

ASSESSOR REFERENCE CARD

SLAUGHTER SHEEP (Current as at July 2018)

STOCK CATEGORY

Suckers Unweaned lambs No permanent incisors Lambs Weaned lambs No permanent incisors

Up to 2 permanent incisors Hoggets Any sex

Ewes Females

Ewes & Females with Lambs lambs at foot Wethers Castrated males

Ewes & Mixed sex One or more Wethers permanent incisors

Rams Entire males

Goats Any age, any sex

SEX CODE

Castrated male Wether Ewe Female

Mixed Sex Nominate Sex Composition

Entire male Ram

SALE TYPES

Η \$ 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

FAT SCORES

0-5 mm 1

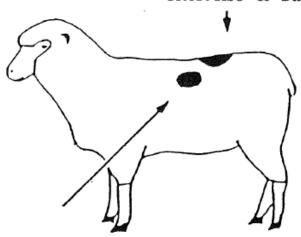
2 6-10 mm

3 11-15 mm

4 16-20 mm

21 mm and above

"Short ribs" & "Back"



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 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

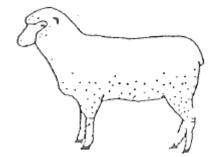
| Class | Weight kg | Class | Weight kg |
|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| 8 | Below 8 | 20 | 18-20 |
| 10 | 8-10 | 22 | 20-22 |
| 12 | 10-12 | 24 | 22-24 |
| 14 | 12-14 | 26 | 24-26 |
| 16 | 14-16 | 28 | Over 26 |
| 18 | 16-18 | | |

BURR & SEED Very Light Light Medium Heavy

Note: These standards apply in all areas.

SEED IDENTIFICATION POINTS

- Brisket, Shoulder, Neck 1. 2.
- Hind Leg, Breech 3.
- Lower Rib, Belly
- 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:

Weight variation

2. Fat distribution

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

LIVE WEIGHING

- Test scales for accuracy prior to every assessment.
- Record weights of a representative sample: 2. Recommended minimum of 20% or 100 head, whichever is GREATER
- 3. Record time off feed and water

NOTES