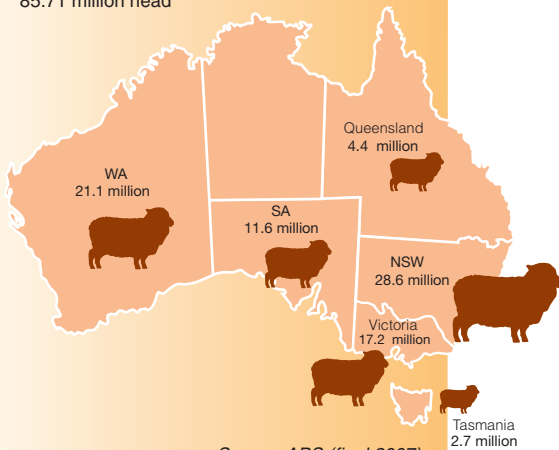


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## National sheep and lamb numbers

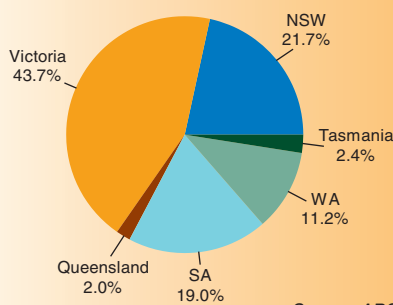
as at June 2007  
85.71 million head



Source: ABS (final 2007)

## Australian lamb production

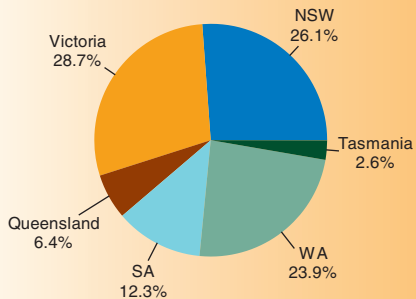
435,400 tonnes cwt (2007-08)



Source: ABS

## Australian mutton production

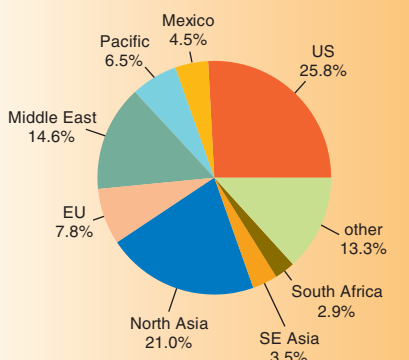
258,500 tonnes cwt (2007-08)



Source: ABS

## Australian lamb exports

162,568 tonnes swt (2007-08)



Source: DAFF

## Australia's sheepmeat industry

Australia is one of the world's leading producers of lamb and mutton, the world's largest exporter of mutton and the second largest exporter of lamb. The off-farm meat value of the Australian sheepmeat industry is \$4 billion (consumer expenditure plus export value).

### Flock facts and figures:

- 47,296 properties with sheep and lambs (ABS June 2007 final estimates).
- There are 45.96 million sheep, excluding lambs (ABS June 2007 final estimates).
- There are 36.24 million lambs aged under one year (ABS June 2007 final estimates).
- Slaughter lamb producers are predominately located in the Riverina, the wheat-sheep zone of NSW, the Victorian and NSW Murray region and the high rainfall areas in southwest Victoria and eastern South Australia. Sheep are primarily located in the southwest WA, south western part of Victoria and the southern part of NSW.
- The sheepmeat industry accounts for 31% of all farms with agricultural activity.
- The area operated by farms with lambs and sheep is 134 million hectares, or 30% of all agricultural area and 17% of Australia's land mass.

### People in the industry:

- The lamb and mutton industry employs approximately 106,200 workers at the farm, processing and retail levels.

### How much is produced?

- In 2007-08, Australia produced around 435,400 tonnes of lamb and 258,500 tonnes of mutton.

### What is the value of production?

- The gross value of Australian sheep, lamb and live sheep production is estimated at \$2.2 billion (ABARE 2007-08).
- Lambs and sheep contributed 5% of the total farm value of \$40.9 billion in 2007-08.

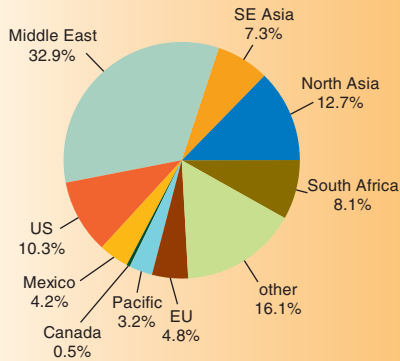
### Domestic value and consumption:

- Domestic expenditure on lamb is estimated at \$2 billion and mutton \$312 million in 2007-08 (MLA 2007-08 estimate).
- Australians eat 11.4kg of lamb and 2.7kg of mutton per person yearly (MLA 2007-08 carcass weight estimate) – among the highest consumption in the world.
- Around 54.5% of Australian fresh meat buyers purchase lamb (Roy Morgan Brand Planner 2007-08).

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## Australian mutton exports

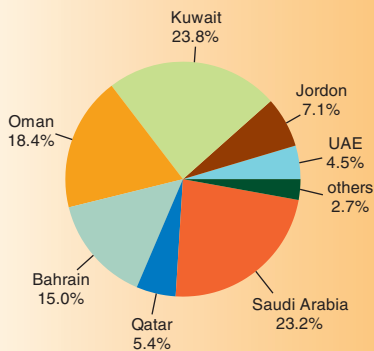
158,490 tonnes swt (2007-08)



Source: DAFF

## Australian live sheep exports

4,087,099 head (2007-08)



Source: ABS

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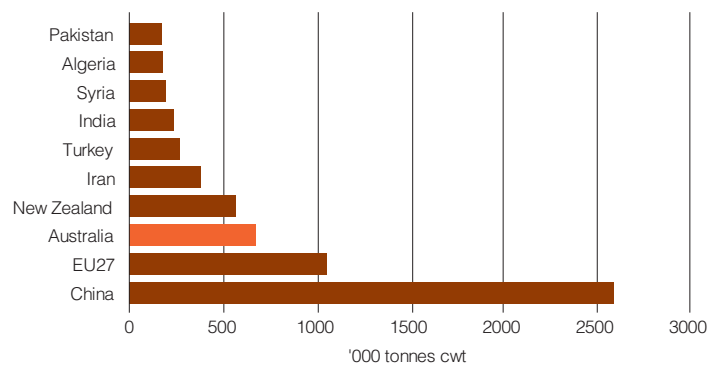
### Export value and volume:

- In 2007-08, Australia exported 45% of total Australian lamb production and 77% of total Australian mutton production (DAFF/ABS).
- The value of total lamb exports in 2007-08 was \$824 million and mutton exports was \$456 million (ABS).
- Australian live sheep exports were valued at \$287 million in 2007-08 (ABS).
- The lamb and sheep industry (including live sheep) contributed around 6% to the value of total Australian farm exports in 2007-08.

### Australia's place in the world:

- Australia produces 8% of the world's lamb and mutton supply.
- Australia is a close second behind NZ in world lamb exports and the largest mutton exporter and live sheep exporter.

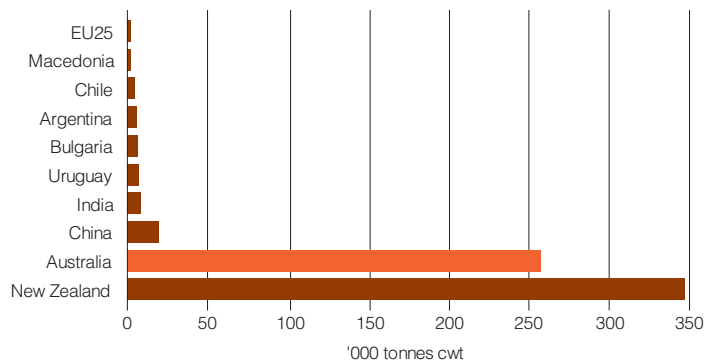
### Top ten lamb and mutton producing countries



Source: FAO latest available 2007 data

### Top ten world lamb and mutton exporters

NB: calculations do not include intra EU trade



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