

Sheep Meat and Wool “At a Glance”

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Agriculture Victoria - Sheep, Lamb and Wool

▶ www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/sheep
▶ www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/networks/bestwoolbestlamb

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

▶ www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/research-topics/agricultural-outlook/natural-fibres
▶ www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/research-topics/agricultural-outlook/sheep-meat

Career Harvest — More To Meat

▶ <https://www.careerharvest.com.au/more-to-meat>

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INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION

Australia is the largest exporter of sheep meat and premium quality fine wool, the second largest producer of lamb and mutton, and the largest producer of all wools.

The Sheep Industry Projections update from Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) suggests the national sheep flock will grow to its highest level since 2007 to reach 78.75 million head in 2023.

The value of the Australian wool clip is projected to increase 11% to \$3.5 billion in 2023–24. Whilst the value of Australian sheep meat is expected to fall slightly it will still realise \$4.3 billion in 2023–24.

Did you know?

- In 2020 Australia had around 5% (68 million head) of the global sheep flock (1.3 billion head) and was the world's largest sheep meat exporter in 2021 ahead of New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay
- Australia produced 662,973 tonnes cwt of lamb and mutton in 2021
- Over the past 20 years, total global consumption of meat has been steadily increasing at an average annual rate of 1.7% for sheepmeat
- Australian per capita consumption of sheepmeat was approximately 5.9kg in 2021, while the global average was 1.8kg.

*Source: www.pasture.io/beef-and-sheep/sheep-australia, www.sheepsustainabilityframework.com.au/globalassets/sheep-sustainability-framework_april-2021.pdf, www.mla.com.au/prices-markets/trends-analysis/sheep-projections/, www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/research-topics/agricultural-outlook/natural-fibres-2022 MLA State of the Industry Report, The Australian red meat and livestock industry, <https://www.mla.com.au/about/mla/the-red-meat-industry/>

Across the Murray Mallee region** the sheep, meat and wool industry includes the production of:



Meat (sheep and lambs)
and Wool

** For the purposes of this document the Murray Mallee region includes the Victorian Local Government Areas of Swan Hill, Mildura, Gannawarra and Buloke and the NSW Local Government Areas of Murray River, Balranald and Wentworth.

KEY STATISTICS

In 2020/2021 the Gross Value of sheep meat and wool across the Murray Mallee Region** was \$222 million!

This included:



\$145.2 million in Sheep and Lamb Meat (slaughtered or disposed)



\$76.9 million in Wool

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