

# ASSESSOR REFERENCE CARD

## SLAUGHTER SHEEP (Current as at July 2018)

### 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	

### 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 carcass weight

### BREED COMPOSITION

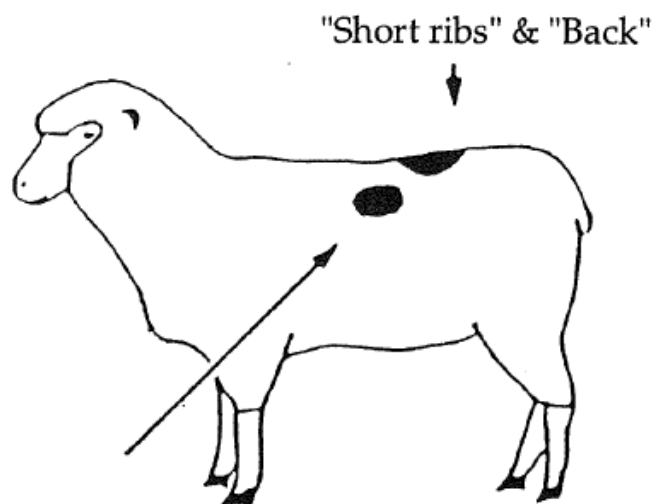
Pure	Merino	Merino
1st Cross	Border Leicester	Merino
2nd Cross	Poll Dorset	Border/Merino
Other	Dorper	F3 Dorper

### CARCASE QUALITY GRADE

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

### 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".

### DRESSING % GUIDELINES

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

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		

