



Co-product market report

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Beef Co-products

Beef offal prices in April were steady across most products however beef lips which spiked last month returned to usual levels expected whilst tails were very firm. Non-halal prices were lightly reported.

Table 1: Beef co-product prices

	Average (Apr Data)	Range	Responses	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Product	Average	Range	Text25	Monthly % Change	Annual % Change
Beef Lips	\$4.13	\$2.50	3	-26.2%	27.8%
Beef Lips - Halal	\$4.32	\$2.50	6	-0.8%	13.9%
Cheekmeat	\$9.65	\$5.00	3	12.0%	15.7%
Cheekmeat - Halal	\$8.88	\$2.60	4	2.3%	10.2%
Diap. Membrane	\$4.62	\$3.94	3	-12.7%	3.1%
Hc Tripe	\$6.67	\$4.00	3	-11.1%	1.4%
Hc Tripe - Halal	\$6.99	\$3.45	4	4.3%	4.0%
Headmeat	\$5.24		2	1.0%	-3.9%
Headmeat - Halal	\$5.20	\$0.70	4	-1.9%	2.3%
Heart	\$2.78		2	0.0%	30.3%
Heart - Halal	\$2.95	\$0.70	6	-0.7%	2.5%
Heart Aorta	\$9.75		2	0.0%	2.8%
Heart Aorta - Halal	\$8.98	\$5.93	4	-8.1%	0.0%
Kidneys- Halal	\$1.70		2	-1.4%	0.0%
Ligamentum	\$2.93	\$0.77	4	1.3%	1.5%
Liver - Halal	\$2.21	\$1.10	6	-2.5%	37.7%
Lungs - Halal	\$2.51	\$1.70	4	-3.4%	13.7%
Omasum	\$6.03	\$2.31	3	1.1%	2.5%
Omasum - Halal	\$6.60	\$2.70	3	-1.9%	15.5%
Rum.Pill - Halal < 500	\$5.65		2	-11.3%	-26.4%
Rum.Pill - Halal > 500 < 700	\$9.90		2	-15.1%	-17.1%
Rum.Pill - Halal > 700	\$12.90		2	-8.4%	-16.3%
Tail	\$16.05		2	7.7%	42.1%
Tail - Halal	\$13.90	\$3.00	5	-6.7%	10.2%
Tendons - Halal	\$6.67	\$3.60	3	1.0%	-19.7%
Thickskirt	\$7.08	\$2.60	3	0.0%	-19.8%
Thickskirt - Halal	\$7.15	\$1.90	4	-17.3%	-18.3%
Thinskirt	\$6.98	\$2.30	3	0.0%	-20.9%
Thinskirt - Halal	\$7.60	\$3.71	4	-4.7%	-12.1%
Tongue Root Fillet	\$6.50		2	3.2%	1.8%
Tongue Root Meat - Halal	\$2.82	\$2.00	4	-0.4%	-16.8%
Tongue SW	\$16.52		2	1.1%	4.6%
Tongue SW - Halal	\$14.98	\$7.95	3	-9.2%	-7.6%
Tripe Pieces	\$2.28		2	2.6%	1.1%
Tripe Pieces - Halal	\$2.61	\$0.85	4	0.9%	6.6%

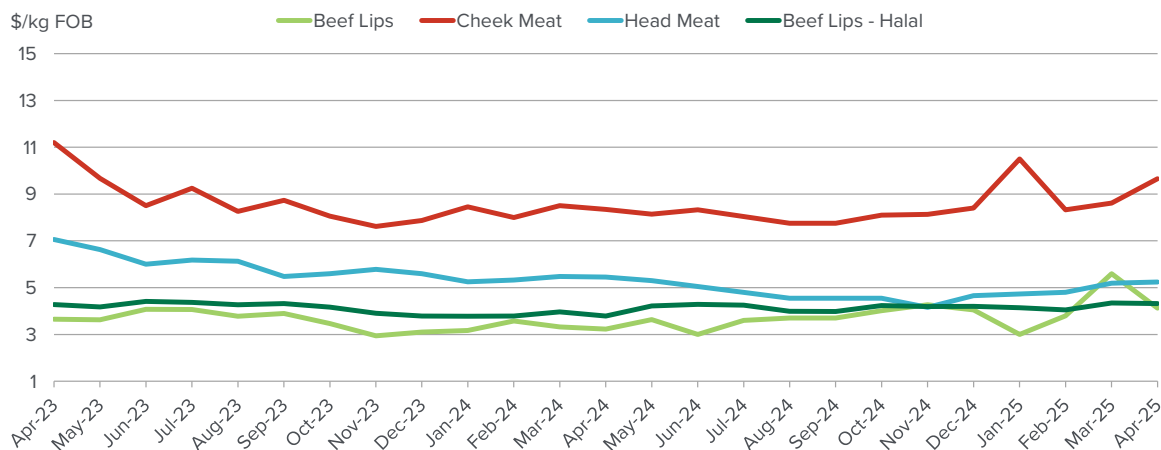
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Head offal

Head meat averaged \$5.24/kg to be 21¢/kg down from year ago price but was 5¢/kg above last month. Cheek meat was \$1.31/kg above year-ago levels, averaging \$9.65/kg which is \$1.04/kg firmer than March.

Lip export prices to the US and Mexico averaged \$4.13/kg down \$1.47/kg month-on-month and 90¢/kg up on last year. Halal lips averaged \$4.32/kg to be 53¢/kg firmer than last April and 3¢/kg down from last month.

Figure 1: Trends in beef head offal prices

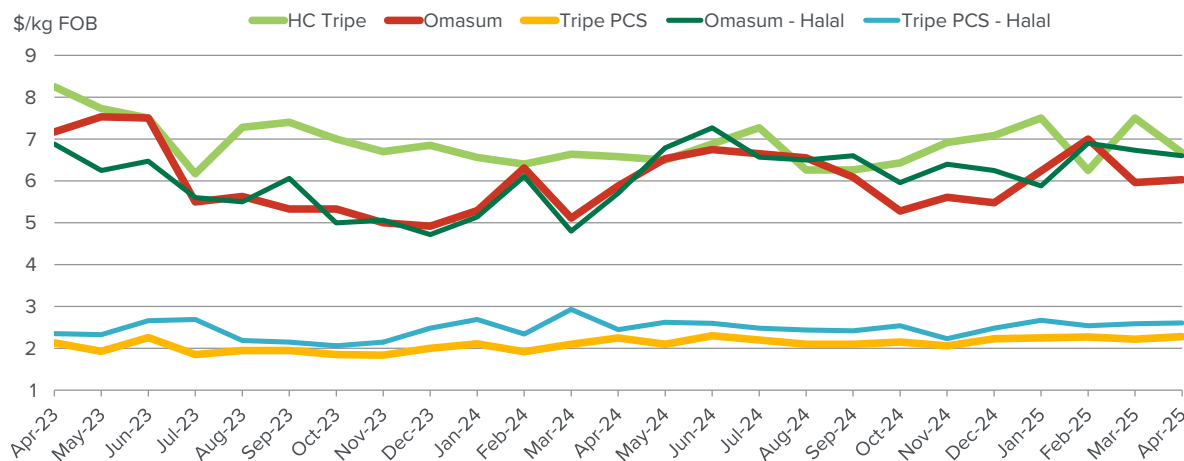


Beef offal trends

Omasum was reported at \$6.03/kg which was 15¢/kg up on price last year and 7¢/kg firmer than last month. Halal omasum averaged \$6.60/kg, up 89¢/kg year-on-year but 13¢/kg softer month-on month.

Halal tripe pieces averaged \$2.61/kg which is 16¢/kg higher year-on-year and 2¢/kg above last month. Non-halal tripe pieces returned \$2.28/kg to be 3¢/kg up from last year and 6¢/kg up month-on-month. Honeycomb tripe traded at \$6.67/kg up 9¢/kg year-on-year and 83¢/kg softer than last month.

Figure 2: Trends in beef tripe prices

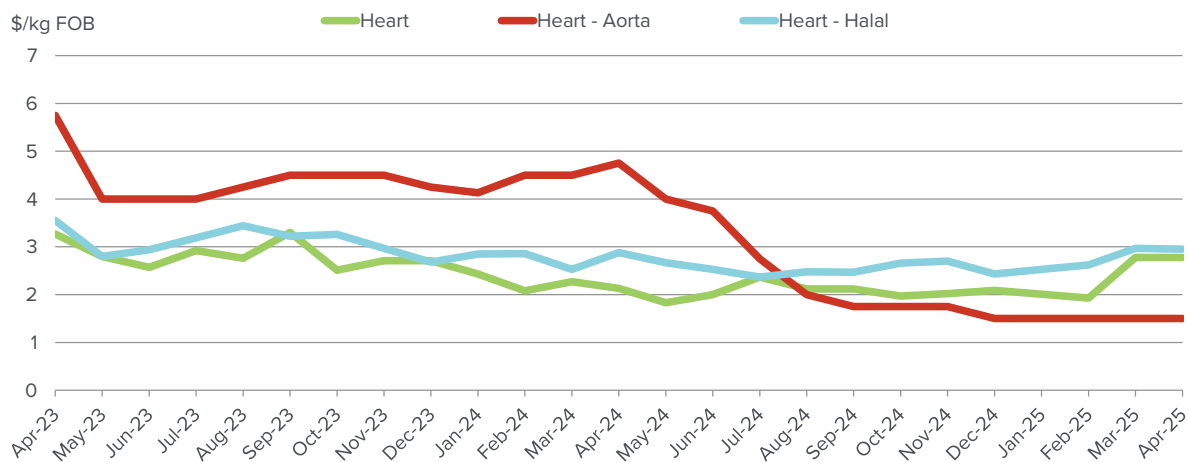


Beef offal trends continued...

Aorta was reported at \$9.75/kg which was 26¢/kg up from year ago prices and even with last month.

Heart prices averaged \$2.78/kg, to be 65¢/kg above year ago levels and even month-on-month. Halal hearts averaged \$2.95/kg, easing 2¢/kg month-on-month and up 7¢/kg from last April.

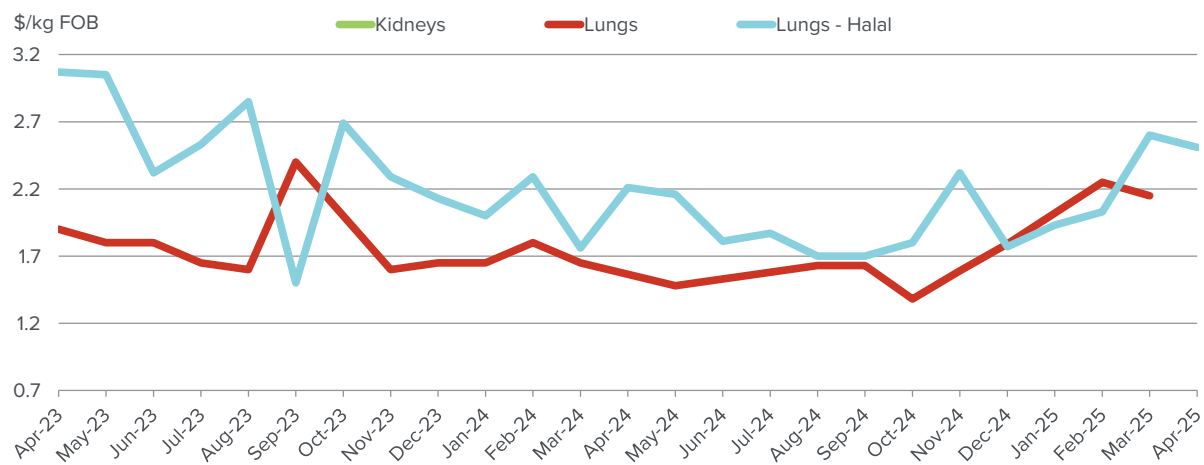
Figure 3: Trends in beef offal prices



Kidneys were not reported however halal kidneys realised \$1.70/kg which was up 3¢/kg month-on-month.

Halal lungs averaged \$2.51/kg, up 30¢/kg year-on-year but 9¢/kg down from last month. Non-halal lungs were not reported.

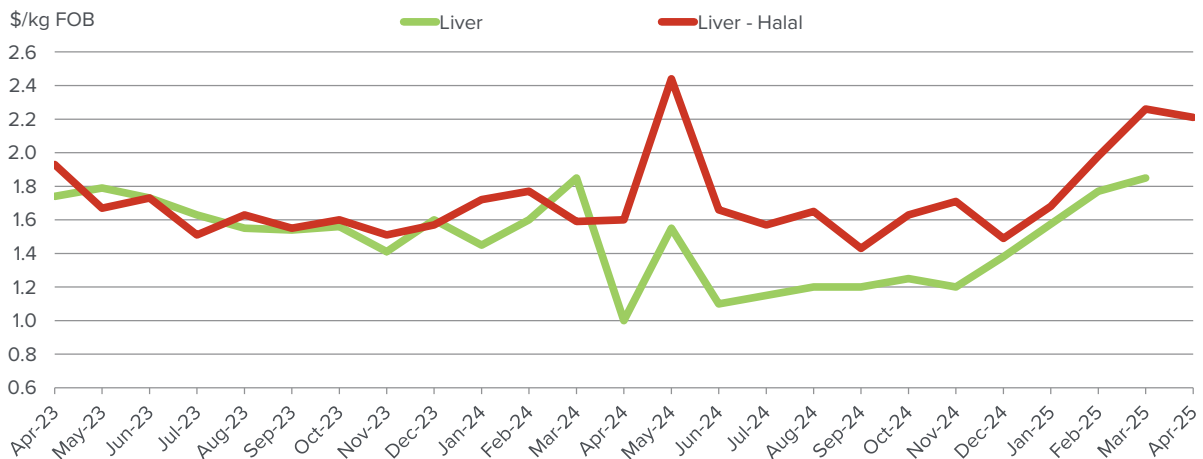
Figure 4: Trends in beef offal prices



Beef offal trends continued...

Liver prices were not reported. Halal livers were 5¢/kg down from last month's price to average \$2.21/kg which was up 61¢/kg compared to last year prices.

Figure 5: Trends in beef offal prices



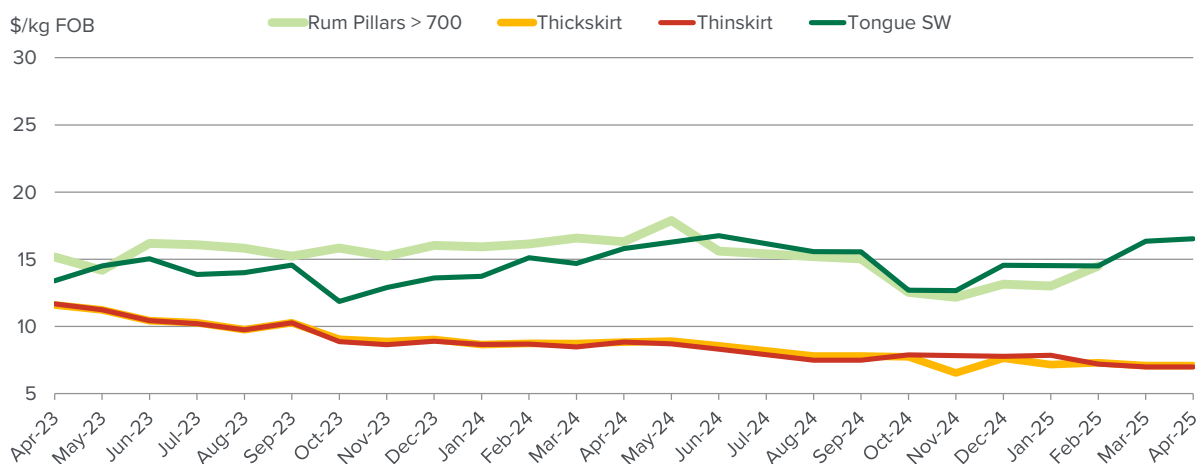
International Offals

Swiss cut tongue averaged \$16.52/kg up 73¢/kg from a year ago and 18¢/kg firmer than last month, while halal swiss cut tongues realised \$14.98/kg up 3¢/kg month-on-month.

Thick skirt averaged \$7.08/kg even with last month but \$1.75/kg down against last year while thin skirt averaged \$6.98/kg also even with last month and was down \$1.85/kg year-on-year.

Heavy weight rumen pillars were not reported but halal product averaged \$12.90/kg.

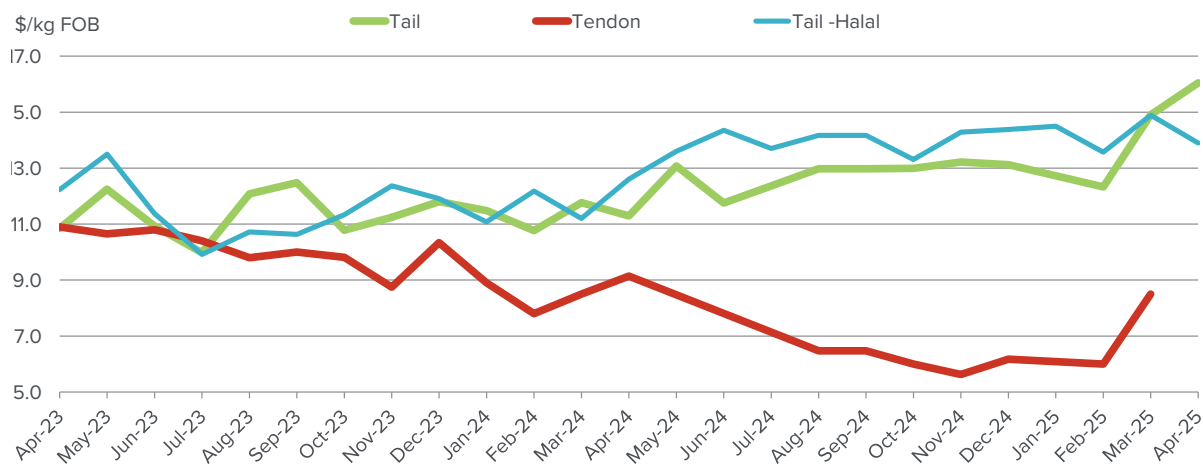
Figure 6: Trends in International offal prices



Tails and Tendons

Tails were reported at \$16.05/kg up \$4.76/kg year-on-year and \$1.15/kg firmer than last month. Halal tails averaged \$13.90/kg down 99¢/kg month-on-month but \$1.21/kg up from last April. Tendons were not reported.

Figure 7: Trends in tail and tendon prices



Sheep Co-products

Sheep offal prices were steady to firm across the board this month, the exception being hearts and livers.

Table 2: Sheep co-product prices

	Average (Apr Data)	Range	Responses	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Heart Sheep - Halal	\$2.35	\$1.60	4	-9.6%	-4.1%
Kidneys Sheep - Halal	\$2.80	\$2.00	4	6.7%	-13.8%
Liver Sheep - Halal	\$2.58	\$2.50	4	-6.9%	-35.6%
Runners Lamb	\$4.15	\$1.40	4	9.2%	43.1%
Runners Sheep	\$2.80	\$1.10	4	12.0%	47.4%
Tongue LC Sheep - Halal	\$4.70		2	15.6%	
Tripe Sheep - Halal	\$2.00		2	2.6%	-27.3%

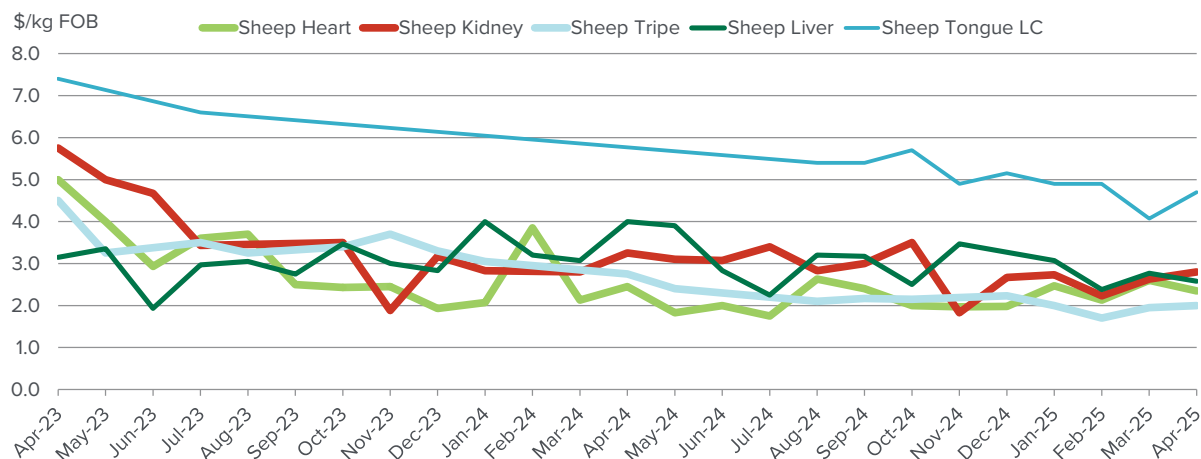
Price quoted is average price reported in \$/kg FOB Australian port and runners as \$/piece.

Sheep offal

Sheep hearts averaged \$2.35/kg, down 25¢/kg month-on-month and 10¢/kg softer than year-ago levels. Sheep kidneys made \$2.80/kg up 17¢/kg from March but 45¢/kg down year-on-year. Sheep liver averaged \$2.58/kg to be 19¢/kg softer month-on-month but \$1.42/kg down from last April.

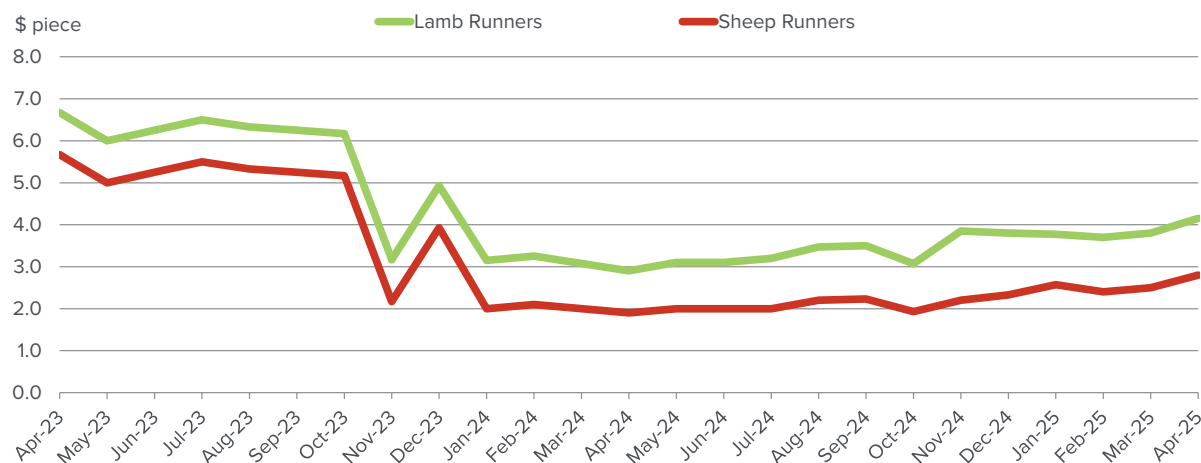
Sheep tripe averaged \$2.00/kg down 75¢/kg year-on-year but 5¢/kg firmer than last month. Long cut tongues returned \$4.70/kg which was 63¢/kg up on last month.

Figure 8: Trends in sheep offal prices



Lamb runners averaged \$4.15/piece up 35¢/piece month-on-month and \$1.25/piece firmer year-on-year while sheep runners made \$2.80/piece which was up 30¢/piece from last month and 90¢/piece firmer than a year ago.

Figure 9: Trends in runner prices



Pharmaceutical products

Pharmaceutical products were lightly reported.

Table 3: Pharmaceutical prices

	Average (Apr Data)	Range	Responses	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Foetal Blood	\$273.33	\$50.00	3	-0.6%	-48.3%

Price quoted is average price reported in \$/kg FOB Australian port and foetal blood \$/litre EXW

The average foetal calf blood price is \$255/litre softer year-on-year to average \$273/litre which was down \$2.00/litre month-on-month.

Figure 10: Trends for foetal blood prices



Concentrated gall was not reported

Figure 11: Trends for concentrated gall prices



Rendered products

Rendered products were softer across the board.

Table 4: Rendered product prices

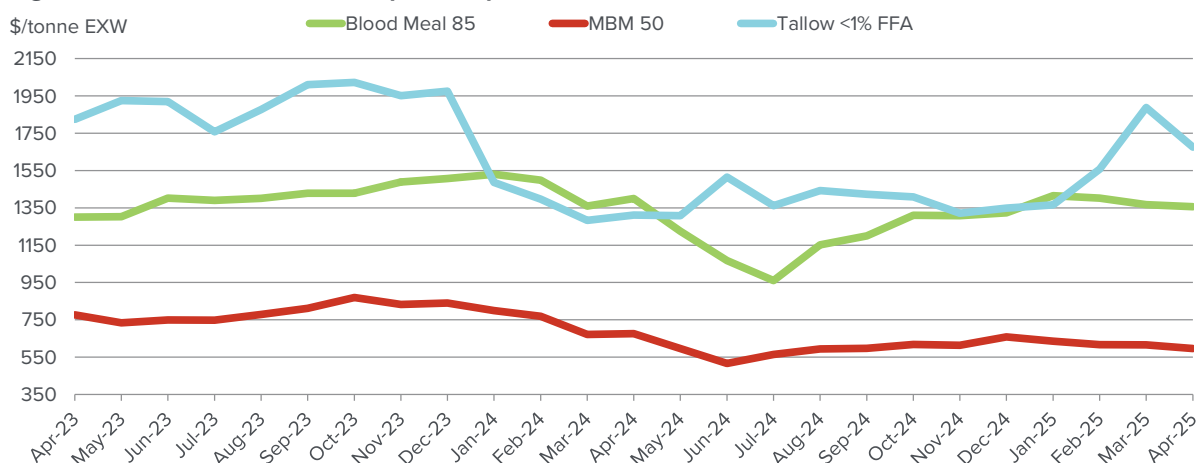
	Average (Apr Data)	Range	Responses	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Bloodmeal 85	\$1,356.25	\$150.00	4	-0.8%	-3.1%
MBM 50	\$595.83	\$95.00	6	-3.2%	-11.9%
Tallow lned.<1FFA	\$1,676.00	\$190.00	5	-11.2%	27.8%
Tallow lned.<2FFA	\$1,666.00	\$180.00	5	-8.4%	34.2%

Price quoted is average price reported ex works \$/tonne.

The price for 50% protein MBM eased \$20/tonne from last month, averaging \$596/tonne which was \$80/tonne below April 2024 levels. Blood meal averaged \$1356/tonne to be down \$11/tonne month-on-month and \$44/tonne down from a year ago.

Tallow prices traded down with the price for 1% FFA tallow averaging \$1676/tonne, up \$365/tonne year-on-year but \$212/tonne below last month's price.

Figure 12: Trends in rendered co-product prices



Hides

The hide market remains soft with tannery orders difficult to find with continued downwards price pressure due to over-abundant hides for available orders. Whilst the local price was steady for April orders the uncertainty over what will happen with abundant USA hides and the China tariff on their product looks at creating a very depressed market.

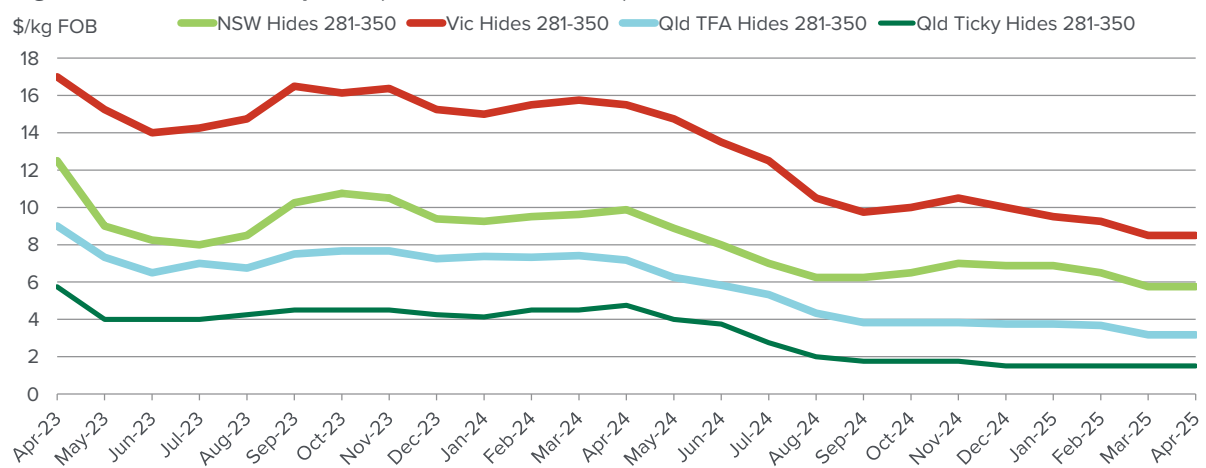
Table 5: Hide prices

	Average (Apr Data)	Range	Responses	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Hides NSW 141- 180	\$0.88		2	0.0%	-61.1%
Hides NSW 181 - 220	\$1.75		2	0.0%	-53.3%
Hides NSW 221 - 280	\$3.00		2	0.0%	-52.9%
Hides NSW 281 - 350	\$5.75		2	0.0%	-41.8%
Hides NSW 351 Up	\$8.50		2	0.0%	-32.7%
Hides QLD TFA 281 - 350	\$3.25		2	2.6%	-54.7%
Hides QLD TFA 351 Up	\$5.50		2	3.1%	-43.6%
Hides VIC 141-180	\$1.50		2	0.0%	-40.0%
Hides VIC 181-220	\$3.00		2	0.0%	-42.9%
Hides VIC 221 - 280	\$5.00		2	0.0%	-45.9%
Hides VIC 281-350	\$8.50		2	0.0%	-45.2%
Hides VIC 351 Up	\$16.25		2	0.0%	-28.2%

Price quoted is average price reported for ex works \$/each.

Local prices for hides were steady across all grades from last month but indications are for substantial cuts going forward.

Figure 13: Trends in hide prices (East Coast Ex Works)



Currency exchange

The Australian dollar opened the month at 62.69US¢ and eased for the first half of April before rallying to close at 64.16US¢ to average 62.78US¢ across the month, down 0.19US¢ month-on-month, and down 2.34US¢ from April 2024.

Figure 14: AUD /USD Foreign Exchange



Source: Reserve Bank Australia

Export statistics



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