

# Buy and sell MSA Sheep & Lambs

A quick reference for:  
producers  
agents and  
buyers



## Follow these steps to ensure animals are eligible for the MSA pathway:

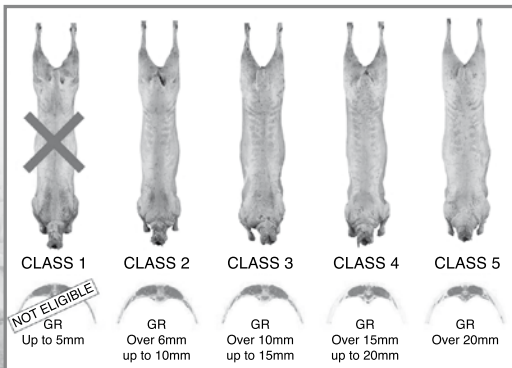
- Animals must be sourced from a registered MSA producer.**

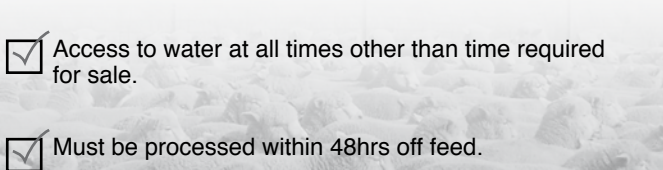
Registration forms available from [www.msagrading.com](http://www.msagrading.com) or contact MSA 1800 111 672. Allow 7 days.

- Consign with National vendor declaration which must continue to processor.**

MSA registration number is to be included in Part B, section 7.

- Minimum fat score 2.**



- Recommended growth rate of >150 grams per day, at least one month prior to processing.
  - Sheep not to be shorn within 2 weeks prior to processing, >5 mm wool length.
  - Separate pens for different age categories.
  - Separate pens for Merinos and Merino-cross breeds.
  - Access to water at all times other than time required for sale.
  - Must be processed within 48hrs off feed.
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Any enquiries contact Meat Standards Australia

1800 111 672

## MSA eligible sheep categories:

| DENTITION | DESCRIPTION   | CATEGORY / CIPHER   |
|-----------|---|---|
| 0         | <b>LAMB - female, castrate or entire male</b> animal that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has 0 permanent incisor teeth.</li></ul>   | <b>LAMB *L*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12 months (approx.)</li></ul>                         |
| 1 - 2     | Carcase derived from <b>female or castrate male</b> ovine that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has 1 but no more than 2 permanent incisor teeth.</li><li>• In male has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC)</li></ul> | <b>HOGGET *H*</b> or <b>YEARLING MUTTON</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 to 18 months</li></ul> |
| 1 - 8     | <b>MUTTON - female or castrate male</b> animal that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has at least one (1) permanent incisor tooth.</li><li>• In male has no evidence of Secondary Sexual Characteristics (SSC).</li></ul>               | <b>MUTTON *M*</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Over 10 months</li></ul>                            |