

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 Wethers Females with lambs at foot 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

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

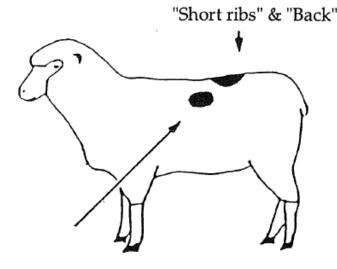
FAT SCORES

0-5 mm

6-10 mm 2

3 11-15 mm

4 16-20 mm 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 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

CARCASE QUALITY GRADE

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

STANDARD DRESSED WEIGHT RANGES

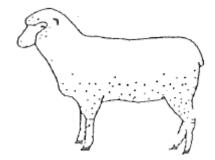
Class	Weight kg	Class	Weight kg
8	Below 8	20	18-20
10	8-10	22	20-22
12	10-12	24	22-24
14	12-14	26	24-26
16	14-16	28	Over 26
18	16-18		

Very Light Light Medium Heavy

Note: These standards apply in all areas.

SEED IDENTIFICATION POINTS

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