

**SHEARING AND WOOL PRODUCTION FORECAST, AUSTRALIA 1991-92  
PRELIMINARY**

**MAIN FEATURES**

This publication contains the latest forecast (at 4 July 1991) of shearing and wool production for the 1991-92 season, made by the Australian and State Wool Production Forecasting Committees.

Shorn wool production for 1991-92 is expected to be 885 thousand tonnes, a decline of 12.6 per cent on production estimated for 1990-91.

To achieve this production, 199 million sheep are expected to be shorn in 1991-92, down 7.9 per cent from

the record 216 million shorn in 1990-91, with a lower cut per head, 4.45 kilograms compared with 4.69 in 1990-91.

Other wool production, mostly on the skins of slaughtered animals, is expected to drop to 70.6 thousand tonnes, bringing total wool production for the 1991-92 season to 955.6 thousand tonnes, 12.3 per cent lower than for 1990-91.

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

	Number shorn ('000)			Average cut per head (kg)			Wool production (tonnes)				
							Shorn wool				
	Sheep	Lambs	Total	Sheep	Lambs	Total	Sheep	Lambs	Total shorn	Other wool(a)	Total wool
1989-90	175,875	39,264	215,139	5.46	1.79	4.79	960,567	70,375	1,030,942	71,050	1,101,992
1990-91 <sup>p</sup>	178,760	37,243	216,002	5.29	1.80	4.69	946,020	67,140	1,013,150	76,100	1,089,250
1991-92 <sup>(b)</sup>	166,620	32,060	199,000	4.98	1.70	4.45	830,400	54,400	885,000	70,600	955,600
Percentage change, 1991-92 on 1990-91	-6.8	-13.9	-7.9	-5.9	-5.6	-5.1	-12.2	-19.0	-12.6	-7.2	-12.3

(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.
1989-90	1,030,942	370,601	188,203	87,464	126,915	231,732	25,448
1990-91	1,013,150	385,320	161,250	99,660	115,950	227,870	22,460
1991-92 <sup>(a)</sup>	885,000	335,540	136,350	94,000	103,000	195,050	20,350

(a) Estimate 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 4 July 1991) of shearing and wool production for the 1991-92 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 1990-91 Agricultural Census undertaken with reference to the twelve months prior to 31 March 1991.
- 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, Private Treaty Wool Merchants Association, Wool Council of Australia and the ABS.

## Scope and coverage

- 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.
- ABS data from other brokers and dealers is also converted to tonnes.
- 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 greater than or equal to \$20,000.

## 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 1990-91 Agricultural Production and Farmers Intentions for the 1991-92 Season (7111.0)*

*Livestock Products, Australia (7215.0)* issued monthly.

*Livestock and Livestock Products, Australia, 1989-90 (7221.0)*

Final sheep and wool statistics based on receivals of taxable wool from brokers and dealers for the year 1990-91, and a further forecast for 1991-92, will be published in:

*Sheep Numbers, Shearing and Wool Production Forecast, Australia, 1991-92 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

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