

**SHEARING AND WOOL PRODUCTION FORECAST, AUSTRALIA 1992-93
PRELIMINARY**

MAIN FEATURES

This publication contains the latest forecast (at 6 August 1992) of shearing and wool production for the 1992-93 season, made by the Australian and State Wool Production Forecasting Committees.

Shorn Wool production for 1992-93 is expected to be 772 thousand tonnes, a decline of 3.6 per cent on production estimated for 1991-92.

To achieve this production, 172.8 million sheep are expected to be shorn in 1992-93, down 4.6 per cent from the 181 million shorn in 1991-92, with a higher cut per head, 4.47 kilograms compared with 4.42 in 1991-92.

Other wool production, mostly on the skins of slaughtered animals, is expected to drop to 65 thousand tonnes, bringing total wool production for the 1992-93 season to 837 thousand tonnes, 4.3 per cent lower than for 1991-92.

TABLE 1. SHEARING, WOOL PRODUCTION AND AVERAGE CUT PER HEAD, AUSTRALIA

	Number shorn ('000)			Average cut per head (kg)			Wool production (tonnes)				
							Shorn wool			Other wool(a)	Total wool
	Sheep	Lambs	Total	Sheep	Lambs	Total	Sheep	Lambs	Total shorn		
1990-91	179,399	33,541	212,940	5.19	1.71	4.65	931,929	57,251	989,181	76,936	1,066,117
1991-92p	155,670	25,490	181,160	4.88	1.65	4.42	759,260	41,990	801,240	73,740	874,980
1992-93(b)	144,800	28,000	172,800	5.01	1.69	4.47	725,000	47,000	772,000	65,000	837,000
Percentage change, 1992-93 on 1991-92	-7.0	+9.8	-4.6	+2.7	+2.4	+1.1	-4.5	+11.9	-3.6	-11.9	-4.3

(a) Comprises dead and fellmongered wool and wool on skins. (b) Estimates issued by the Australian and State Wool Production Forecasting Committees.

TABLE 2. SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION (tonnes)

Year	Aust.	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.
1990-91	989,181	377,420	161,394	101,174	112,083	214,567	21,970
1991-92p	801,240	280,060	141,910	74,610	103,620	182,030	18,560
1992-93(a)	772,000	259,000	143,000	62,000	103,000	184,000	20,000

(a) Estimates issued by the Australian and State Wool Production Forecasting Committees.

INQUIRIES

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains the latest forecast (at 6 August 1992) of shearing and wool production for the 1992-93 season, made by the Australian and State Wool Production Forecasting Committees. For comparative purposes, statistics for earlier seasons have also been included. Note that production statistics are shown in terms of 'greasy basis'.

2. The estimates contained in this publication are derived from four major sources:

- A monthly collection of National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia in each State and incorporated in these estimates with reference to the twelve months to 30 June.
- A monthly ABS collection of other wool brokers and dealers in each State, also incorporated with reference to the twelve months to 30 June.
- The first preliminary estimates of data from the 1991-92 Agricultural Census undertaken with reference to the twelve months prior to 31 March 1992.
- Deliberations of the Australian and State Wool Production Forecasting Committees, comprising the Australian Wool Corporation, Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia, Federal Council of Private Treaty Wool Merchants, Wool Council of Australia, Australian Council of Wool Exporters and the ABS.

Scope and coverage

3. The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia collects data from member brokers and other brokers associated with the Council. The data are collected as bales received into stores and converted to wool receivals in tonnes.

4. ABS data from other brokers and dealers is also converted to tonnes.

5. The combined results of these two collections are believed to account for the total volume of wool received from wool producers. This is different from wool production reported in the Agricultural Census, the scope of which is all farms having an estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) greater than or equal to \$22,500.

Related publications

6. Detailed statistics relating to sheep and wool are provided in the following publications which are available from ABS bookshops:

Sheep and Wool, Australia 1989-90 Preliminary (7114.0)

Principal Agricultural Commodities, Australia, Preliminary 1991-92 Agricultural Production and Farmers Intentions for the 1992-93 Season (7111.0)

Livestock Products, Australia (7215.0) issued monthly.

Livestock and Livestock Products, Australia, 1990-91 (7221.0)

Final sheep and wool statistics based on receivals of taxable wool from brokers and dealers for the year 1991-92, and a further forecast for 1991-92, will be published in:

Sheep Numbers, Shearing and Wool Production Forecast, Australia, 1992-93 Season (7211.0)

Other forms of release

7. The ABS also has more detailed agricultural statistics on magnetic tape, microfiche, floppy disk and CD-ROM. AgStats on floppy disk offers a wider range of data aggregated at smaller geographic areas than those generally available in printed publications, together with an easy-to-use, menu driven interrogation facility.

8. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia (1101.0)*. The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice (1105.0)* which lists publications to be released in the next few days. *Statistics Weekly (1318.0)*, issued on Thursdays, describes highlights from publications released during the week. The Catalogue, Publications Advice and Statistics Weekly are available from any ABS office.

Unpublished Statistics

9. As well as the statistics in this and related publication, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Enquiries should be made to the contact in the Phone Inquiries box at the front of this publication.

Symbols and Other usages

p preliminary — figure or series subject to revision

10. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

11. Unless indicated otherwise, Australian totals include data for all States and both Territories.

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