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Live export statistics

This edition of LiveLink includes the latest trends in Australian live export trade statistics and prices. Please note that all export data over the past nine months may later be revised.

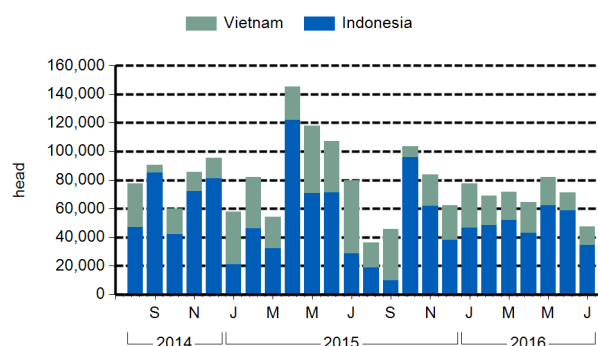
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For the January to July period, **live cattle exports** (feeder, slaughter, breeder) declined 16% on the same time last year – at just over 700,800 head (ABS, DAWR).

To **Indonesia**, live cattle exports (feeder & slaughter) for the January to July period totalled 345,513 head – easing 15% on the corresponding period the year prior. So far in August, greater Jakarta wet market prices have remained stable, at around IDR 115,000-120,000/kg, with imported cattle prices following a similar trend (IDR 42,000-42,500/kg lwt). Reports suggest Indonesian feedlots have recently started to apply for trimester three (September-December) import permits – of which are likely to reach up to 200,000 head – taking the 2016 total to 600,000 head.

Reduced northern cattle availability and strong buyer competition in the physical markets saw live export indicators continue to move higher in July. **Feeder steers** delivered to **Darwin** averaged 335¢, up 11¢ on the month prior – with prices continuing to strengthen in the first two weeks of August – reaching as high as 345¢/kg lwt. **Feeder steers** delivered to **Townsville** reached a top of 315¢ in July – 9¢/kg lwt dearer than the June average.

Figure 1 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports



Source: ABS, DAWR

Table 1 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports by destination

Unit = head	2016			12 months ending 2016 July	12 months ending 2015 July	% change	head change
	Destination market	Jul	Jun				
Brunei	300		1,099	4,869	5,304	-8%	-435
Cambodia		2,800		2,800			2,800
China		158		495			495
Egypt					35,900	-100%	-35,900
Indonesia	34,630	58,715	62,256	569,853	720,141	-21%	-150,288
Israel	9,723	11,637		86,156	71,787	20%	14,369
Japan			960	7,710	9,837	-22%	-2,127
Jordan				2,033	200	917%	1,833
Kuwait		50	50	350			350
Malaysia	5,447	2,240	3,365	34,150	51,828	-34%	-17,678
Mauritius					4,040	-100%	-4,040
Mexico				6,677			6,677
Philippines		3,000		26,751	22,553	19%	4,198
Qatar			250	750	200	275%	550
Russian Federation				43,812	37,063	18%	6,749
Thailand		1,461		3,060	7,606	-60%	-4,546
Turkey		7,734		14,734	2,400	514%	12,334
UAE				405	2,860	-86%	-2,455
Vietnam	13,023	12,691	19,621	245,551	333,981	-26%	-88,430
Total volume	63,123	100,486	87,601	1,050,156	1,305,700	-20%	-255,544

Table 2 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports by port

Year		Total	Darwin	Unknown*	Townsville	Fremantle	Broome	Port Adelaide	Wyndham	Other
2015	Feb	100,217	31,440		33,118	28,257				7,402
	Mar	69,021	44,303		17,885	4,190				2,643
	Apr	167,249	76,891		47,221	7,810	17,400	7,476	5,941	4,510
	May	136,220	47,455		39,055	4,950	22,178		18,810	3,772
	Jun	129,662	69,877		28,389	12,000	11,561		4,745	3,090
	Jul	115,019	41,110		30,605	7,500	24,198	6,110	3,069	2,427
	Aug	59,005	33,955			9,000	15,063			987
	Sep	64,582	26,386		19,073	12,033	3,107			3,983
	Oct	122,902		122,902						
	Nov	106,645	32,332		29,227	16,750	4,105		2,085	22,146
Dec	75,757	39,850		10,294	11,482				14,131	
2016	Jan	106,257	19,902		21,280	49,300				15,775
	Feb	86,505	20,033		35,114	13,131		6,397		11,830
	Mar	91,917	43,892		17,146	6,643			5,209	19,027
	Apr	102,095	14,656		33,340	9,921	24,494	7,977	3,741	7,966
	May	87,601	33,519		22,232	3,000	17,427		8,012	3,411
	Jun	106,222	45,912		12,107	12,790	17,938	6,631	3,000	7,844
	Jul **	74,311								

Data specifications

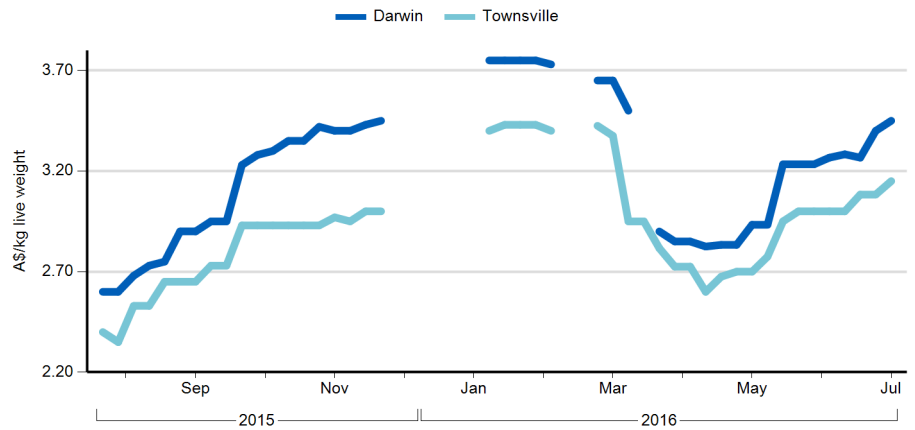
Due to the timing of live export trade data being released, both Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) data is used in this report. The most recent month and, at times, second most recent month trade data comes from DAWR. This data is then updated when ABS data is released.

* In October 2015, the ABS did not disclose feeder and slaughter cattle trade data to Vietnam, China and Japan. For this month, individual country shipments have been estimated by MLA. In addition, trade data by individual port was also not disclosed in October 2015 – this data is aggregated under "Unknown" port.

** DAWR does not report on individual ports. Port data is updated when released by the ABS.

All pricing data is collected by Meat and Livestock Australia from a range of sources.

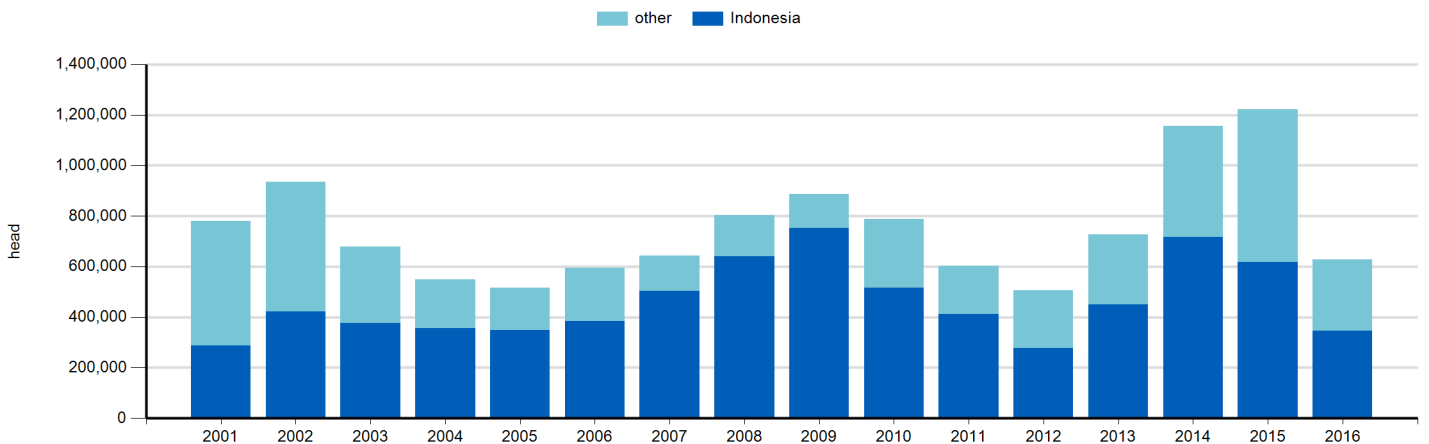
Figure 2 Live export feeder cattle prices



Source: MLA live exporter survey
Please note, prices include up to the end of the previous month and may not include the latest trends

For more detailed live export price information, in addition to other northern cattle markets, click here to access the latest edition of the [North of the Tropic Beef Report](#).

Figure 3 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports***



Source: ABS, DAWR ***the current year total is up to and including the most recently reported month

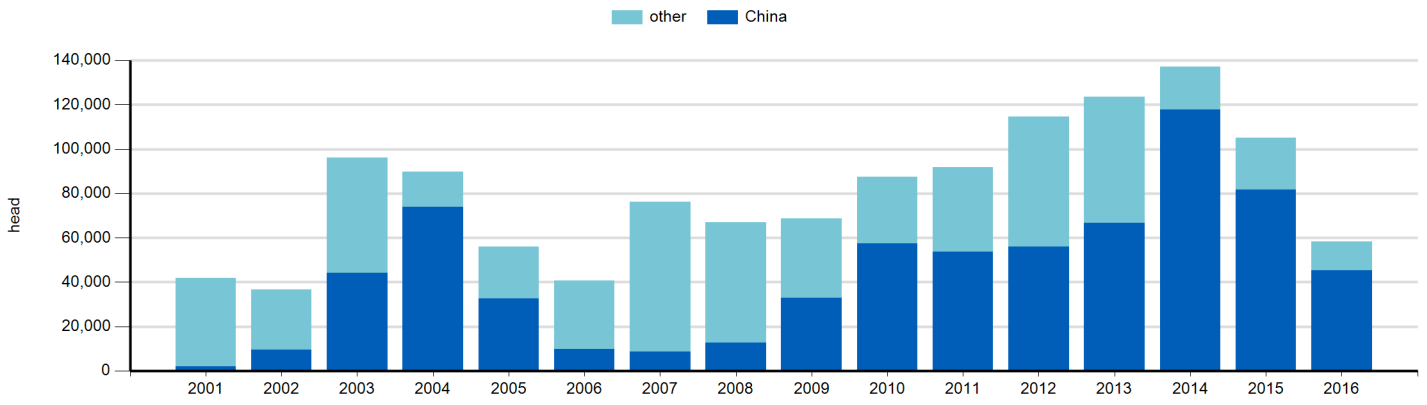
Table 3 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports by destination

Unit = head Destination market	2016			12 months ending 2016 Sep	12 months ending 2015 Sep	% change	head change
	Jul	Jun	May				
Bangladesh				70			70
China	7,923	3,000	11,859	99,297	74,202	34%	25,095
Indonesia	2,740			4,047	4,214	-4%	-167
Japan			303	303	24	1163%	279
Kuwait				3,170	294	978%	2,876
Laos				930			930
Malaysia	501		177	2,233	2,444	-9%	-211
New Caledonia					5	-100%	-5
Pakistan				3,507	1,989	76%	1,518
Philippines		240		240			240
Qatar				360			360
Russian Federation				1,152	2,279	-49%	-1,127
Samoa					46	-100%	-46
Singapore					30	-100%	-30
Sri Lanka				3,507	1,181	197%	2,326
Sudan		240		240			240
Taiwan				628	3	20833%	625
Thailand			2	2	122	-98%	-120
Turkey		3,475		3,475			3,475
UAE	24		45	378	94	302%	284
Vietnam		230		2,847	4,275	-33%	-1,428
Total volume	11,188	6,945	12,386	123,956	91,202	36%	32,754

Table 4 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports by port

Year		Total	Portland	Geelong	Sydney	Melbourne	Port Adelaide	Fremantle	Darwin	Other
2015	Aug	25,965	16,988	5,777			3,200			
	Sep	11,354	10,954			400				
	Oct	5,345	3,685		338	962		360		
	Nov	13,064	11,777		379	722				186
	Dec	11,124	8,710		1,245	256	230	683		
2016	Jan	99			99					
	Feb	5,695	3,290		5	64	2,300			36
	Mar	11,914	10,077		45	220		1,572		
	Apr	8,877	8,434		260	183				
	May	12,386	8,031	3,828	90	435				2
	Jun	6,945	3,000			470	3,475			
	Jul **									

Figure 4 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports***



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Table 5 Sheep exports by destination

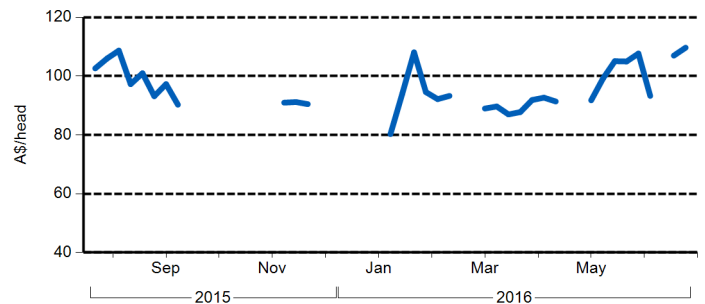
Unit = head Destination market	2016			12 months ending	12 months ending	% change	head change
	Jul	Jun	May	2016 Oct	2015 Oct		
Argentina				41	24	71%	17
Bahrain				85,000	380,000	-78%	-295,000
Bangladesh				50			50
Brunei		300		1,131			1,131
Chile					20	-100%	-20
China	1,129			6,484	16,155	-60%	-9,671
Egypt					25,500	-100%	-25,500
Fiji				77			77
Israel	24,600	11,972		119,620	82,000	46%	37,620
Jordan	23,151	41,000		179,851	181,500	-1%	-1,649
Kazakhstan				7	12	-42%	-5
Kuwait	50,600	24,028	24,538	705,282	582,844	21%	122,438
Lebanon		12,000		12,000			12,000
Malaysia	2,381	3,583	3,152	57,126	45,165	26%	11,961
New Zealand				5	2	150%	3
Oman	5,000	13,000	8,000	89,304	67,000	33%	22,304
Philippines			116	359	41	776%	318
Qatar	65,000	25,000	30,000	533,748	331,414	61%	202,334
Samoa					14	-100%	-14
Singapore				1,980	2,200	-10%	-220
UAE	13,500		10,000	159,869	273,932	-42%	-114,063
Uruguay				70			70
Total volume	185,361	130,883	75,806	1,952,004	1,987,823	-2%	-35,819

Figure 5 Sheep exports by region - past 12 months



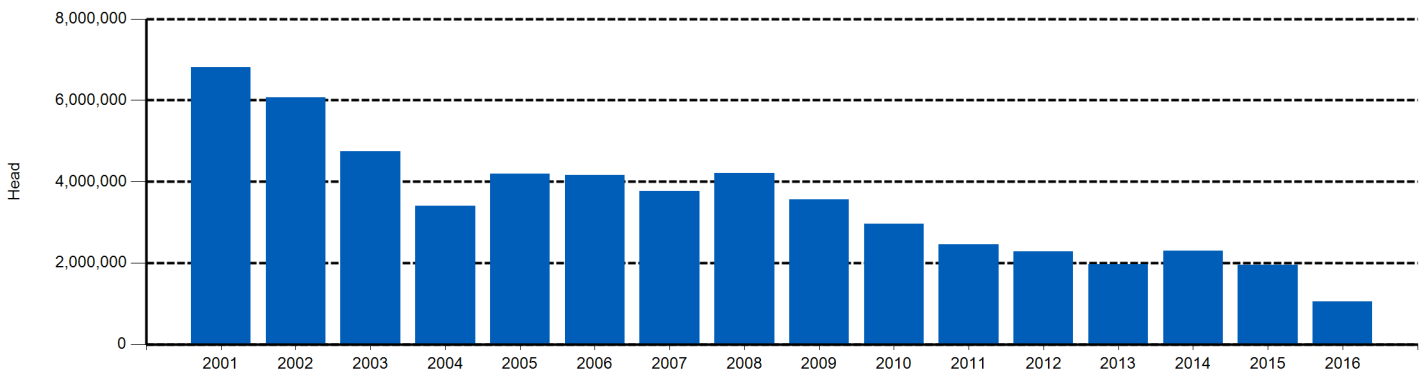
Source: ABS, DAWR

Figure 6 WA live export wether price



Source: MLA Muchea saleyard market report
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Figure 7 Sheep exports***



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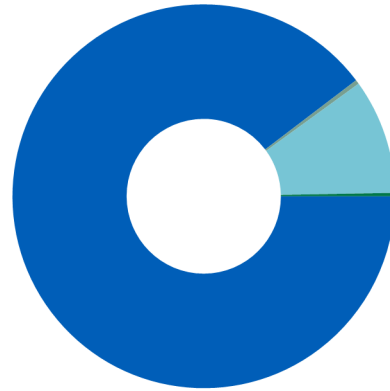
For the January to July period, **Australian sheep exports** lowered marginally (1%) on the same time the year prior – with just short of 1.06 million head shipped. Unsurprisingly, live sheep exports to **Kuwait** continued as the number one destination – up 39%, to 347,440 head – however shipments to **Qatar** over-doubled on the corresponding period the year prior, at 308,000 head.

Shipments to the **UAE** has continued the downward trend recorded in the months prior – with exports so far this season decreasing 58% year-on-year, to 94,848 head. Encouragingly, shipments to both **Jordan & Israel** both recorded significant improvements at the conclusion of the January to July period - gaining 44% and 105%, to 132,851 head and 80,970 head, respectively.

As a result of the removal of the import subsidy, so far in 2016 (January to July) there have been no live shipments to **Bahrain**– of which for the corresponding period the year prior, totalled 230,000 head.

Figure 8 Sheep exports by state - past 12 months

- WA
- Victoria
- SA
- NSW



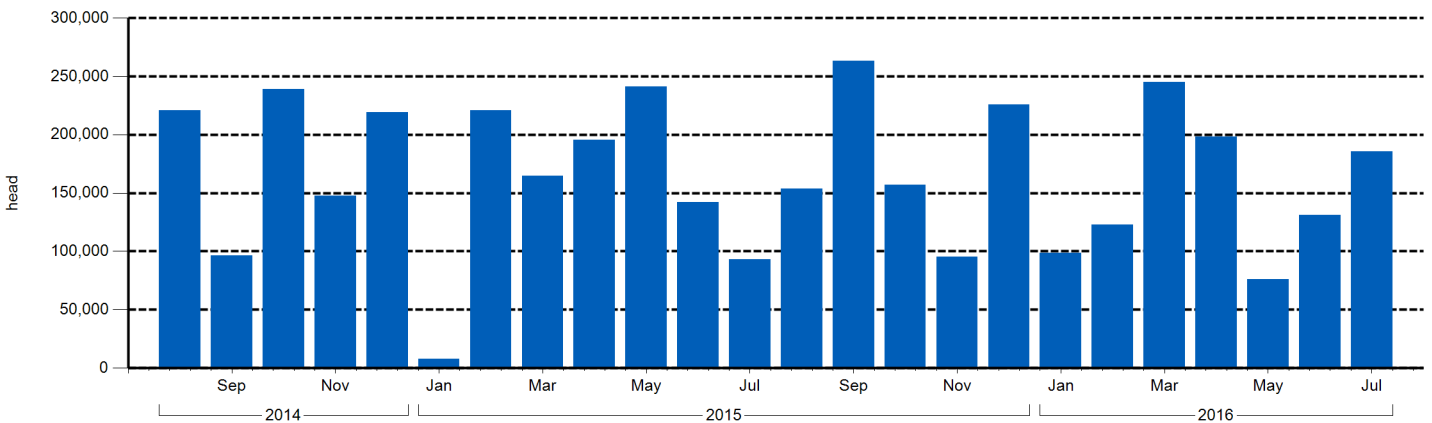
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Table 6 Sheep exports by port

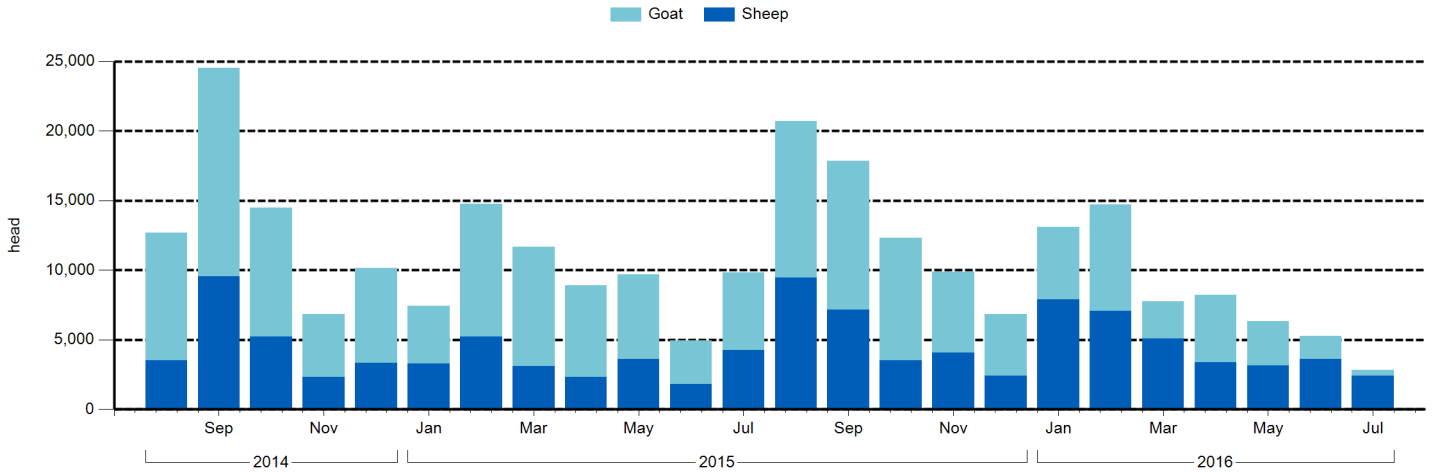
Year		Total	Fremantle	Port Adelaide	Perth	Portland	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Other
2015	Feb	220,831	218,497		880		801	14	639	
	Mar	164,438	161,357		1,412		338	120	1,211	
	Apr	195,589	131,648	61,600	500		658	24	1,159	
	May	241,376	198,470	38,000	936		296	1,300	2,374	
	Jun	142,121	91,592		2,087	41,946	245	5,408	843	
	Jul	92,816	84,690	3,900	1,020				3,206	
	Aug	153,713	149,709		1,515		1,293		1,196	
	Sep	263,258	207,156	45,000	6,182		606	2,955	1,359	
	Oct	156,968	153,425		1,095		711	30	1,707	
	Nov	95,143	90,842		1,437		183	627	1,869	185
	Dec	225,657	179,628	42,790	734		1,668		837	
	2016	Jan	98,815	89,262	5,000	2,036		24		2,493
Feb		123,087	79,887	38,484	2,237		171	32	1,628	648
Mar		245,280	241,403		2,922		108	98	749	
Apr		198,033	193,166		2,536		100	657	1,574	
May		75,806	52,293	20,245	1,066		116	692	1,394	
Jun		130,883	124,028	2,972	1,567			275	2,041	
Jul **		185,361								

Figure 9 Sheep exports



Source: ABS, DAWR

Figure 10 Goat and sheep exports to Malaysia & Singapore



Source: ABS, DAWR

Table 7 Goat exports by destination

Unit = head Destination market	2016			12 months ending 2016 Mar	12 months ending 2015 Mar	% change	head change
	Jul	Jun	May				
Brunei		216		1,347	420	221%	927
Fiji				75			75
Indonesia				211			211
Malaysia	457	1,689	3,158	66,637	88,244	-24%	-21,607
Nepal	50	20		166	79	110%	87
New Zealand			7	7	1	600%	6
Philippines			326	803	255	215%	548
Singapore					345	-100%	-345
UAE	1,250	817	265	6,349	2,213	187%	4,136
Vietnam				679	50	1258%	629
Total volume	1,757	2,742	3,756	76,274	91,607	-17%	-15,333

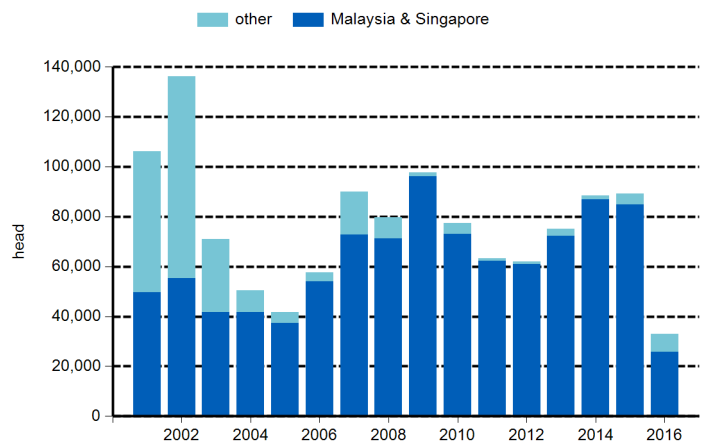
So far this year (January to July), total live goat exports have declined 28% year-on-year, to 33,050 head. Exports to **Malaysia** declined significantly in July (41%), taking shipments so far this year to just over 25,600 head.

Interestingly, live goat exports to the **UAE** gained notable momentum in July – with shipments increasing to 5,361 head so far this year - up from just 1,492 head recorded the same time year prior (DAWR).

Record rangeland goat prices so far this year (January to July), as a result of reduced supplies and strong processor demand, have seen a slowdown in Malaysian imports– with shortfalls in importer sentiment for goats offset by higher live sheep exports in 2016 (up 38% year-on-year, to 32,501 head).

Additionally, in July, eastern states goat slaughter reached just shy of 82,600 head – up 16% on the same time last year (NLRs).

Figure 11 Goat exports***



Source: ABS, DAWR

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