

ASSESSOR REFERENCE CARD

SLAUGHTER SHEEP (Current as at July 2019)

STOCK CATEGORY

Suckers	Unweaned lambs	No permanent incisors
Lambs	Weaned lambs	No permanent incisors in wear
Hoggets	Any sex	Up to 2 permanent incisors
Ewes	Females	
Ewes & Lambs	Females with lambs at foot	
Wethers	Castrated males	
Ewes & Wethers	Mixed sex	One or more permanent incisors
Rams	Entire males	
Goats	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

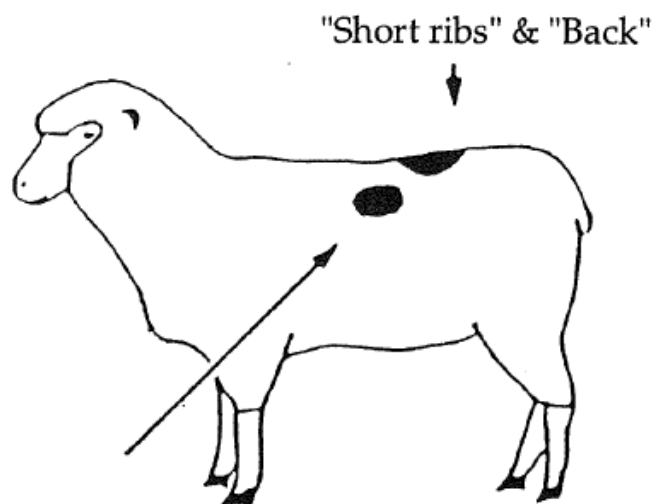
Pure	Merino	Merino
1st Cross	Border Leicester	Merino
2nd Cross	Poll Dorset	Border/Merino
Other	Dorper	F3 Dorper

CARCASS 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		

