127.50-135.00.
 South Dakota: shorn and woolled 120-130 lbs 132.50-138.50; 130-145 lbs 128.50-134.50.
 Kalona, IA: woolled 115-130 lbs 126.00-135.00; 130-140 lbs 121.00-125.00; 150-185 lbs 116.00-121.00.
 Missouri: 100-145 lbs 110.00-125.00.
 Equity Elec: no sales.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2:
 San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 254.00-273.00, few 282.00; 60-70 lbs 234.00-254.00, few 260.00-280.00; 70-80 lbs 220.00-248.00; 80-90 lbs 188.00-208.00; 90-110 lbs 158.00-190.00, few 200.00
 Pennsylvania: 40-50 lbs 240.00-285.00, few 290.00-312.00; 50-60 lbs 220.00-245.00, few 295.00; 60-70 lbs 200.00-235.00; 70-80 lbs 175.00-212.00; 80-90 lbs 140.00-185.00, few 190.00-205.00; 90-110 lbs 182.00.
 Kalona, IA: 45 lbs 250.00; 50-60 lbs 240.00-245.00; 60-70 lbs 220.00-235.00; 80-90 lbs 145.00-150.00; 90-110 lbs 128.00-136.00.
 Ft. Collins: 50-60 lbs 230.00-237.50; 60-70 lbs 220.00-230.00; 70-80 lbs 192.50-200.00; 91 lbs 172.50; 108 lbs 160.00.
 Missouri: 50-60 lbs 225.00-257.50; 60-70 lbs 200.00-237.50; 70-80 lbs 147.50-185.00, few 190.00-205.00; 80-90 lbs 140.00-160.00; 90-100 lbs 120.00-145.00.
 Virginia: 60-80 lbs 160.00-190.00; 80-110 lbs 145.00-190.00.
 South Dakota: 40-50 lbs 190.00-237.50; 50-60 lbs 200.00-230.00; 60-70 lbs 192.50-222.50; 70-80 lbs 162.00-180.00; 80-85 lbs 165.00-172.50; 90-100 lbs 148.00-157.00.

Direct Trading: (lambs fob with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent)
 4000: Slaughter Lambs shorn and woolled 137-170 lbs 119.92-146.15 (wtd avg 130.07).

Slaughter Ewes:
 San Angelo: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) no test; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 65.00-76.00, high-yielding 84.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 60.00-65.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) 42.00-50.00; Cull 1 (extremely thin) 20.00-40.00.
 Pennsylvania: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 70.00-100.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 50.00-100.00; Cull 1 30.00-50.00.
 Ft. Collins: Good 3-5 (very fleshy) 92.50-97.50; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 71.00-80.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 46.00-51.00; 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) 64.00-69.00; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 45.00-61.00; Utility 1-2 (thin) 41.00-55.00; Cull 1 31.00-47.00.
 Missouri: Good 2-4 65.00-80.00; Utility and Good 1-3 50.00-67.50; Utility 1-2 40.00-45.00.
 Virginia: Good 2-4 60.00-87.50; Utility 1-2 50.00-60.00; Cull 1 40.00.
 Kalona: Good 3-4 (very fleshy) no test; Good 2-3 (fleshy) 65.00-77.50; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) 57.50-67.50; Utility 1-2 (thin) 42.50; Cull 1 no test.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2:
 San Angelo: 75-80 lbs 166.00; 80-90 lbs 155.00-160.00; 95 lbs 165.75; 100-105 lbs 140.00-159.50; 117 lbs 139.50.
 Ft. Collins: 70-82 lbs 170.00-172.50; 117 lbs 129.00.
 So Dakota: 63 lbs 219.00; 70-80 lbs 167.00-175.00; 80-90 lbs 159.00-171.50; 90-100 lbs 148.00-151.00; 105-115 lbs 132.00; 120-125 lbs 119.00-121.00, thin 145.50; 135 lbs 117.00.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: wool ewe lambs 94 lbs 174.00 cwt, 109 lbs 160.00 cwt; hair ewe lambs 103 lbs 218.00 cwt; mixed age hair ewes 80-130 lbs 80.00-132.00 cwt.
 So Dakota: bred solid mouth 130.00-155.00 per head; open 140-175 lbs 55.00-66.00 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 1157

| 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 2,499**

| 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 – NOVEMBER

LAMB AND MUTTON

| QUALITY GRADE | YIELD GRADE | | | | | QUALITY ONLY | TOTAL QUALITY GRADED THIS PD | % OF ALL QUALITY GRADED |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | #1 | #2 | #3 | #4 | #5 | | | |
| PRIME | 4 | 59 | 131 | 106 | 66 | 365 | 6.9% | |
| CHOICE | 279 | 1,509 | 2,059 | 780 | 322 | 4,949 | 93.1% | |
| 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 | 283 | 1,568 | 2,190 | 886 | 388 | | | |
| % OF ALL YIELD GRADED | 5.3% | 29.5% | 41.2% | 16.7% | 7.3% | | | |

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 1,428,427 pounds
 Frozen Cuts 193,282 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 | 2,234 | \$373.92 | (0.51) |
| 204 | Rack, 8-Rib, light | 7 | 2,636 | \$899.44 | 0.00 |
| 204 | Rack, 8-Rib, medium | 131 | 28,384 | \$879.68 | (10.51) |
| 204 | Rack, 8-Rib, heavy | 10 | 2,598 | \$916.07 | 1.02 |
| 204A | Rack, chined | 42 | 7,911 | \$1,045.32 | (13.08) |
| 204B | Rack, roast-ready | 32 | 7,484 | \$1,256.84 | 2.71 |
| 204C | Rack, roast-ready, frenched | 185 | 35,032 | \$1,630.80 | 0.67 |
| 204D | Rack, roast-ready, special | 4 | 1,178 | \$2,198.29 | 3.33 |
| 206 | Shoulders | 53 | 53,533 | \$256.51 | (0.97) |
| 207 | Shoulders, square-cut | 210 | 71,551 | \$286.18 | 0.46 |
| 208 | Shoulders, square-cut, bnls | 49 | 14,226 | \$555.40 | (29.06) |
| 209 | Breast | 103 | 28,276 | \$225.59 | 2.61 |
| 209A | Ribs, Breast bones off | 45 | 4,427 | \$558.75 | 13.02 |
| 210 | Foreshank | 196 | 19,437 | \$425.57 | 0.48 |
| 230 | Hindsaddle | 4 | 355 | \$398.85 | (11.63) |
| 231 | Loins | 19 | 1,305 | \$360.15 | (33.52) |
| 232 | Loins, trimmed 4x4 | 107 | 18,098 | \$537.74 | 0.81 |
| 232 | Loins, trimmed 2x2 | 12 | 1,677 | \$777.83 | (1.20) |
| 232 | Loins, trimmed 1x1 | 82 | 10,453 | \$770.52 | 2.45 |
| 232 | Loins, trimmed 0x0 | 51 | 5,818 | \$860.28 | 13.48 |
| 232A | Loins, short-cut, 1x1 | 13 | 1,600 | \$695.72 | 3.85 |
| 232C | Loin, boneless, tied | 3 | 158 | \$1,726.80 | 173.18 |
| 232E | Flank, untrimmed | 36 | 13,547 | \$158.94 | (8.09) |
| 233 | Legs | 66 | 17,393 | \$412.44 | 0.06 |
| 233A | Leg, trotter-off | 260 | 106,593 | \$358.65 | (3.07) |
| 233C | Leg, trotter-off, partial bnl | 37 | 34,325 | \$487.01 | (6.96) |
| 233E | Leg, steamship | 17 | 6,179 | \$508.23 | 5.41 |
| 233F | Hindshank | 58 | 12,116 | \$419.45 | 2.56 |
| 234 | Leg, Boneless, Tied | 192 | 95,854 | \$542.77 | 0.23 |
| 234A | Leg, shank off, bnls | 49 | 9,739 | \$675.58 | 2.47 |
| 234E | Leg, inside, boneless | 75 | 8,140 | \$828.77 | 1.07 |
| 234G | Sirloin, boneless | 29 | 1,512 | \$818.73 | (5.36) |
| 235 | Back | 3 | 540 | \$652.44 | |
| 236 | Back, trimmed | 5 | 66 | \$699.09 | 1.20 |
| 238 | Trimnings | 22 | 1,411 | \$521.69 | (2.20) |
| 239 | Special trimnings | 19 | 1,160 | \$591.11 | 3.35 |
| 245 | Sirloin | 4 | 134 | \$1,133.00 | 0.00 |
| 246 | Tenderloin | 4 | 100 | \$1,451.85 | (88.92) |
| 295 | Lamb for stewing | 47 | 6,599 | \$593.15 | 35.99 |
| 296 | Ground lamb | 78 | 13,292 | \$568.76 | 0.65 |
| | Necks | 42 | 9,592 | \$180.89 | (0.23) |

FROZEN CHOICE & PRIME CUTS

| IMPS | Sub-Primal | # Of Trades | Total Pound | Weighted Average | Change from Prior Days |
|------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 204C | Rack, roast-ready, frenched | 8 | 3,043 | \$1,677.40 | 162.55 |
| 207 | Shoulders, square-cut | 14 | 9,964 | \$215.84 | 0.73 |
| 208 | Shoulders, square-cut, bnls | 5 | 794 | \$485.14 | (1.96) |
| 209 | Breast | 4 | 2,376 | \$246.69 | (74.89) |
| 209A | Ribs, Breast bones off | 3 | 532 | \$511.50 | 0.00 |
| 210 | Foreshank | 21 | 10,350 | \$365.68 | (15.04) |
| 232 | Loins, trimmed 1x1 | 5 | 3,492 | \$356.51 | (113.30) |
| 232E | Flank, untrimmed | 13 | 21,814 | \$94.39 | 6.30 |
| 233A | Leg, trotter-off | 3 | 5,495 | \$297.43 | 3.40 |
| 233F | Hindshank | 5 | 1,795 | \$432.20 | 0.03 |
| 234 | Leg, Boneless, Tied | 12 | 3,469 | \$522.25 | (12.86) |
| 234E | Leg, inside, boneless | 20 | 1,440 | \$926.93 | 9.37 |
| 246 | Tenderloin | 6 | 430 | \$687.70 | 52.28 |
| 295 | Lamb for stewing | 29 | 10,071 | \$644.45 | (37.53) |
| 296 | Ground lamb | 68 | 14,458 | \$527.23 | (31.31) |
| | Necks | 11 | 4,976 | \$164.64 | 1.49 |

NATIONAL RETAIL SUMMARY

| NATIONAL SUMMARY | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | THIS WEEK | | LAST WEEK | | LAST YEAR | |
| Outlets | 29,200 | | 29,200 | | 29,200 | |
| Feature Rate (1/) | 17.9% | | 8.7% | | 26.9% | |
| Special Rate (2/) | 1.5% | | 0.0% | | 0.0% | |
| Activity Index (3/) | 8,480 | | 4,450 | | 12,340 | |
| | Stores | Wtd Avg | Stores | Wtd Avg | Stores | Wtd Avg |
| LAMB | | | | | | |
| LB Shoulder Roast | 170 | 8.16 | 50 | 8.99 | 20 | 3.99 |
| LB Shldr Blade Chops | 440 | 5.23 | 570 | 7.90 | 270 | 5.91 |
| LB Shldr Rnd Bone Chop | 80 | 6.66 | 170 | 7.04 | 100 | 6.45 |
| LB Breast | 10 | 3.99 | | | 10 | 3.49 |
| LB Rack | 870 | 12.29 | 450 | 15.36 | 2,300 | 11.75 |
| LB Ribs | | | | | 90 | 12.99 |
| LB Rib Chops | | | 20 | 24.99 | 10 | 12.99 |
| LB Whole Loin | | | | | | |
| LB Loin Chops | 1,020 | 7.91 | 890 | 9.21 | 600 | 8.42 |
| LB Bone-In Leg | 2,510 | 6.20 | | | 1,880 | 6.21 |
| LB Boneless Leg | 810 | 7.24 | 230 | 8.17 | 1,390 | 6.54 |
| LB Semi-Bnls Leg | 890 | 5.86 | 30 | 5.00 | 3,140 | 5.31 |
| LB Butterflied, Bnls Leg | 60 | 6.99 | 60 | 8.99 | | |
| LB Leg, Shank/Butt | 360 | 6.23 | | | 1,530 | 5.83 |
| LB Leg Steaks | | | | | 10 | 5.99 |
| LB Top Round Roast | | | | | | |
| LB Top Round Steak | | | | | | |
| LB Ground Lamb | 20 | 5.77 | 50 | 5.83 | 10 | 4.99 |
| LB Shank | 60 | 6.34 | 140 | 5.92 | 220 | 6.94 |
| LB Stew Meat-Lamb | 60 | 5.40 | 170 | 5.57 | 10 | 4.99 |
| LB Stew Meat-Mutton | 120 | 3.99 | 180 | 3.76 | 100 | 3.17 |

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 | |
|------|--------------------|--------|----------|--------|-------|
| 204 | FORESAADDLE | | | | |
| 209 | RACK, 8-RIB MEDIUM | 879.68 | -10.51 | 11.42% | 7.99 |
| 207 | BREAST ** | 226.41 | -1.60 | 7.74% | 5.42 |
| 207 | SHOULDERS, SQ-CUT | 266.18 | 0.46 | 24.17% | 16.92 |
| 210 | FORESHANK | 425.57 | 0.48 | 3.48% | 2.44 |
| | NECK ** | 175.34 | -0.92 | 2.31% | 1.62 |
| 232 | HINDSADDLE | | | | |
| 232 | LOINS, TRIMMED 4X4 | 537.74 | 0.81 | 10.91% | 7.64 |
| 232E | FLANK UNTRIMMED ** | 119.12 | 0.87 | 2.81% | 1.97 |
| 233A | LEG, TROTTER OFF | 358.65 | -3.07 | 31.29% | 21.90 |

| GROSS CARCASS VALUE: | 380.25 | -2.07 | 94.13% | 65.89 |
|--|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| FORESAADDLE VALUE | 419.41 | -2.48 | 49.12% | 34.38 |
| HINDSADDLE VALUE | 387.11 | -1.89 | 45.01% | 31.51 |
| Carcass value less process/packaging per cwt cost of \$44.85 | | | | |
| NET CARCASS VALUE | 335.40 | -2.07 | | |

* Shrink and trim of 4.11 lb's not reflected in cutout value
 * Based on Actual Federally Inspected Slaughter Carcass Weight of 70.00 lbs. for W/E 12/01/2018 , 3.00 lbs heavier than last week.
 **Includes Fresh and Frozen Product

ACTUAL SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

For W/E 12/01/2018

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| Monday | 9,109 |
| Tuesday | 9,015 |
| Wednesday | 8,171 |
| Thursday | 8,366 |
| Friday | 7,522 |
| Saturday | 42 |
| Total | 42,225 |

%Lambs & yearlings 95.2
 %Mature sheep 4.8

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

(Estimated, except *Actual*)

Production Mil.lbs.

| | |
|-------------|-------|
| 08-Dec-18 | 2.9 |
| 01-Dec-18 | 2.7 |
| Change: | 7.4% |
| 09-Dec-17 | 3.0 |
| 2018 YTD | 133.6 |
| 2017 YTD | 126.7 |
| Change: | 5.5% |
| *01-Dec-18* | 2.9 |

Average Live Weights

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| 15-Dec-18 | 137 |
| 08-Dec-18 | 134 |
| 16-Dec-17 | 139 |
| *01-Dec-18* | 139 |

Dressed:

| | |
|-------------|----|
| 15-Dec-18 | 69 |
| 08-Dec-18 | 67 |
| 16-Dec-17 | 69 |
| *01-Dec-18* | 70 |

Slaughter

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 15-Dec-18 | 43,000 |
| 08-Dec-18 | 41,000 |
| Change: | 4.9% |
| 16-Dec-17 | 43,000 |
| Change: | 0.0% |
| 2018 YTD | 1,906,000 |
| 2017 YTD | 1,856,000 |
| Change: | 2.7% |

US FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGION

| Week Ending 12/01/2018 | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Standard | Sheep | | |
| Federal | ----- | | |
| Regions | Total | Mature | Lambs & |
| 1/ | | Sheep | Yearlings |
| ----- | | | |
| 1,000 head | | | |
| 1 | 0.6 | - | 0.6 |
| 2 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 3.4 |
| 3 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 2.4 |
| 4 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 1.5 |
| 5 | 7.3 | 0.5 | 6.8 |
| 6 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| 7 | 0.2 | - | 0.2 |
| 8 | 17.6 | 0.3 | 17.3 |
| 9 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 6.2 |
| 10 | 1.1 | - | 1.0 |
| ----- | | | |
| U.S. 2/ | 42.2 | 2.0 | 40.2 |
| ----- | | | |

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 |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|---------|
| | 12/08/18 | 12/01/18 | 12/09/17 | 2018 | 2017 | |
| Cattle: | 61,825 | 61,462 | 59,252 | 2,853,273 | 2,683,116 | 6.3% |
| Calves: | 3,864 | 3,547 | 3,905 | 176,581 | 188,552 | -6.3% |
| Sheep: | 4,367 | 3,854 | 4,828 | 159,875 | 158,554 | 0.8% |
| Hogs: | 431,184 | 434,120 | 432,327 | 19,485,075 | 19,649,548 | -0.8% |

Texas to Mexico Daily Livestock Exports

| Fri Dec 14, 2018 | EXPORTS | CURRENT | CURRENT | PREVIOUS |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 12/13/2018 | WEEK-T-D | YTD | YTD |
| Slaughter Lambs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slaughter Ewes | 321 | 321 | 7,467 | 5,563 |
| Breeding Males | 0 | 0 | 30 | 9 |
| Breeding Females | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| Total Sheep | 321 | 321 | 7,497 | 5,605 |

US TO MEXICO WEEKLY LIVESTOCK EXPORT SUMMARY

| Thu, Dec 13, 2018 | Current | Previous | Current | Previous | PERCENT |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Week | Week | YTD | YTD* | CHANGE |
| | 12/8/2018 | 12/1/2018 | | | |
| Slaughter Lambs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Slaughter Ewes | 0 | 337 | 7,146 | 5,563 | |
| Breeding Males | 0 | 0 | 30 | 9 | |
| Breeding Females | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | |
| Total Sheep | 0 | 337 | 7,146 | 5,605 | 128.03% |

LAMB AND MUTTON IMPORTS

For Reporting Period: 12/02/2018 to 12/08/2018
 Metric Tons Week Number 49

| Lamb | Boneless | Edible | Primals & | Weekly | 2018 | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Trimmings | Carcasses | Cuts | Offals | Subprimals | Weekly | 2018 |
| | | | | | | Total | YTD Total |
| Australia | | 17 | 860 | | 512 | 1,389 | 52,119 |
| Canada | | | | | 14 | 14 | 103 |
| Chile | | | | | | | 583 |
| Iceland | | | | | | | 219 |
| Mexico | | | | | | | 0 |
| New Zealand | | | 67 | 36 | 512 | 615 | 23,743 |
| Northern Ireland | | | | | | | 0 |
| Spain | | | | | | | 0 |
| Uruguay | | | | | | | 115 |
| Total | 23 | 17 | 927 | 36 | 1,038 | 2,017 | 76,882 |

| Mutton | Boneless | Corned | Edible | Primals & | Weekly | 2018 | |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | Trimmings | Carcasses (Species) | Cuts | Offals | Subprimals | Total | YTD Total |
| Australia | | | 156 | 5 | 71 | 232 | 17,192 |
| Chile | | | | | | | 17 |
| New Zealand | | | | | | | 3,176 |
| Total | | | 156 | 5 | 71 | 232 | 20,385 |

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 = 1,201,476 Pounds
 Frozen Cuts = 1,984,684 Pounds

NEGOTIATED SALES, FRESH

| Sub-Primal | # of | Total | Price Range | Weighted |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|----------|
| | Trades | Pounds | | Average |
| AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz | 13 | 13,002 | 1,129.00 1,238.00 | 1,158.38 |
| AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz | 25 | 20,150 | 1,135.00 1,260.00 | 1,197.58 |
| AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up | 25 | 8,683 | 1,105.00 1,263.00 | 1,207.24 |
| AUS Shoulder, Square-cut | 16 | 49,751 | 288.00 329.00 | 310.42 |
| AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 1x1 | 3 | 3,226 | 476.00 537.00 | 533.63 |
| AUS Shortloin, 1-Rib, 0x0 | 22 | 65,851 | 430.00 605.00 | 519.48 |
| AUS Leg, semi bnls | 10 | 93,936 | 365.00 396.00 | 371.16 |

NEGOTIATED SALES, FROZEN

| Sub-Primal | # of | Total | Price Range | Weighted |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|----------|
| | Trades | Pounds | | Average |
| AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20-24 oz | 25 | 58,281 | 900.00 1,371.00 | 1,106.32 |
| AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 24-28 oz | 24 | 31,062 | 900.00 1,375.00 | 1,098.31 |
| AUS Rack, FR, Cap-off, 28 oz/up | 18 | 14,740 | 900.00 1,515.00 | 1,116.94 |
| AUS Shoulder, Square-cut | 26 | 54,309 | 123.00 379.00 | 272.18 |
| AUS Shoulder, Square-cut, bnls | 6 | 6,037 | 279.00 370.00 | 337.27 |
| AUS Foreshank, LP | 24 | 36,752 | 265.00 319.00 | 275.11 |
| AUS Leg, Long | 86 | 279,831 | 265.00 430.00 | 383.51 |
| AUS Hindshank, LP | 14 | 24,575 | 259.00 370.00 | 281.61 |
| AUS Leg, bnls | 16 | 60,002 | 353.00 439.00 | 370.45 |
| NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 12-16 oz | 35 | 12,991 | 1,148.00 1,371.00 | 1,228.40 |
| NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 16-20 oz | 58 | 49,016 | 1,125.00 1,618.00 | 1,224.85 |
| NZ Rack, FR, Cap-off, 20 oz/up | 82 | 67,045 | 1,015.00 1,447.00 | 1,206.82 |

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 2.00 lower on comparable sales.

Negotiated Purchases:

This Week: 4000 Last Week: 3000 Last Year: 5700

Domestic Slaughter Lambs

Choice and Prime:

| Live Purchases: | Weight Range | Price Range | Wtd Avg Price |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Wooled and Shorn | 137-170 lbs | 119.92-146.15 | 130.07 |

Formula Purchases:

Formula purchase information for previously slaughtered lambs (carcass basis)

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Weighted Average Weight: | 80.20 lbs |
| Weighted Average Net Price: | 268.82 |
| Weighted Average Dressing Percent: | 50.81 |

Comprehensive Information:

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

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Weighted Average Weight: | 79.06 lbs |
| Weighted Average Net Price: | 267.68 |
| Weighted Average Dressing Percent: | 50.71 |

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: 12/14/2018

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 10, 2018 through Friday December 14, 2018 showed pelts consisting of 76.5% Unshorn and 23.5% Shorn.

NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was slow this week. There were 67,300 pounds of 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 | 5.82* | 5.91* | None |
| 23 | 60-62s | None | 5.25* | None |
| 24 | 60s | None | 3.90* | None |
| 25 | 58s | None | None | None |
| 26 | 56-58s | None | 3.30* | 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 active this week. There were 230,527 pounds of confirmed trades reported. All trades reported on a weighted average.

Fleece States Ewe Wool: 60-65mm 22 micron 2.42.

Lamb Wool: 35-50mm 22 micron 1.79.

Territory States Ewe Wool: 50-60mm 21 micron 2.21; 55-65mm 22 micron 2.23;

55-65mm 23 micron 1.98; 60-70mm 25 micron 1.57.

Bellies: 65-70mm 23 micron 1.41.

Pieces: 45-50mm 25 micron 0.78; 30-40mm 26 micron 0.55.

Black Wool: 65-75mm 26 micron 0.46.

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 up 13 at 1862 cents per Kg clean from the sale a week ago. A total of 46,003 bales were offered with sales of 92.4 percent. The Australian exchange rate was weaker by .0003 at .7228 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.

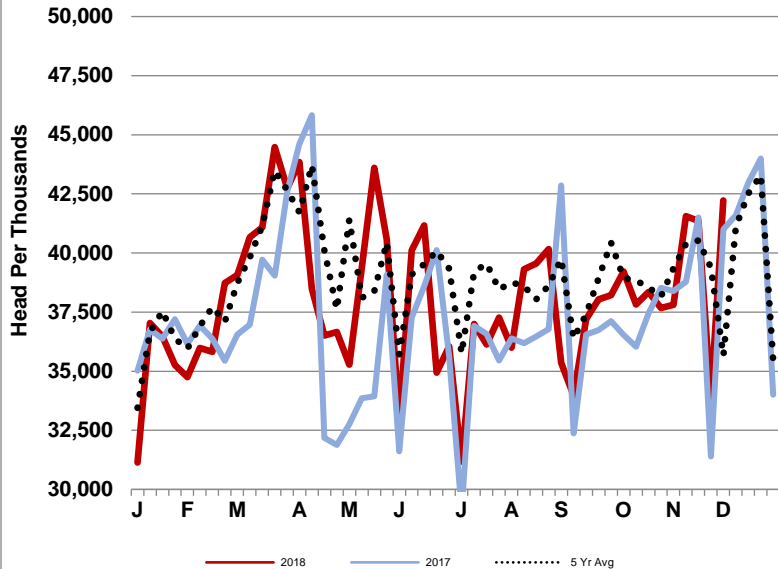
| Micron | US Grade | Clean Del Price in U.S. Dollars | Change from Previous Sale | 75-85 Percent of Australia |
|--------|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 18 | 80s | 7.97 | + .11 | 5.98-6.78 |
| 19 | 70-80s | 7.52 | + .13 | 5.64-6.39 |
| 20 | 64-70s | 7.31 | + .11 | 5.48-6.21 |
| 21 | 64s | 7.20 | + .07 | 5.40-6.12 |
| 22 | 62s | 7.22 | + .06 | 5.41-6.13 |
| 23 | 60-62s | 7.10 | ----- | 5.33-6.04 |
| 24 | 60s | 6.15 | ----- | 4.61-5.23 |
| 25 | 58s | 4.70 | - .15 | 3.53-4.00 |
| 26 | 56-58s | 4.14 | - .02 | 3.11-3.52 |
| 28 | 54s | 2.97 | + .03 | 2.22-2.52 |
| 30 | 50s | 2.42 | + .00 | 1.82-2.06 |
| 32 | 46-48s | 1.64 | + .01 | 1.23-1.39 |
| | Merino Clippings | 3.89 | - .12 | 2.92-3.31 |

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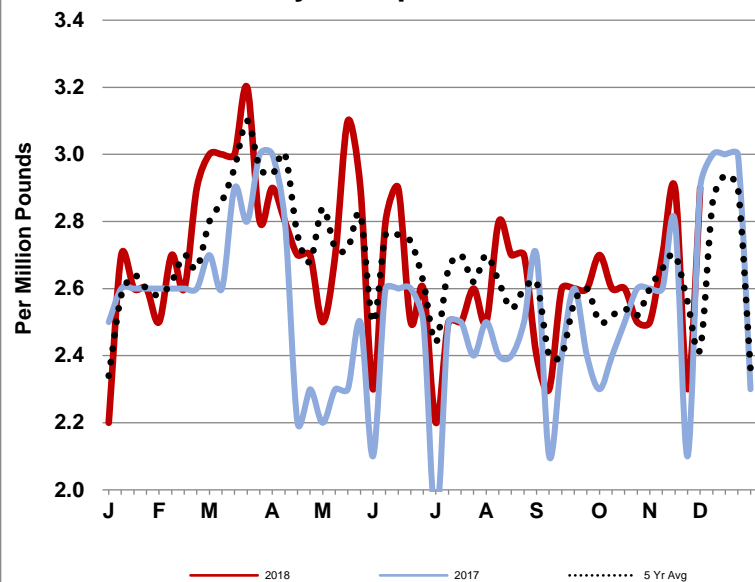
* Australia will be starting their annual 3-week winter recess next week *

* Next available data will be January 11, 2019 *

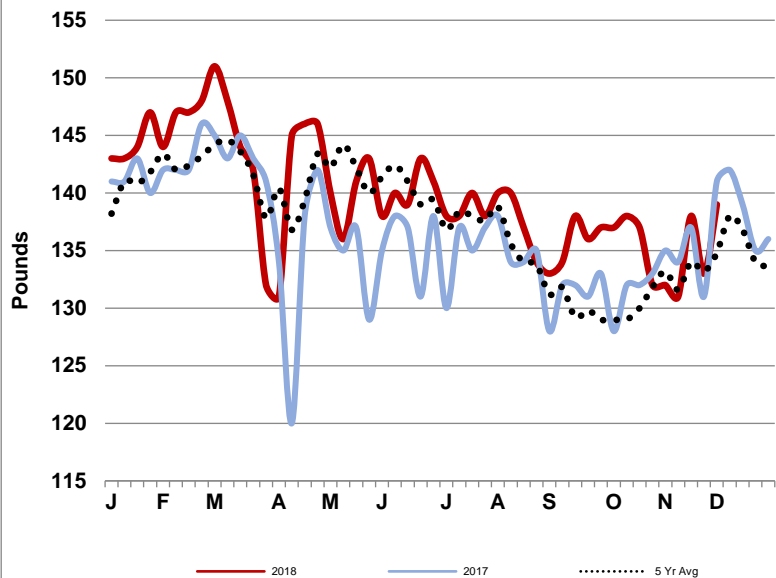
Weekly Sheep Slaughter



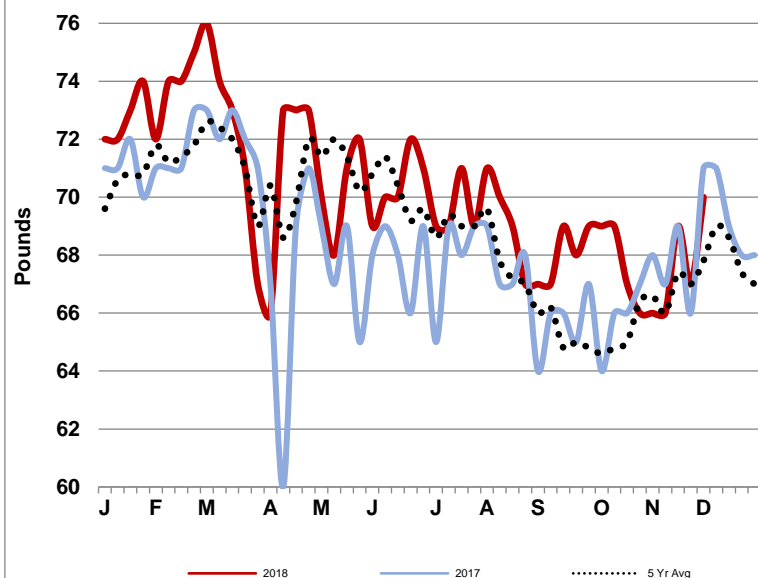
Weekly Sheep Production



Weekly Sheep Average Live Weight



Weekly Sheep Average Dressed Weight



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