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**SHEARING AND WOOL PRODUCTION FORECAST, AUSTRALIA,
1993-94 SEASON**

MAIN FEATURES

Following its meeting on 2 December 1993, the Australian Wool Production Forecasting Committee released the following forecasts for 1993-94:

	1993-94		Per cent change on 1992-93 (%)
Total wool production	769,660	tonnes	-11.5
Shorn wool production	717,260	tonnes	-12.0
Sheep and lambs shorn	159,380	thousands	-10.9
Average cut per head	4.50	kg	-1.1

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		
1991-92	155,670	25,490	181,160	4.88	1.65	4.42	759,260	41,990	801,240	73,740	874,980
1992-93 p	149,680	29,270	178,950	5.12	1.67	4.55	766,080	49,000	815,070	54,300	869,380
1993-94 f	133,040	26,340	159,380	5.06	1.65	4.50	673,770	43,490	717,260	52,400	769,660
Percentage change, 1993-94 on 1992-93	-11.1	-10.0	-10.9	-1.2	-1.2	-1.1	-12.0	-11.2	-12.0	-3.5	-11.5

(a) Comprises dead and fellmongered wool and wool on skins.

**TABLE 2. SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION
(tonnes)**

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.(a)
1991-92	280,060	141,910	74,610	103,620	182,030	18,560	801,240
1992-93 p	274,070	147,600	51,500	112,120	201,200	18,120	815,070
1993-94 f	234,700	130,700	54,600	95,300	184,810	16,750	717,250

(a) Includes the A.C.T.

**TABLE 3. STOCKS OF UNSHORN WOOL AT 30 JUNE
(tonnes)**

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.
1992	8,838	3,820	937	3,058	3,803	578	21,036
1993	11,731	5,908	1,652	5,085	6,343	804	31,523

**TABLE 4. SHEEP AND LAMB NUMBERS
('000)**

At 31 March	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Sheep—							
1991	46,752	22,837	14,054	13,661	28,689	3,809	129,898
1992	43,504	21,086	13,323	13,103	28,089	3,524	122,726
1993 p	37,956	19,749	11,665	12,402	25,807	3,415	111,081
Lambs—							
1991	13,820	5,951	3,742	3,851	8,019	1,250	36,663
1992	10,727	4,996	2,015	3,341	6,201	975	28,270
1993 p	10,042	4,936	1,773	3,614	7,282	1,067	28,733
Total—							
1991	60,571	28,788	17,796	17,513	36,708	5,059	166,562
1992	54,231	26,082	15,337	16,444	34,290	4,499	150,996
1993 p	47,998	24,685	13,438	16,015	33,090	4,482	139,815

(a) Includes the A.C.T.

INQUIRIES

- for further information about statistics in this publication and the availability of related unpublished statistics, contact Bob Ward on Canberra (06) 252 5224 or any ABS State office.
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains the latest forecast (at 2 December 1993) of shearing and wool production for the 1993-94 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 five major sources:

- (a) A monthly collection of the 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.
- (b) A monthly ABS collection of other wool brokers and dealers in each State, also incorporated with reference to the twelve months to 30 June.
- (c) Preliminary estimates of data from the 1992-93 Agricultural Census undertaken with reference to the twelve months prior to 31 March 1993.
- (d) 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.
- (e) A survey of stocks of unsold wool held on farm at 30 June. The sample for the survey is selected from all agricultural establishments which reported sheep in the agricultural census.

Scope and coverage

3. From July 1993, the ABS has extended the scope of its monthly collection to include all brokers and dealers. Estimates of production in future will be based on the results of this single collection.
4. The data is collected in both bales and kilograms.
5. The results of this collection will 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 production are provided in the following priced publications which are available from ABS bookshops:

Selected Agricultural Commodities, Australia, Preliminary 1992-93 Agricultural Production and Farmers Intentions for the 1993-94 Season, (7112.0)

Livestock and Livestock Products, Australia (721.0)

Livestock Products, Australia (7215.0) issued monthly.

Preliminary shearing and wool production statistics based on receipts of taxable wool from brokers and dealers for the year 1993-94, and a forecast for 1994-95, will be published in:

Shearing and Wool Production Forecast, Australia, 1994-95 Preliminary (7210.0) due for release in September 1994.

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 publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries 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
f forecast

10. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Unless indicated otherwise, Australian totals include data for all States and both Territories.

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