

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

MAIN FEATURES

This publication contains the latest forecast (at 24 August 1994) of shearing and wool production for the 1994-95 season, made by the Australian and State Wool Production Forecasting Committees.

Shorn wool production for 1994-95 is expected to be 734,940 tonnes, a decline of 3.5 per cent on the 1993-94 estimate.

To achieve this production, 168.2 million sheep and lambs are expected to be shorn in 1994-95, down 1.8 per cent from the 171.2 million shorn in 1993-94, with a lower cut per head, 4.37 kilograms compared with 4.45 in 1993-94.

Other wool production, mostly from the skins of slaughtered animals, is expected to remain relatively constant at about 40,030 tonnes, bringing total wool production for the 1994-95 season to about 774,970 tonnes, 3.2 per cent lower than for 1993-94.

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

	Number shorn ('000)			Average cut per head (kg)			Wool production (tonnes)				
							Shorn wool			Other wool(b)	Total wool
	Sheep	Lambs	Total	Sheep	Lambs	Total shorn					
1992-93	149,690	29,260	178,950	5.12	1.67	4.56	766,400	48,870	815,260	54,310	869,570
1993-94p	141,110	30,130	171,240	5.04	1.70	4.45	710,530	51,070	761,600	39,170	800,770
1994-95	138,610	29,540	168,150	4.94	1.70	4.37	684,720	50,220	734,940	40,030	774,970
Percentage change, 1994-95 on 1993-94	-1.8	-2.0	-1.8	-2.0	0.0	-1.8	-3.6	-1.7	-3.5	2.2	-3.2

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

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

Year	Aust.	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.
1992-93	815,260	274,030	147,610	61,500	112,110	201,240	18,130
1993-94p	761,600	252,610	130,420	57,100	98,100	204,640	18,360
1994-95	734,940	246,000	127,090	56,340	93,030	194,990	16,960

(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 24 August 1994) of shearing and wool production for the 1994-95 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) 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.
- (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) The first 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 Exchange, 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. 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.

6. This is the final issue of this publication.

Related publications

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

Principal Agricultural Commodities, Australia (Preliminary) 1993-94, Agricultural Production and Farmers Intentions for the 1994-95 Season (7111.0)

Livestock Products, Australia (7215.0) issued monthly.

Livestock and Livestock Products, Australia, 1992-93 (7221.0)

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

Shearing and Wool Production Forecast, Australia, 1994-95 Season (7211.0) due for release in December 1994.

Other forms of release

8. 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.

9. 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

10. As well as the statistics in this and related publications, 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

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

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

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