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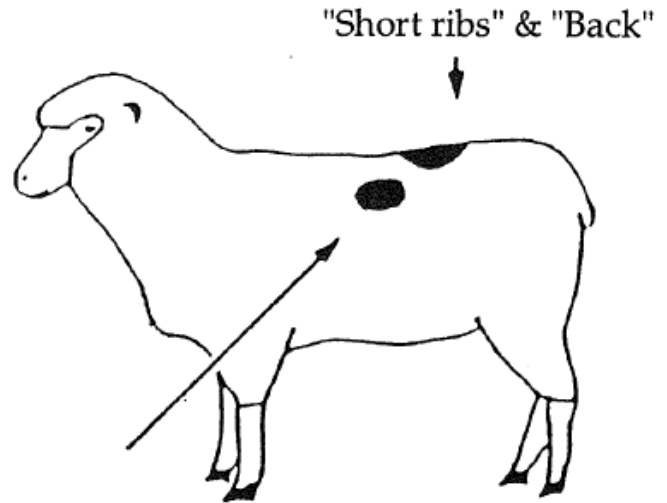
## SLAUGHTER SHEEP (Current as at March 2015)

### STOCK CATEGORY

<b>Suckers</b>	Unweaned lambs	No permanent incisors
<b>Lambs</b>	Weaned lambs	No permanent incisors
<b>Hoggets</b>	Any sex	Up to 2 permanent incisors
<b>Ewes</b>	Females	
<b>Ewes &amp; Lambs</b>	Females with lambs at foot	
<b>Wethers</b>	Castrated males	
<b>Ewes &amp; Wethers</b>	Mixed sex	One or more permanent incisors
<b>Rams</b>	Entire males	
<b>Goats</b>	Any age, any sex	

### FAT SCORES

1	0-5 mm
2	6-10 mm
3	11-15 mm
4	16-20 mm
5	21 mm and above



Measured from the 12th rib, approximately 110 mm (4") from centre of backbone (G.R. site).  
Feel last 2 or 3 "long ribs".

### SEX CODE

Wether	Castrated male
Ewe	Female
Mixed Sex	Nominate Sex Composition
Ram	Entire male

### SALE TYPES

H	\$ per head
L	c per kg liveweight
C	c per kg carcase weight

### BREED COMPOSITION

Pure	Merino	Merino
1st Cross	Border Leicester	Merino
2nd Cross	Poll Dorset	Border/Merino
Other	Dorper	F3 Dorper

### CARCASE QUALITY GRADE

ETQ	Excellent/top quality
GAQ	Good average quality
FAQ	Fair average quality
PLQ	Plain quality

### DRESSING % GUIDELINES

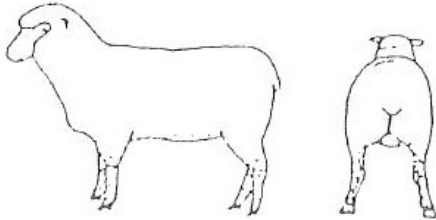
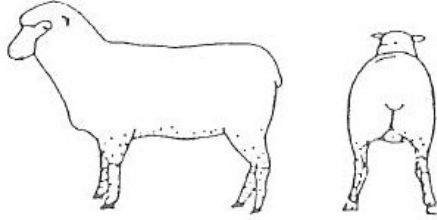
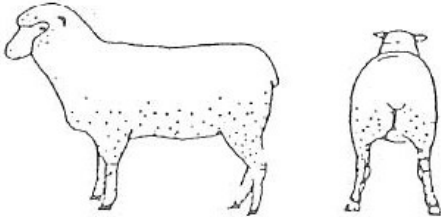
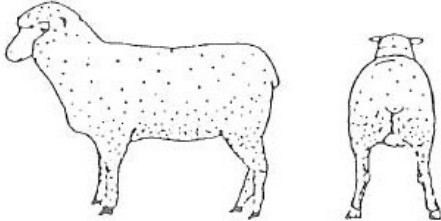
% guidelines based on 3 hours off feed.  
**NO SKIN**—Standard Aus-Meat Carcase

Fat Score	Lambs (X/B)	Ewes	Wethers
1	41%	37%	39%
2	43%	40%	41%
3	46%	42%	43%
4	48%	44%	45%
5	49%	46%	47%

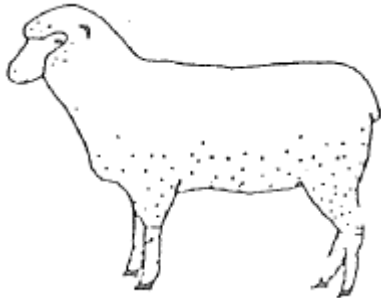
*Note: Adjust above + or - for seasonal/feed conditions, time off feed, breed, skins (shorn, woolly, wet, dry), pregnancy*

### STANDARD DRESSED WEIGHT RANGES

Class	Weight kg	Class	Weight kg
8	Below 8	20	18-20
10	8-10	22	20-22
12	10-12	24	22-24
14	12-14	26	24-26
16	14-16	28	Over 26
18	16-18		

**BURR & SEED****Very Light****Light****Medium****Heavy***Note: These standards apply in all areas.***SEED IDENTIFICATION POINTS**

- |                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Brisket, Shoulder, Neck | 3. Hind Leg, Breech |
| 2. Lower Rib, Belly        | 4. Head             |

**SKIN LENGTH****Inches****MM**

0.0 - 0.25	0 - 0.5
0.25 - 0.5	6 - 13
0.5 - 1.0	14 - 25
1.0 - 1.5	26 - 38
1.5 - 2.0	39 - 51
2.0 - 2.5	52 - 64
2.5 - 3.0	65 - 76
3.0+	77+

Measure mid back position.

*Note: Skins are usually traded in imperial measurements, not metric.***GENERAL SKIN/WOOL COMMENT**

Note any seed penetration into skin as well as the health and colour of skin.

Note additional burr or skin details.

**STOCK HISTORY**

Where bred—if purchased, nominate district of origin

**GRAZING CONDITIONS**

Nominate prior to and following assessment.

**ASSESSOR COMMENTS**

Optional:

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Weight variation | 2. Fat distribution |
|---------------------|---------------------|

*Note: Assessor Comments should be brief and to the point.***LIVE WEIGHING**

1. Test scales for accuracy prior to every assessment.
2. Record weights of a representative sample:
3. Record time off feed and water

**NOTES**