



SHEEP NUMBERS, SHEARING AND WOOL PRODUCTION FORECAST, AUSTRALIA, 1981-82 SEASON

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MAIN FEATURES

The 1981-82 Australian wool clip is estimated at 690,993 tonnes, a decrease of 1.3% over 1980-81.

Shorn wool, which decreased by 0.6%, accounts for 46% of this decrease while other wool, which decreased by 8.6%, accounts for the remainder.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains the latest estimates (at 17 December 1981) of sheep numbers, shearing and wool production for the 1981-82 season, made by the Australian and State Wool Production Forecasting Committees. For comparative purposes, statistics for earlier seasons, derived from the annual Agricultural Census conducted by the ABS, have also been included. Note that production statistics are shown in terms of 'greasy basis'.

Symbols and other usages

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

Related publications

2. Detailed statistics relating to sheep and lambs shorn, wool production and average fleece weights are provided in the following publications:

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TABLE 1. SHEEP AND LAMB NUMBERS ('000)

At 31 March	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust (a)
SHEEP							
1976	40,858	19,960	11,487	11,288	26,692	3,167	115,566
1977	38,545	18,055	11,217	12,716	24,409	3,013	107,578
1978	36,629	17,476	11,085	11,259	23,800	2,925	103,767
1979	37,018	17,886	10,958	11,675	23,186	3,047	103,861
1980	36,400	18,489	10,508	12,022	22,915	3,089	103,700
1981	35,600	19,477	9,414	7,892	22,975	3,191	103,633
LAMBS							
1976	12,342	5,435	2,113	3,991	8,079	1,082	33,077
1977	11,157	3,870	2,087	2,916	6,749	982	27,785
1978	11,371	4,545	2,353	2,814	6,023	1,044	28,178
1979	11,382	4,804	2,634	3,265	7,079	1,110	30,360
1980	11,800	5,911	1,856	4,024	7,516	1,156	32,284
1981	10,400	6,010	1,207	4,164	7,789	1,191	30,779
TOTAL							
1976	53,200	25,395	13,599	17,279	34,771	4,249	148,643
1977	49,700	21,925	13,304	15,132	31,158	4,015	135,360
1978	48,000	22,021	13,438	14,073	29,823	3,969	131,445
1979	48,400	22,750	13,592	14,940	30,265	4,157	134,222
1980	48,600	24,400	12,163	10,046	30,431	4,245	135,985
1981	46,000	25,487	10,620	17,056	30,764	5,383	134,412

(a) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 2. SHEEP AND LAMBS: ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENT IN NUMBERS, AUSTRALIA ('000)

Season (1 April to 31 March)	Number at beginning of season	Lambs marked	Net exports	Sheep and lambs slaughtered (a)	Estimated deaths on farms (b)	Number at close of season
1975-76	151,653	44,121	1,779	31,745	13,607	148,643
1976-77	148,643	38,382	3,009	34,050	14,006	135,360
1977-78	135,360	39,400	4,241	30,161	9,063	131,445
1978-79	131,445	42,511	3,687	26,933	9,139	142,222
1979-80	134,222	45,784	5,303	30,514	8,204	135,985
1980-81 ^a	135,985	43,701	5,409	31,655	8,210	134,412

(a) Comprises statistics from abattoirs and other major slaughtering establishments and includes estimates of animals slaughtered on farms and by country butchers, including animals condemned at these sites or before marking. (b) Balance figure, excludes lambs which died before marking.

TABLE 3. SHEARING AND WOOL PRODUCTION

	Wool production (tonnes)										
	Sheep numbers ('000)			Average fleece weight (kg)			Shorn wool				
	Sheep	Lambs	Total	Sheep	Lambs	Total	Sheep	Lambs	Total shorn	Other wool	Total wool
New South Wales											
1976-77	42,630	7,270	49,900	4.61	1.58	4.17	196,393	11,475	207,868	25,015	232,883
1977-78	41,341	7,659	49,000	4.68	1.60	4.20	193,587	12,255	205,852	25,139	230,991
1978-79	41,660	8,100	50,000	4.92	1.75	4.39	204,660	14,700	219,360	30,280	239,640
1979-80	40,900	8,400	49,300	4.82	1.63	4.27	196,255	13,700	210,655	21,821	232,476
1980-81	40,200	8,100	48,300	4.62	1.55	4.10	185,636	12,561	198,217	22,392	220,609
1981-82(a)	38,900	7,800	46,700	4.71	1.63	4.20	183,400	12,700	196,100	19,000	215,100
Victoria											
1976-77	21,734	4,404	26,138	4.20	1.11	3.72	91,178	5,769	97,147	28,996	126,143
1977-78	21,449	5,194	26,643	4.50	1.32	3.88	96,421	6,867	103,288	28,346	131,634
1978-79	22,569	5,896	28,465	4.69	1.46	4.02	105,848	8,582	114,431	24,241	138,672
1979-80	23,184	6,845	30,029	4.76	1.45	4.01	110,404	9,912	120,316	27,050	147,366
1980-81	23,668	6,942	30,610	4.70	1.47	3.97	111,318	10,205	121,523	24,756	146,279
1981-82	25,600	6,500	32,100	4.59	1.45	3.95	117,400	9,400	126,800	24,000	150,800
Queensland											
1976-77	11,569	1,472	13,041	4.86	2.03	4.54	56,179	2,989	59,168	5,226	64,395
1977-78	11,331	1,582	12,913	4.54	1.81	4.20	51,399	2,859	54,259	5,013	59,272
1978-79	11,884	1,850	13,734	4.68	1.99	4.32	55,630	3,689	59,319	4,512	63,831
1979-80	10,556	1,471	12,027	4.91	2.06	4.58	52,044	3,034	55,078	3,923	59,002
1980-81	9,736	896	10,633	4.27	1.89	4.07	41,609	1,689	43,298	3,233	46,531
1981-82(a)	9,700	1,400	11,100	4.75	1.93	4.40	46,100	2,700	48,800	3,600	51,400
South Australia											
1976-77	13,984	3,126	17,111	5.90	1.78	5.15	82,575	5,571	88,146	6,198	94,344
1977-78	13,471	3,194	16,664	5.74	1.68	4.96	77,334	5,381	82,715	3,605	86,320
1978-79	13,033	3,333	16,366	5.95	1.81	5.11	77,557	6,045	83,603	3,789	87,391
1979-80	13,417	4,128	17,546	6.21	1.80	5.20	83,122	7,860	91,182	6,739	97,921
1980-81	14,653	4,504	19,157	6.06	1.83	5.07	88,805	8,233	97,039	5,729	102,768
1981-82(a)	14,900	4,800	19,700	5.95	1.83	4.95	88,700	8,800	97,500	5,000	102,500
Western Australia											
1976-77	39,175	6,114	45,289	5.03	1.36	4.39	146,625	8,294	154,919	11,456	166,375
1977-78	28,293	5,580	33,873	4.71	1.43	4.19	133,942	7,987	141,929	7,473	149,402
1978-79	27,121	6,534	33,655	5.09	1.51	4.40	139,093	9,867	148,960	6,182	155,142
1979-80	27,804	7,091	34,895	4.90	1.46	4.20	136,184	10,375	146,559	4,770	151,329
1980-81	28,867	7,674	36,541	5.10	1.56	4.36	147,320	11,997	159,317	4,470	163,787
1981-82(a)	28,100	6,900	35,000	4.83	1.41	4.15	135,700	9,700	145,400	4,400	149,800
Tasmania											
1976-77	3,492	737	4,229	4.37	1.26	3.82	15,247	927	16,174	1,935	18,109
1977-78	3,483	759	4,242	4.58	1.32	4.00	15,947	1,003	16,950	1,974	18,924
1978-79	3,508	811	4,319	4.65	1.40	4.04	16,307	1,135	17,442	1,636	19,078
1979-80	3,668	882	4,550	4.63	1.38	4.00	16,978	1,215	18,193	1,810	20,003
1980-81	3,660	968	4,629	4.56	1.44	3.91	16,699	1,392	18,091	1,958	20,049
1981-82(a)	3,670	970	4,640	4.73	1.49	4.05	17,359	1,445	18,804	1,800	20,604
Australia (b)											
1976-77	122,697	23,138	145,835	4.80	1.51	4.28	588,866	35,039	623,906	78,826	702,733
1977-78	119,469	23,984	143,453	4.76	1.52	4.22	569,093	36,373	605,467	71,550	677,017
1978-79	120,019	26,840	146,860	5.00	1.64	4.38	599,569	44,038	643,609	60,649	704,258
1979-80	119,619	28,833	148,452	4.98	1.60	4.33	596,260	46,114	642,374	66,113	708,507
1980-81	120,877	29,099	149,976	4.90	1.58	4.25	591,779	46,094	637,874	62,538	700,412
1981-82(a)	120,961	28,385	149,346	4.87	1.58	4.24	589,031	44,762	633,793	57,260	690,993

(a) Estimates issued by the Australian and State Wool Production Forecasting Committee. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.