

**SHEARING AND WOOL PRODUCTION FORECAST, AUSTRALIA,
1994-95 SEASON**

MAIN FEATURES

Following its meeting on 7 December 1994, the Australian Wool Production Forecasting Committee released the following forecasts for 1994-95, taking into account the ABS statistics contained in the following tables:

	1994-95		Per cent change on 1993-94 (%)
Total wool production	758,860	tonnes	-8.4
Shorn wool production	709,860	tonnes	-8.5
Sheep and lambs shorn	160,190	thousands	-6.1
Average cut per head	4.43	kg	-2.6

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					
1992-93	149,690	29,260	178,950	5.12	1.67	4.56	766,400	48,870	815,260	54,310	869,570
1993-94 p	141,160	29,380	170,540	5.13	1.75	4.55	724,720	51,390	776,110	52,560	828,670
1994-95 f	133,130	27,060	160,190	4.98	1.75	4.43	662,500	47,360	709,860	49,000	758,860
Percentage change, 1994-95 on 1993-94	-5.7	-7.9	-6.1	-2.9	—	-2.6	-8.6	-7.8	-8.5	-6.8	-8.4

(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)
1992-93	274,030	147,610	61,500	112,110	201,240	18,130	815,260
1993-94 p	252,550	137,420	57,640	99,180	209,760	19,140	776,110
1994-95 f	227,000	128,000	57,000	90,000	190,000	17,500	709,860

(a) Includes the A.C.T.

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

Year	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust
1993	11,731	5,908	1,652	5,085	6,343	804	31,523
1994	7,546	4,461	1,447	3,148	4,436	698	21,737

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

At 31 March	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Sheep—							
1992	43,503	21,085	13,323	13,104	28,088	3,524	122,724
1993	38,744	19,566	11,699	12,405	25,896	3,349	111,743
1994 p	35,965	18,225	9,908	11,136	24,442	3,221	102,967
Lambs—							
1992	10,728	4,996	2,015	3,341	6,201	975	28,271
1993	10,162	4,864	1,796	3,604	7,299	1,054	28,799
1994 p	10,809	5,077	1,645	3,493	7,501	1,098	29,642
Total—							
1992	54,231	26,081	15,337	16,445	34,289	4,499	150,995
1993	48,906	24,431	13,495	16,009	33,194	4,403	140,542
1994 p	46,773	23,303	11,553	14,629	31,943	4,319	132,609

(a) Includes the A.C.T.

INQUIRIES

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Note

This is the final issue of this publication. Estimates of sheep numbers, shearing and wool production will continue to be available in the following publications, *Principal Agricultural Commodities, Preliminary, Australia* (Cat. No. 7111.0) and *Agriculture, Australia* (Cat. No. 7113.0). These publications will not contain forecasts produced by the Australian Wool Production Forecasting Committee. These will continue to be available from the Australian Wool Exchange following each meeting of the Committee.

Introduction

This publication contains the latest forecast (at 7 December 1994) of shearing and wool production for the 1994-95 season, made by the Australian and State Wool Production Forecasting Committees. While the ABS provides data to these Committees and participates in the deliberations of the Committees, the forecasts are not ABS estimates. 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 1993-94 Agricultural Census undertaken with reference to the twelve months prior to 31 March 1994.
- (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, from 1993-94, is all farms having an estimated value of agricultural operations (EVAO) greater than or equal to \$5,000.

Related publications

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

Livestock and Livestock Products, Australia (7221.0)

Livestock Products, Australia (7215.0) issued monthly.

Other forms of release

7. The ABS also has more detailed agricultural statistics on magnetic tape, microfiche, floppy disk and compact disk. AgStats on floppy disk and compact 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. The *Catalogue* and *Publications Advice* 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.

