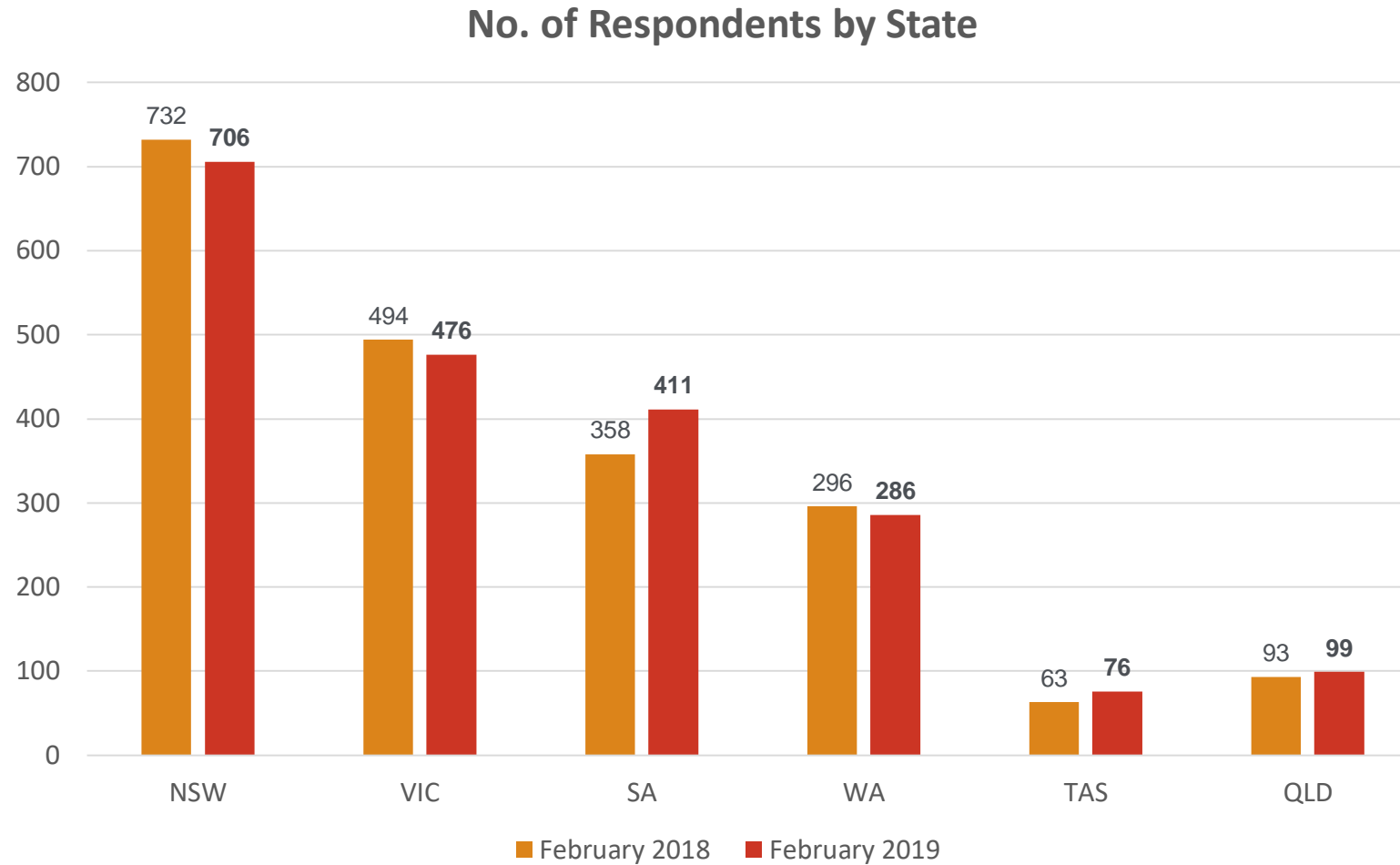


# MLA & AWI Wool and Sheepmeat Survey – February 2019



# Survey responses



**Total No. of Respondents in February 2019: n = 2,054**

# Survey responses: Total Flock Counts (Merino & Non-Merino)

## Merino and non merino flock count by Postcode

Total flocks: n = 3,104  
Merino: n = 1,701  
All other: n = 1,428

### MLA Reporting Regions

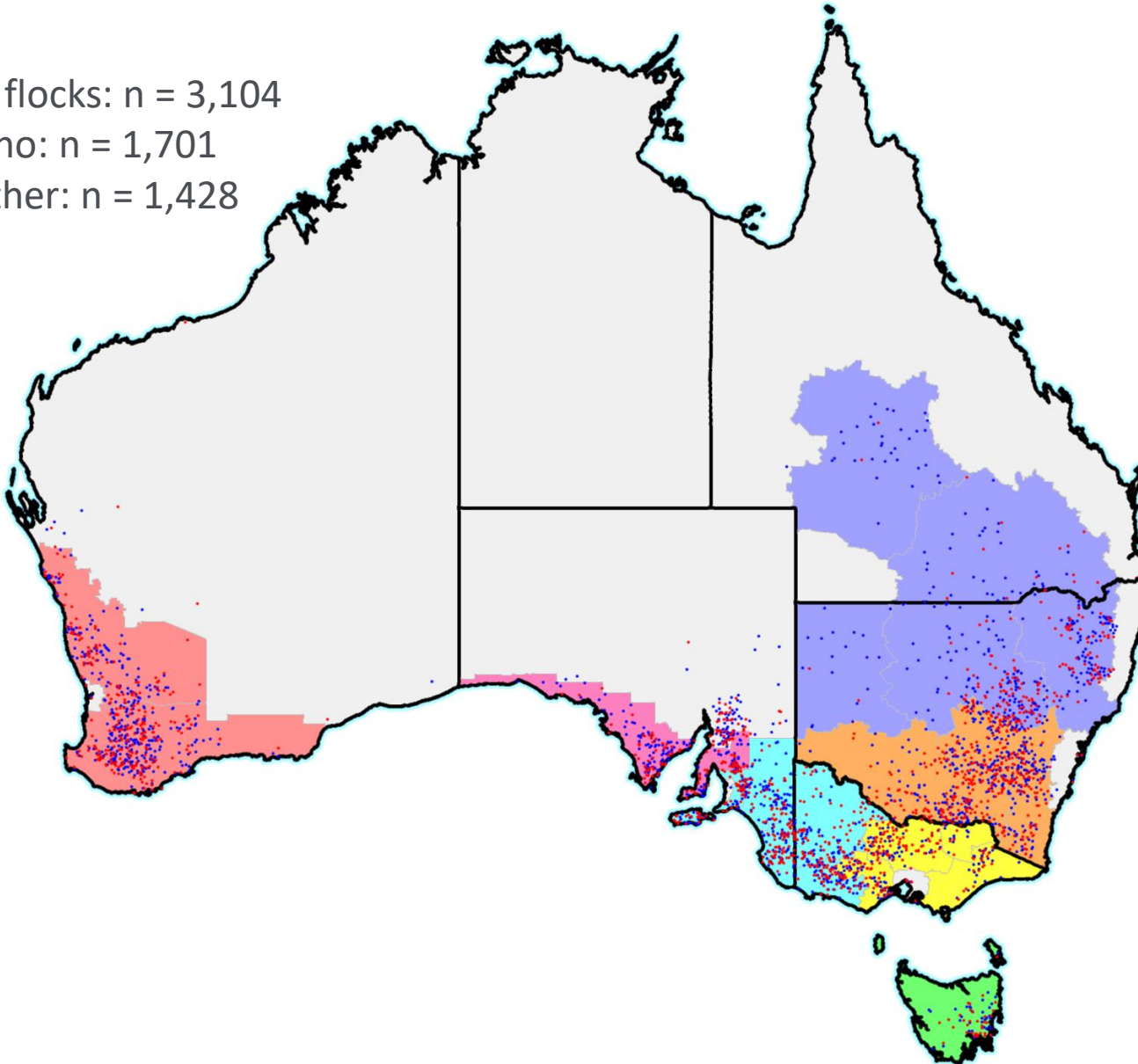
- Central NSW
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- SA Peninsula
- Tasmania
- Western Australia
- Wimmera Mallee
- Murray

### Merino flock count by Postcode

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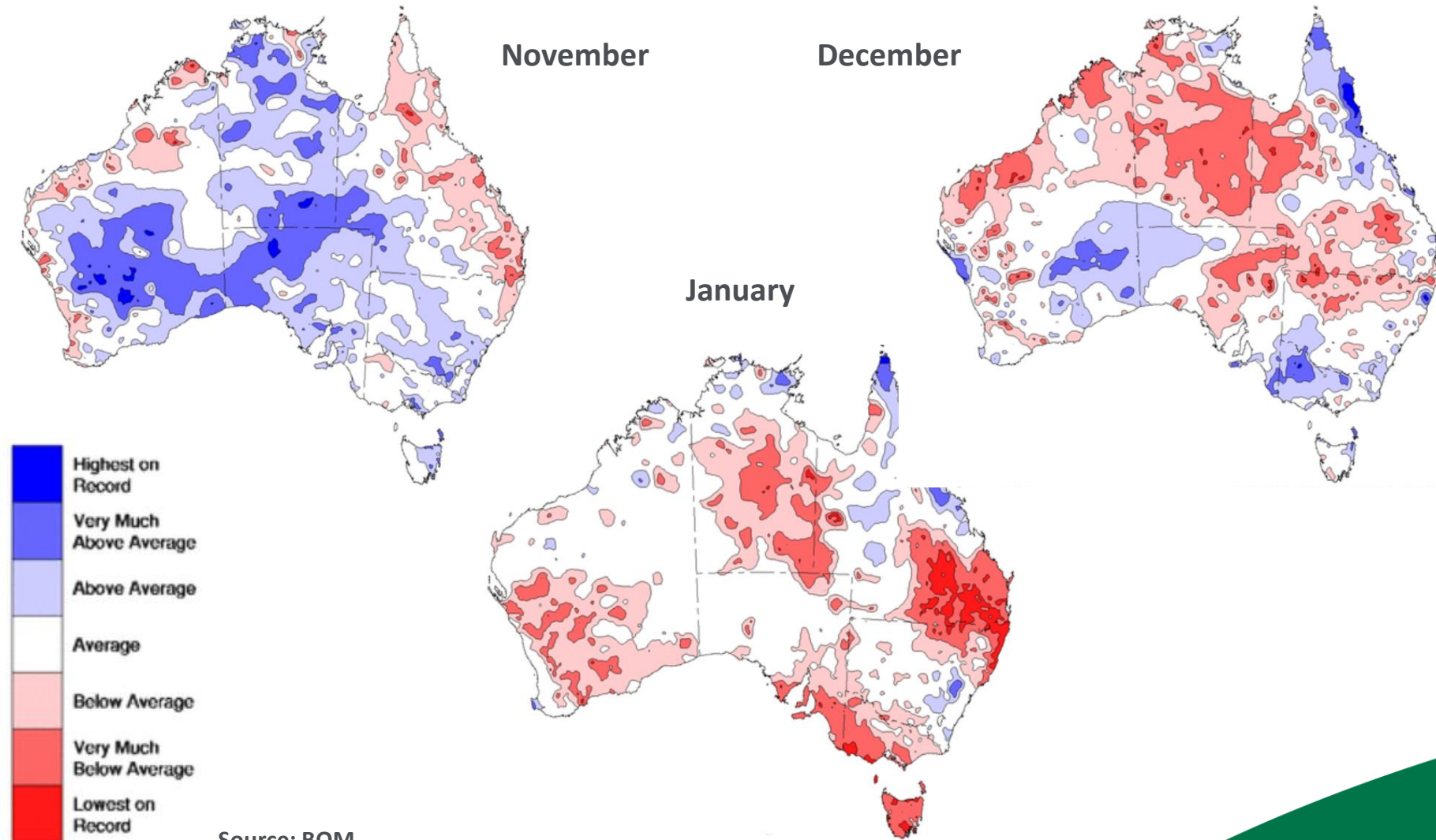
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# Seasonal conditions – monthly rainfall

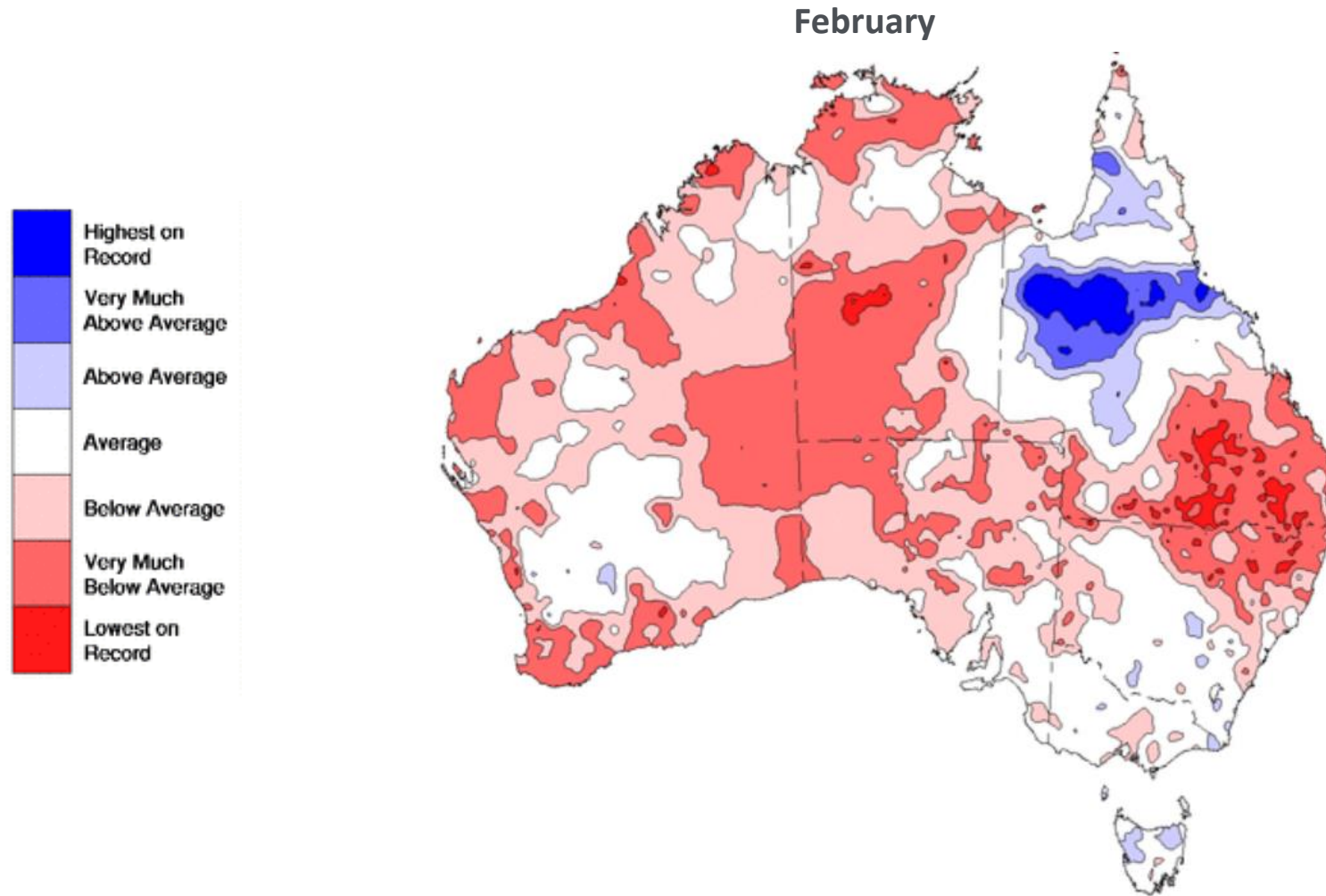
## November 2018 – January 2019



Source: BOM

# Seasonal conditions – monthly rainfall

## February 2019

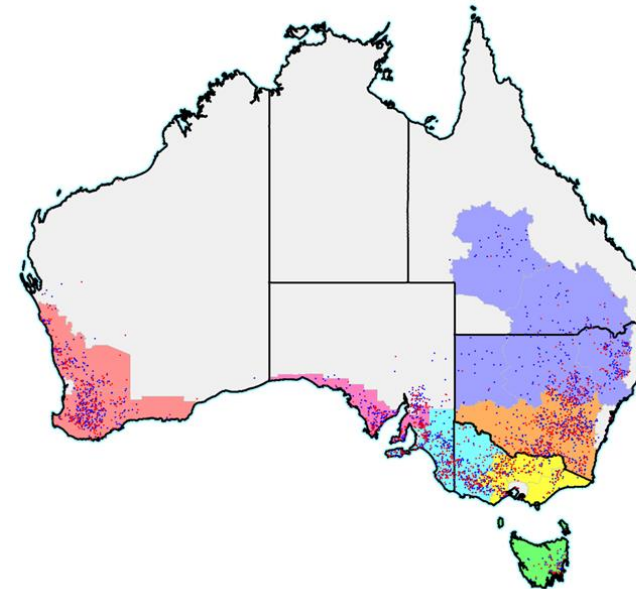
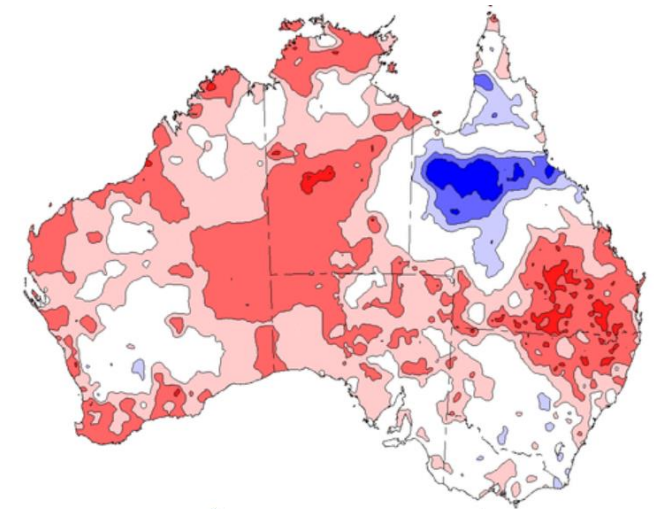


# AUSTRALIA

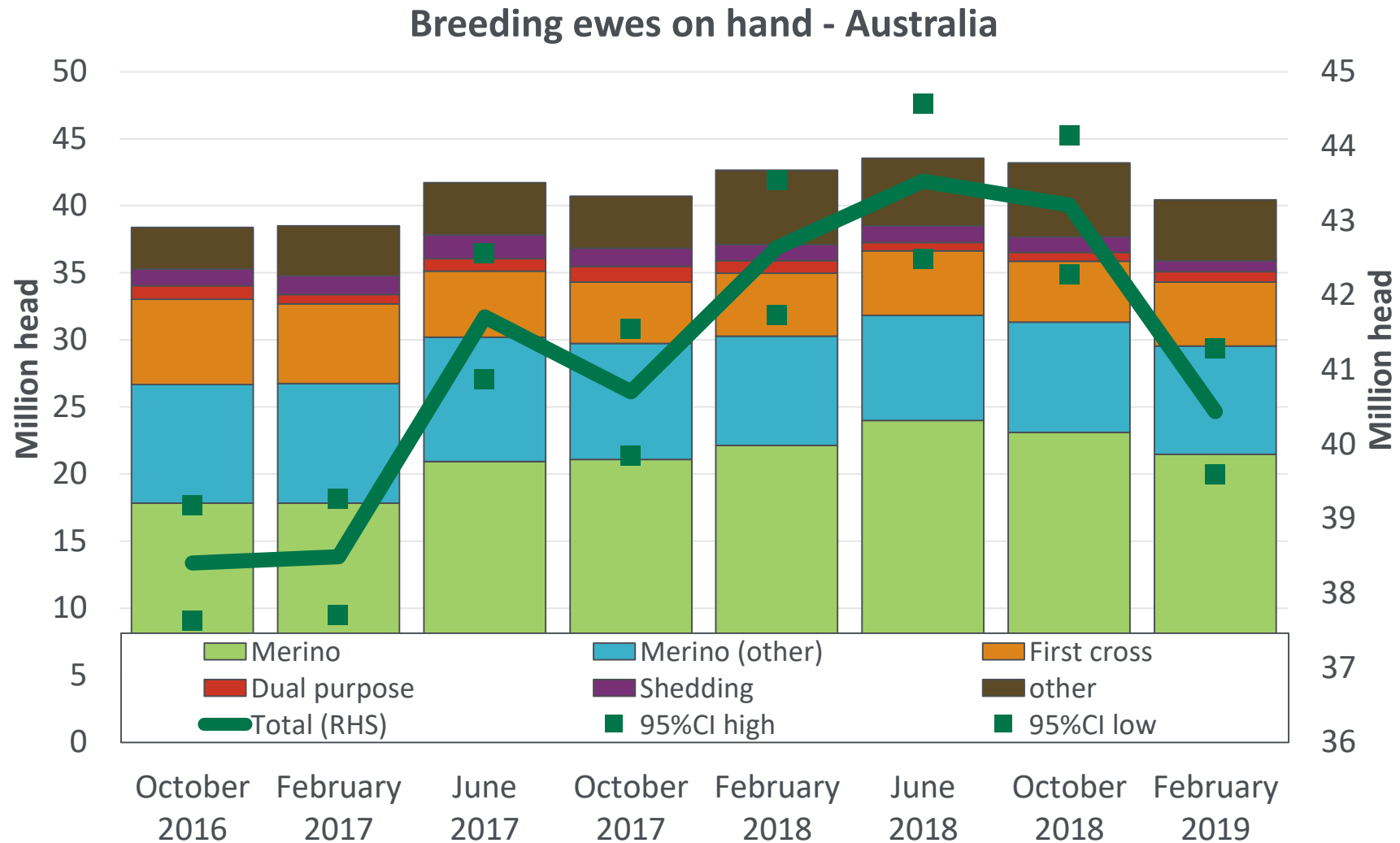
- 2.2m head less (down 5%) breeding ewes on hand year-on-year, at **40.4 million head**.
- 3.8 million less (down 18%) lambs on hand year-on-year, at **17.2 million head**
- Expected lamb sales → **7.5 million head** (down 13%)
- Merino marking rate = **74%** (down from 86%)
- All other breeds marking rate = **85%** (down from 108%)

# AUSTRALIA

	Feb 2018	Feb 2019
Breeding ewes	42.7 m	40.4 m
Lambs on Hand	21 m	17.2 m
Expected lamb sales	8.7 m	7.5 m
Merino marking rate	86%	74%
Other breeds marking rate	108%	85%



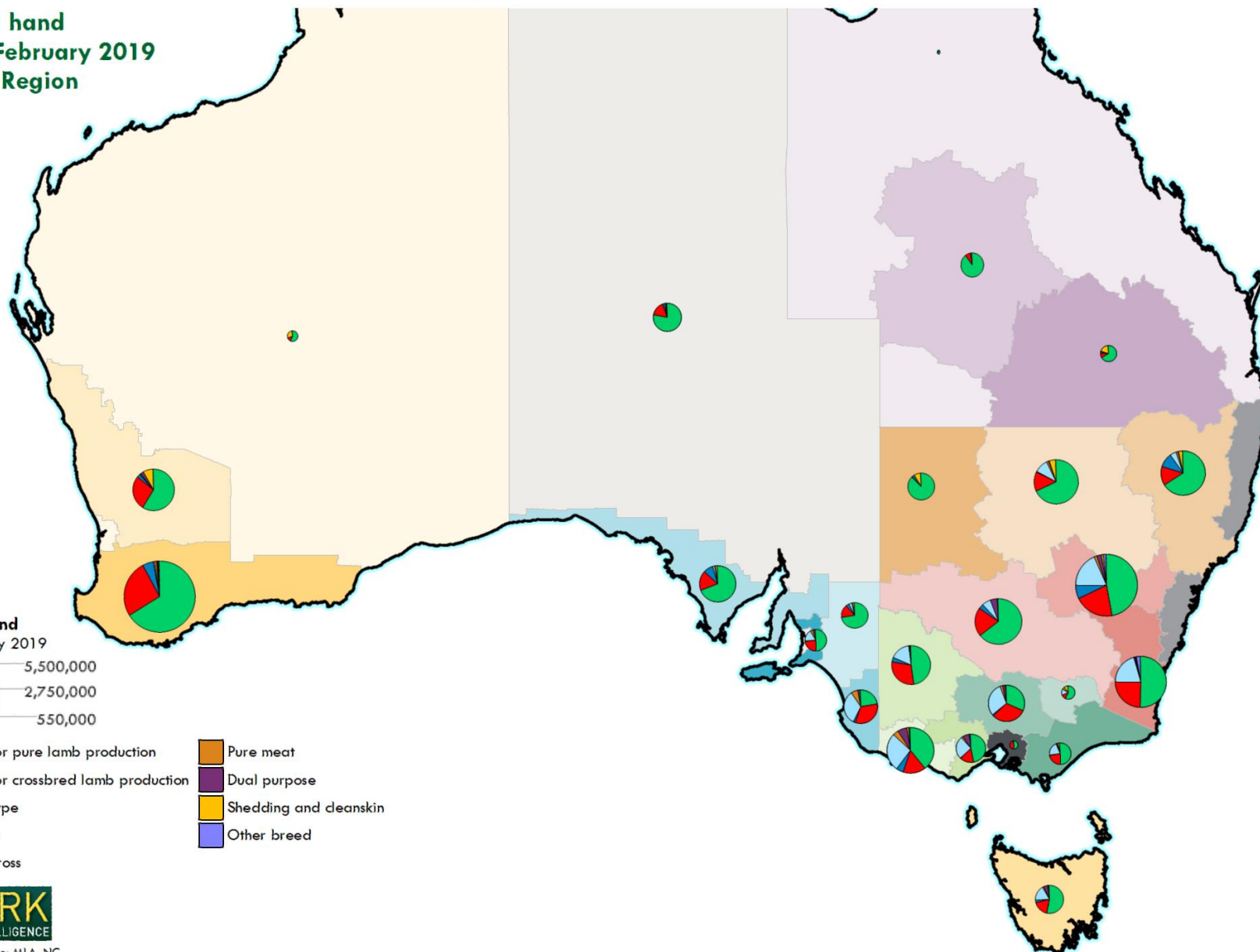
# AUSTRALIA – Breeding Ewes on Hand



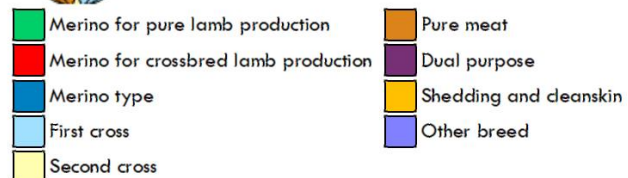
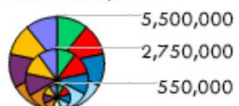
Respondents: 2,054

# AUSTRALIA – Ewe Population

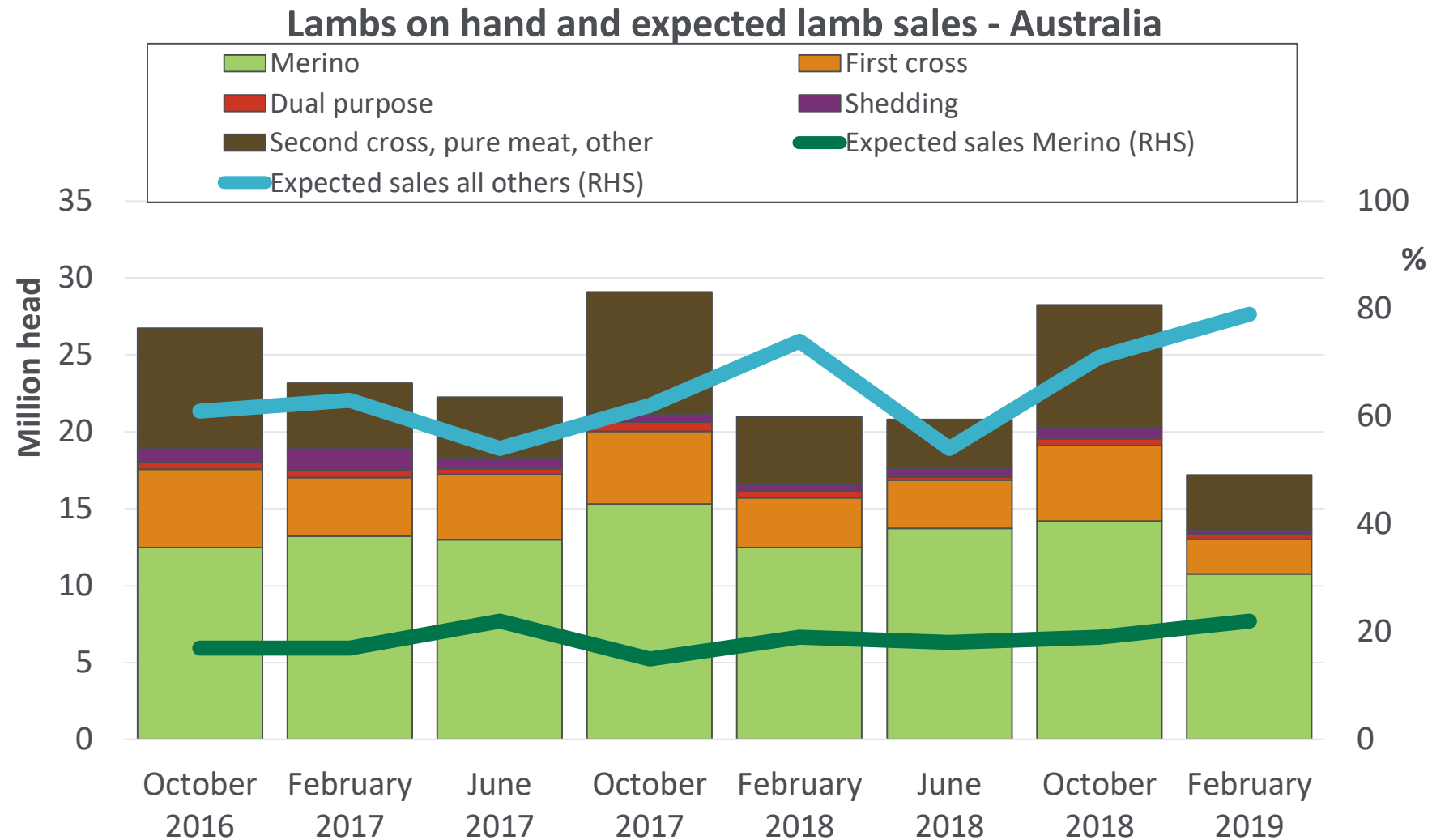
Ewes on hand  
at 28th February 2019  
by MLA Region



Ewes on hand  
28th February 2019



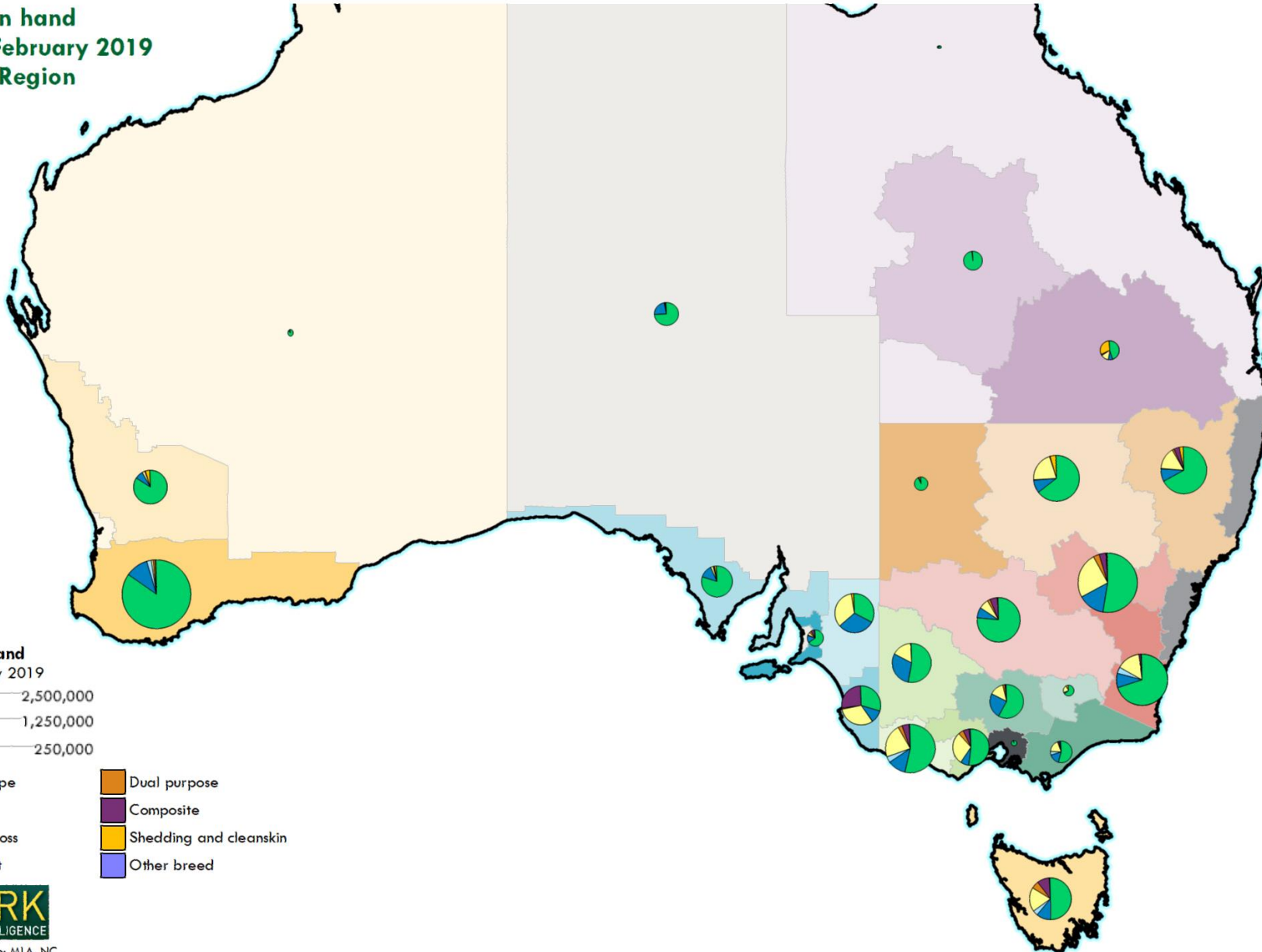
# AUSTRALIA - Lambs and Expected Sales



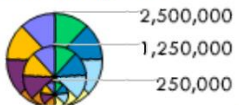
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# AUSTRALIA – Lamb Population

Lambs on hand  
at 28th February 2019  
by MLA Region



Lambs on hand  
28th February 2019

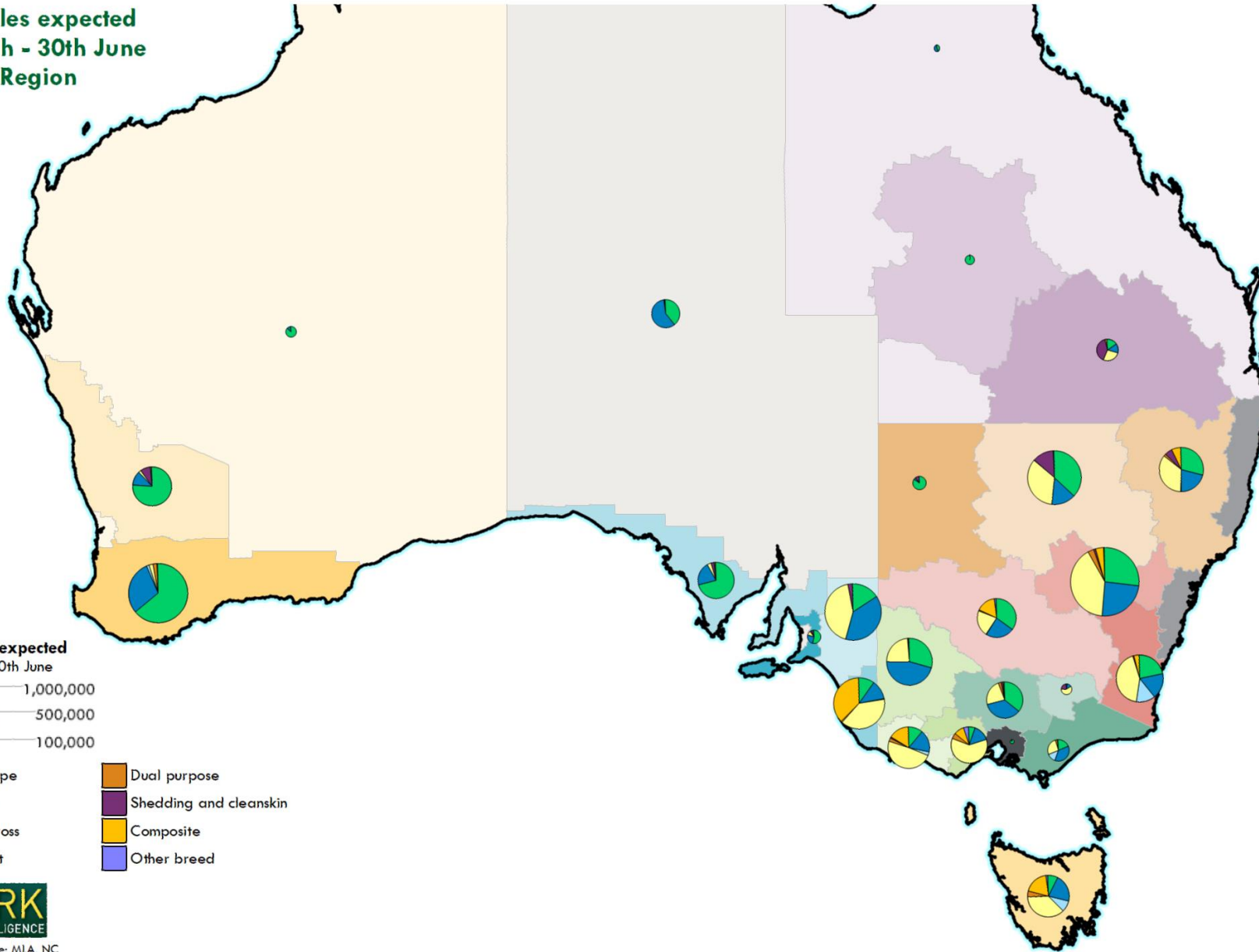


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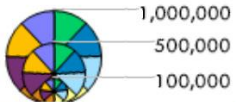
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# AUSTRALIA – Expected Lamb Sales

Lamb sales expected  
1st March - 30th June  
by MLA Region



Lamb sales expected  
1st March - 30th June

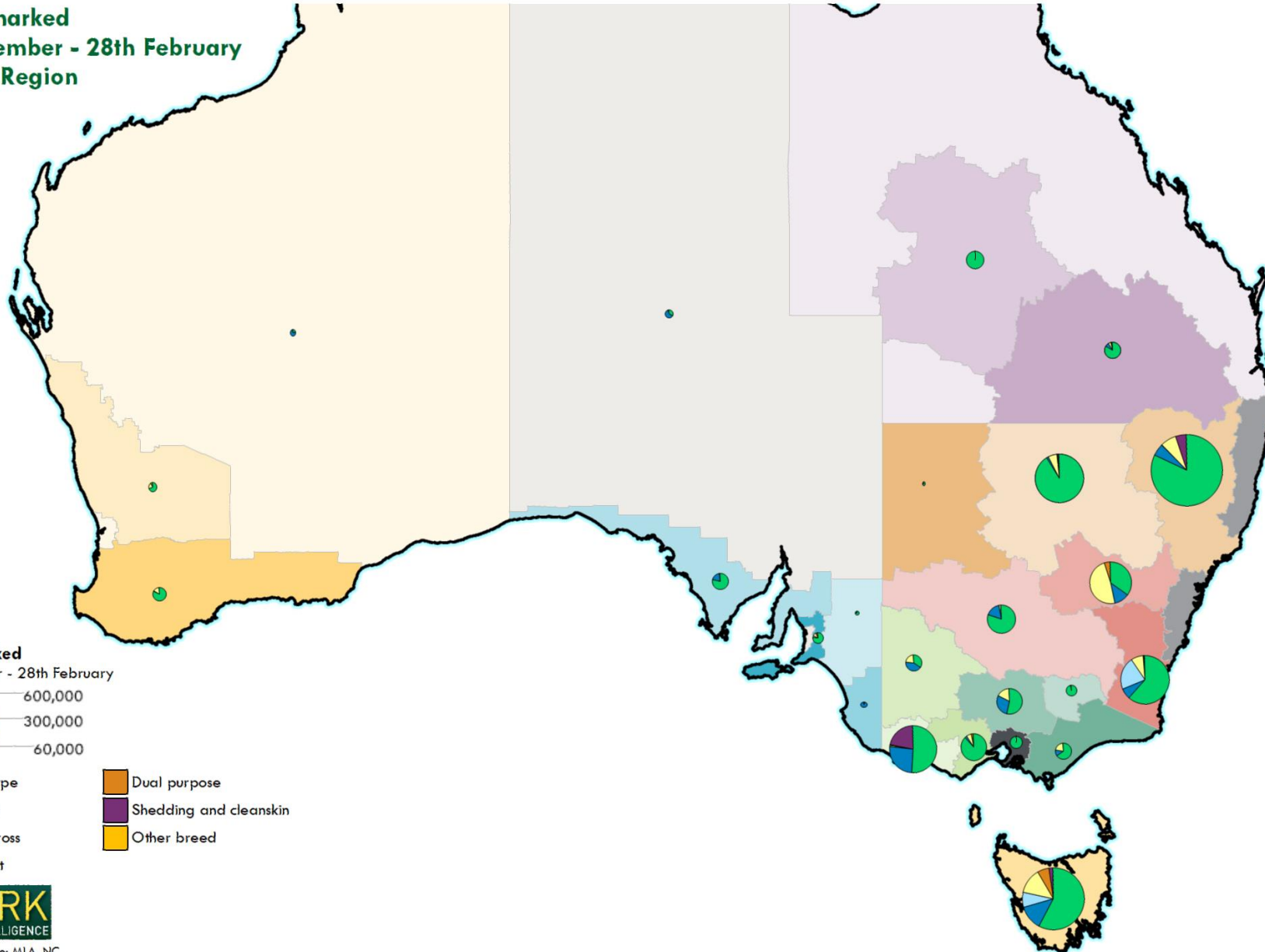


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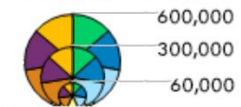
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# AUSTRALIA – Lambs Marked

Lambs marked  
1st November - 28th February  
by MLA Region



Lambs marked  
1st November - 28th February

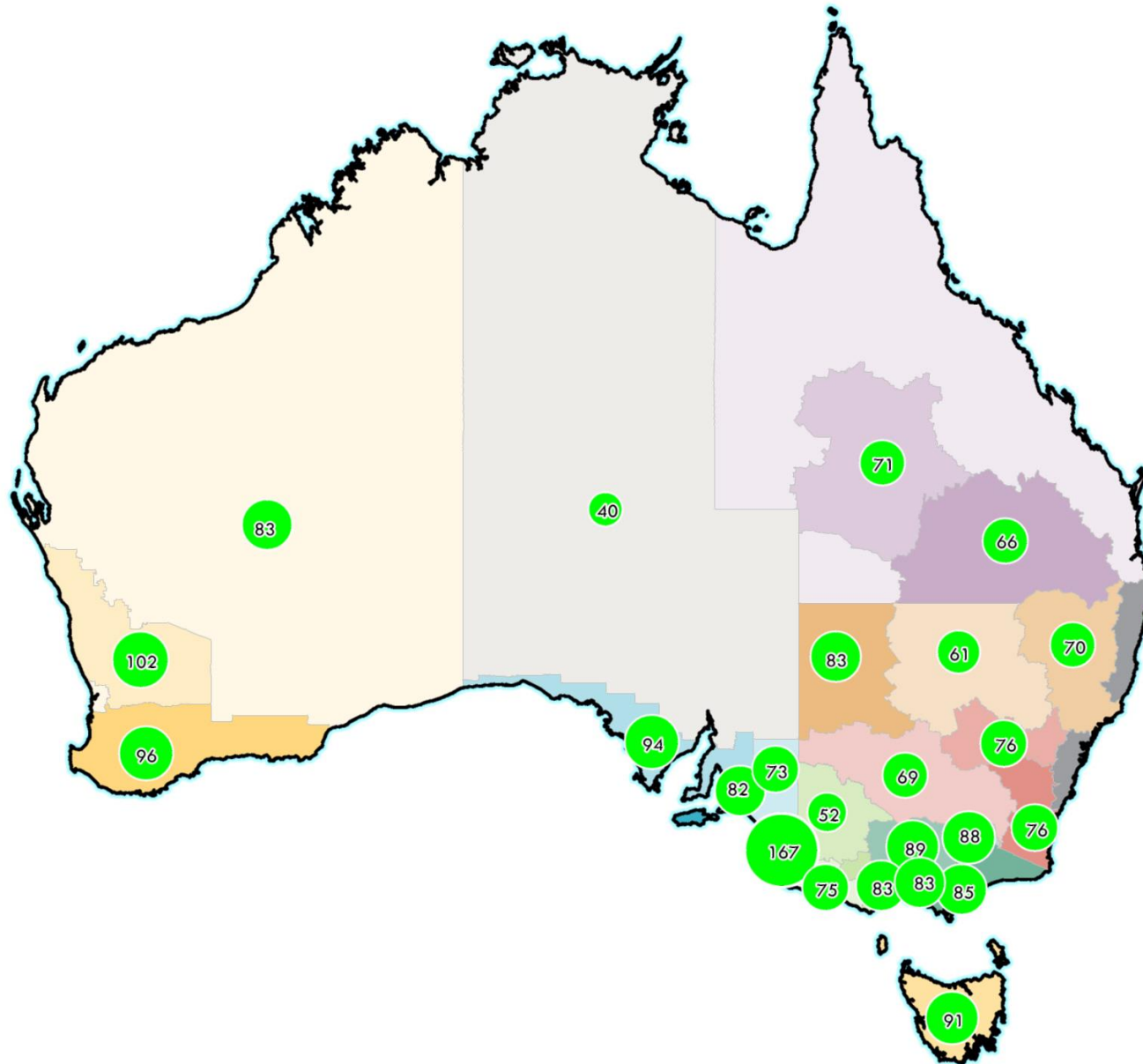


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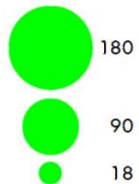
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# AUSTRALIA – Lambs Marked (% Merinos)

Lambs marked percentage  
of merinos  
by MLA Region

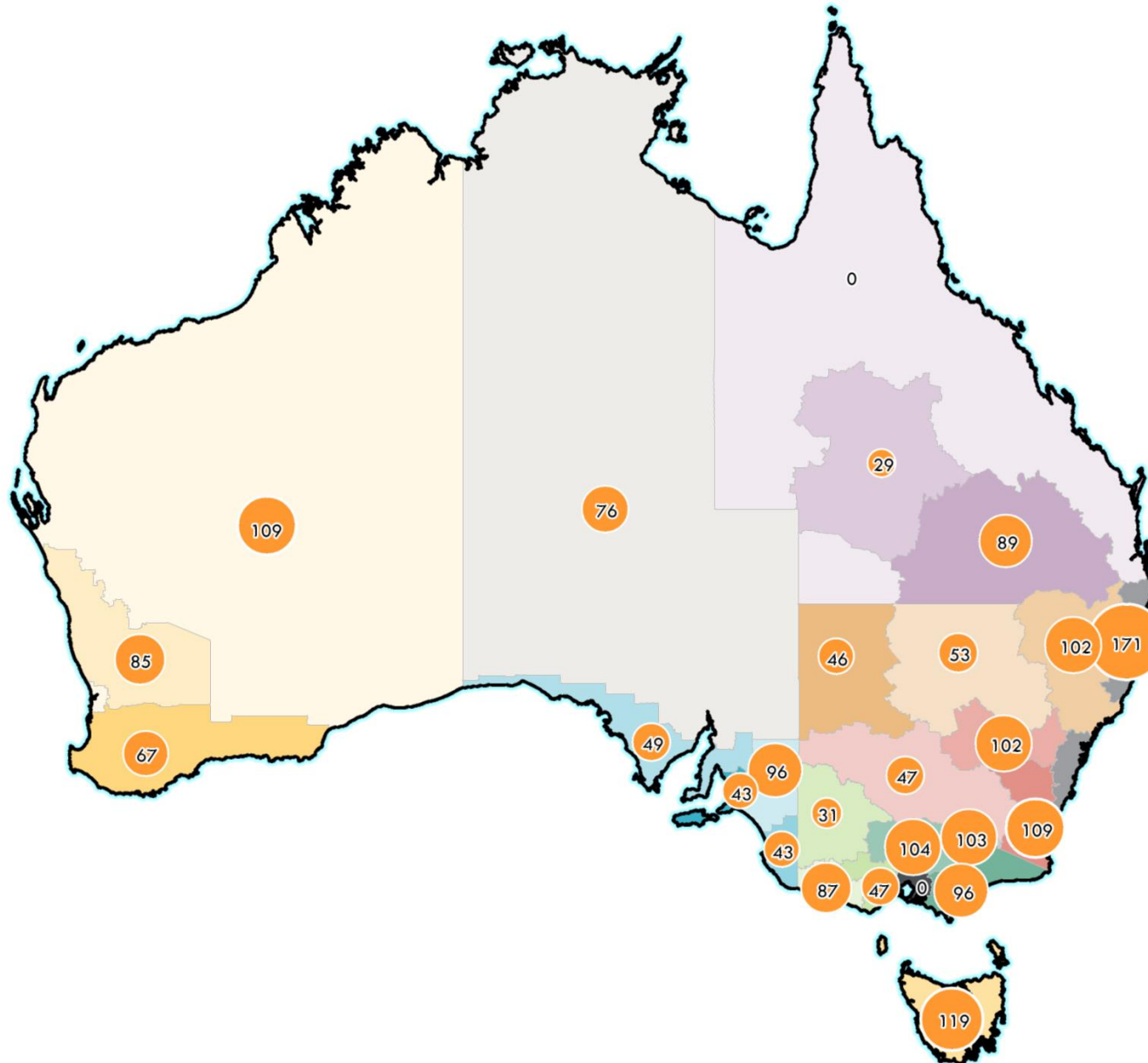


Merino lambs  
Percentage marked

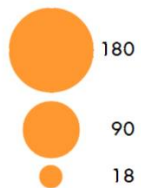


# AUSTRALIA – Lambs Marked (% All other breeds)

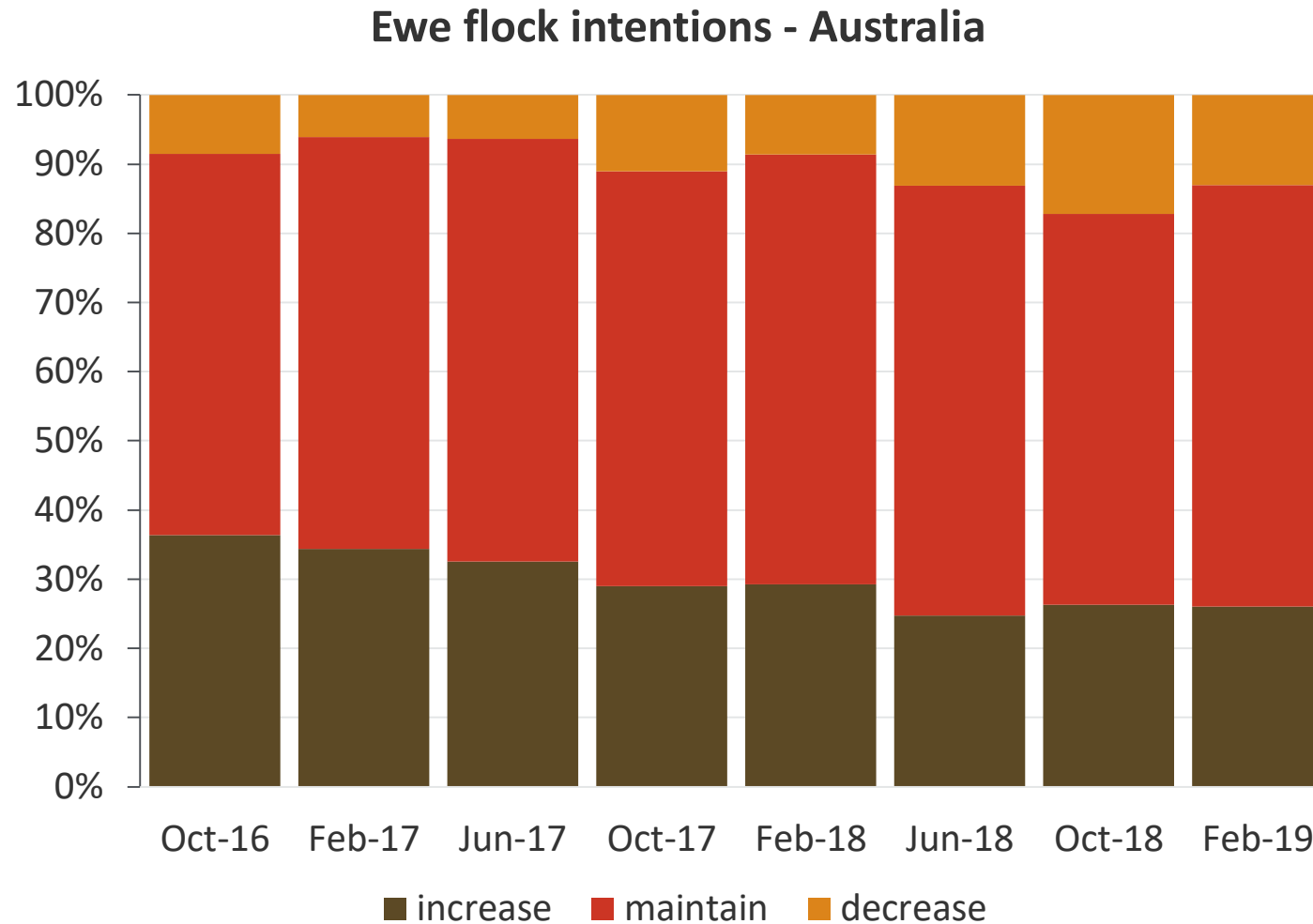
Lambs marked percentage  
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Non merino lambs  
Percentage marked



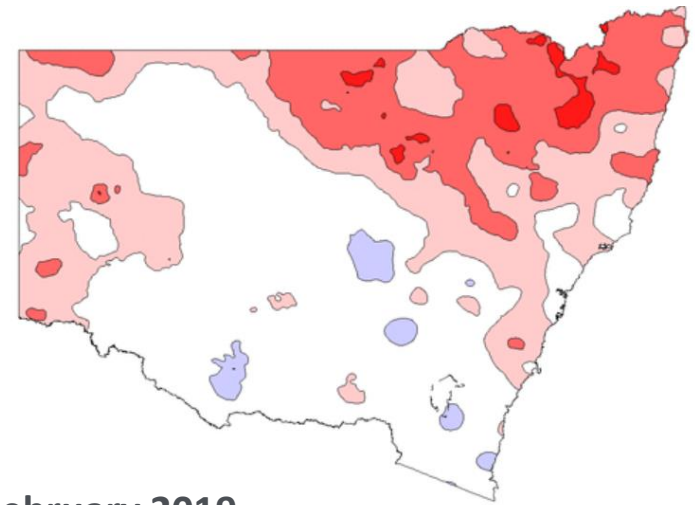
# AUSTRALIA – Ewe Flock Intentions



Respondents: 2,054

# NSW

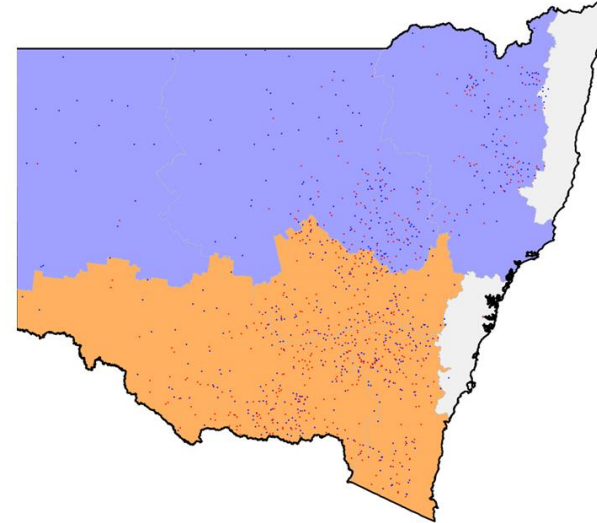
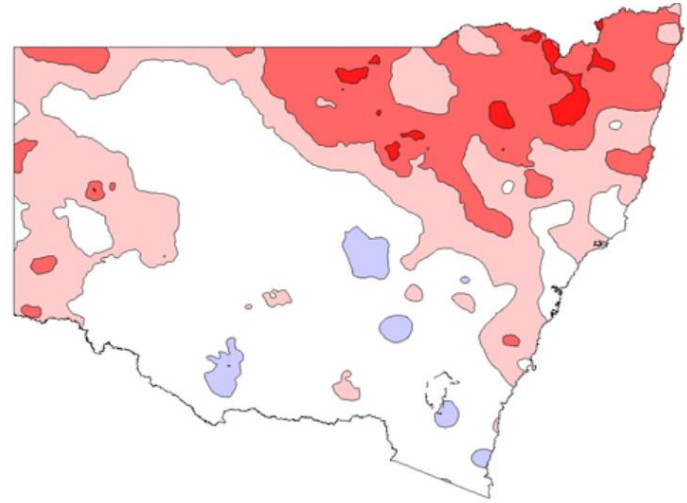
- Total breeding ewes decreased 5%, to **15.6 million head**
- 2.0 million less (down 24%) lambs on hand, at **6.4 million head**
- Expected lamb sales → **2.7 million head** (down 21%)
- Merino marking rate = 69%
- All other breeds marking rate = 89%



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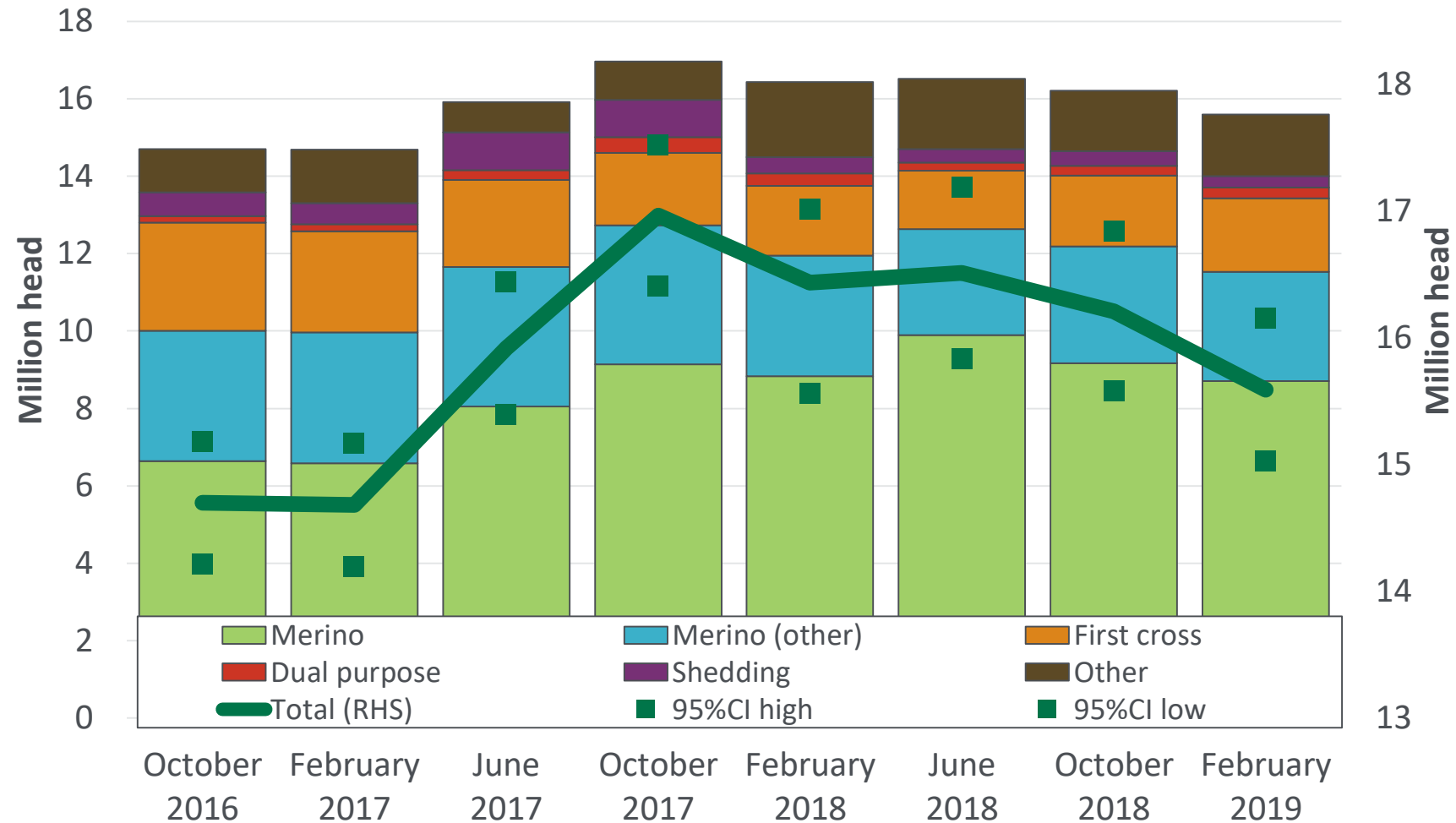
# NSW

	Feb 2018	Feb 2019
Breeding ewes	16.4 m	15.6 m
Lambs on Hand	8.4 m	6.4 m
Expected lamb sales	3.4 m	2.7 m
Merino marking rate	89%	69%
All other marking rate	104%	89%



# NSW – Breeding Ewes on Hand

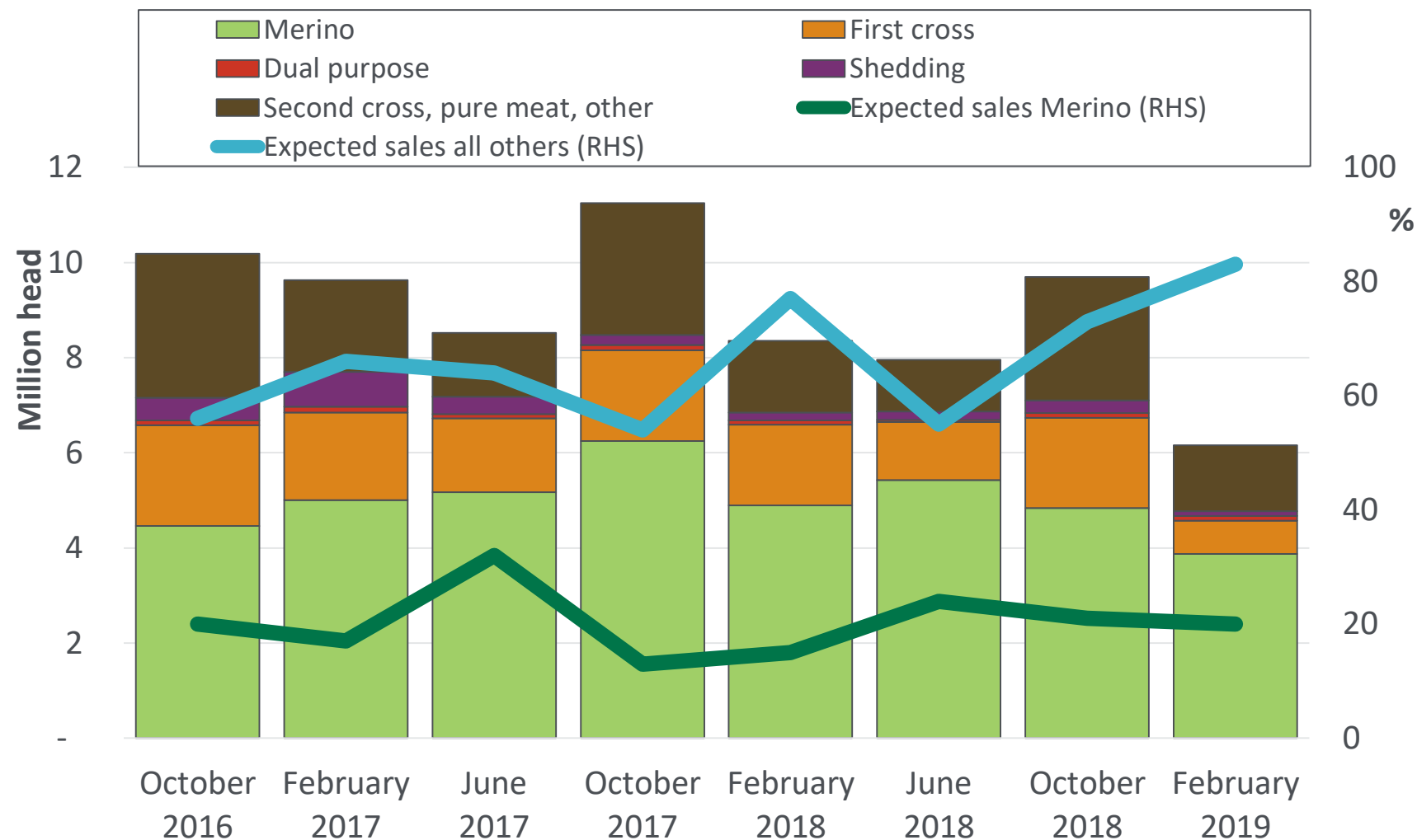
Breeding ewes on hand – New South Wales



Respondents: 706

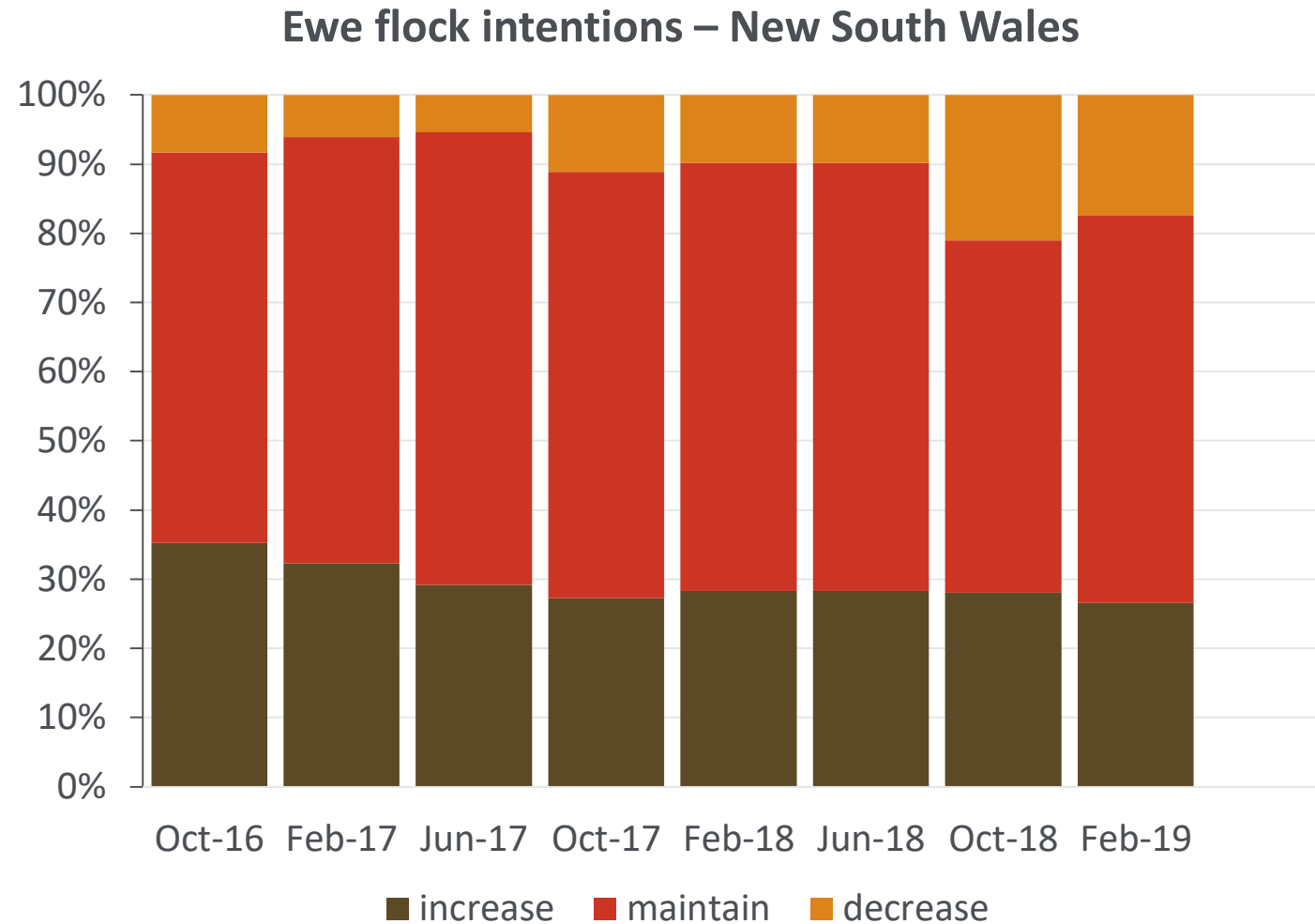
# NSW – Lambs on Hand and Expected Sales

Lambs on hand and expected lamb sales – New South Wales



Respondents: 706

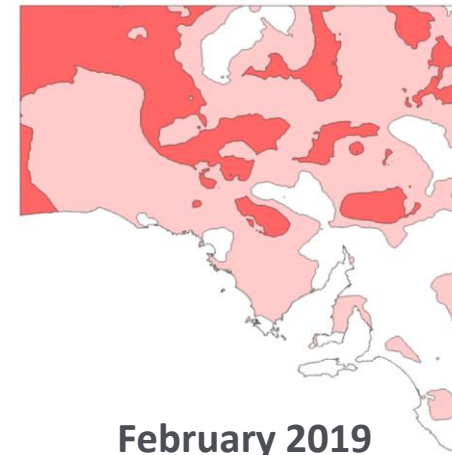
# NSW – Ewe Flock Intentions



Respondents: 706

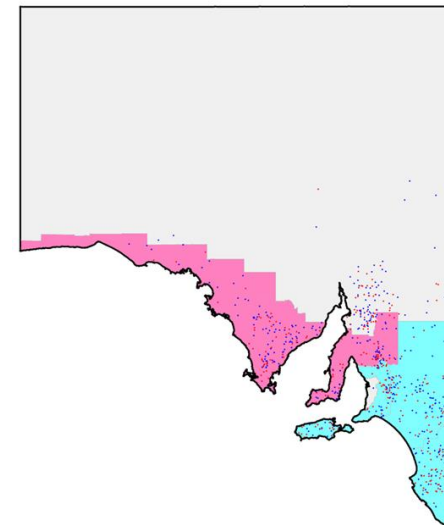
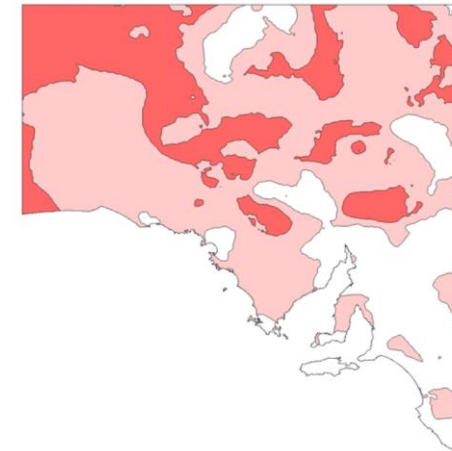
# SA

- Total breeding ewes increased by 8%, to **6.1 million head**
- 34 thousand less (down 1%) lambs on hand, at **2.7 million head**
- Expected lamb sales → **1.7 million head**  
(up 28%) year-on-year
- Merino marking rate = 81%
- All other breeds marking rate = 52%



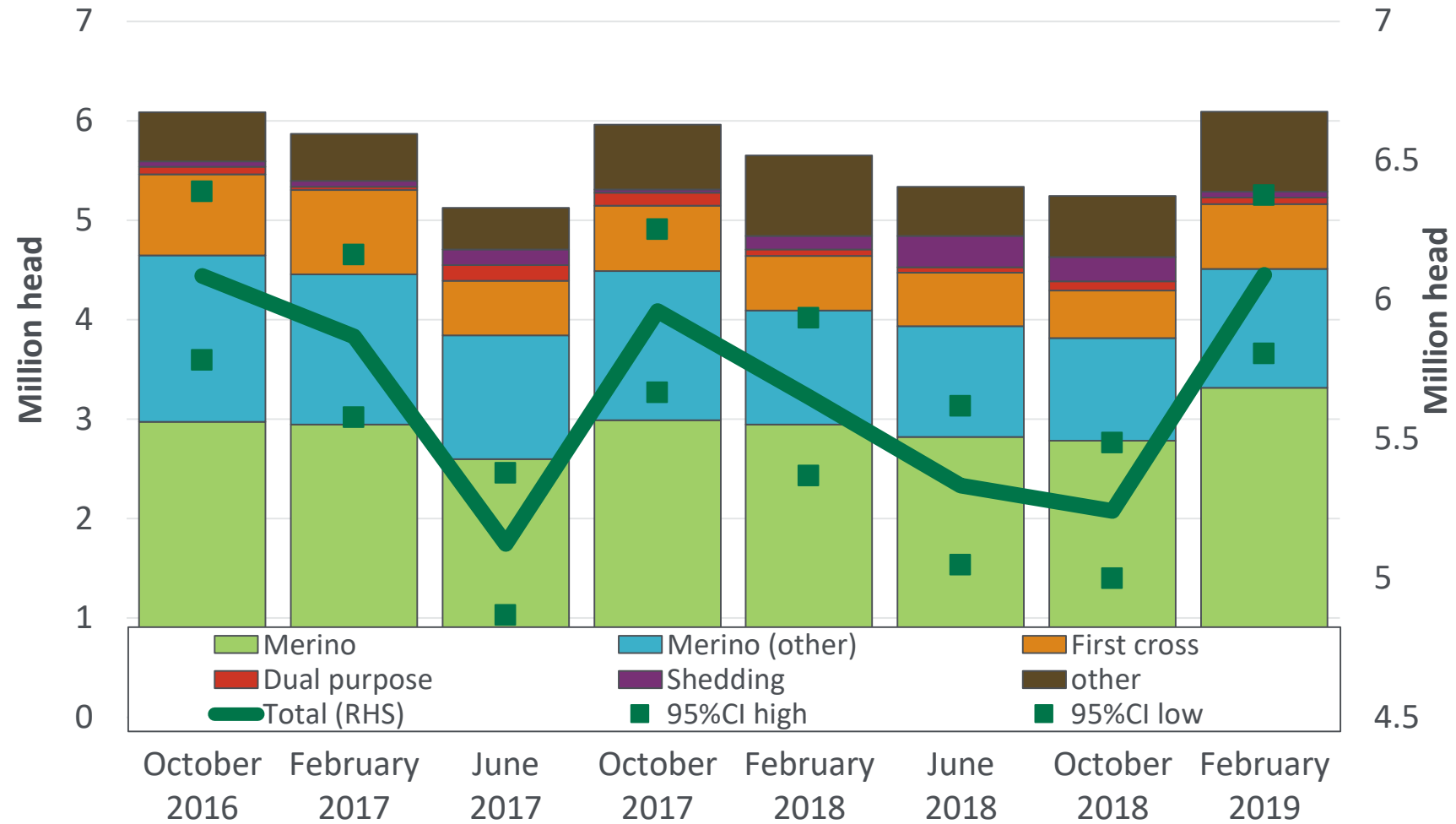
# SA

	Feb 2018	Feb 2019
Breeding ewes	5.7 m	6.1 m
Lambs on Hand	2.7 m	2.7 m
Expected lamb sales	1.4 m	1.7 m
Merino marking rate	93%	81%
All other marking rate	107%	52%



# SA

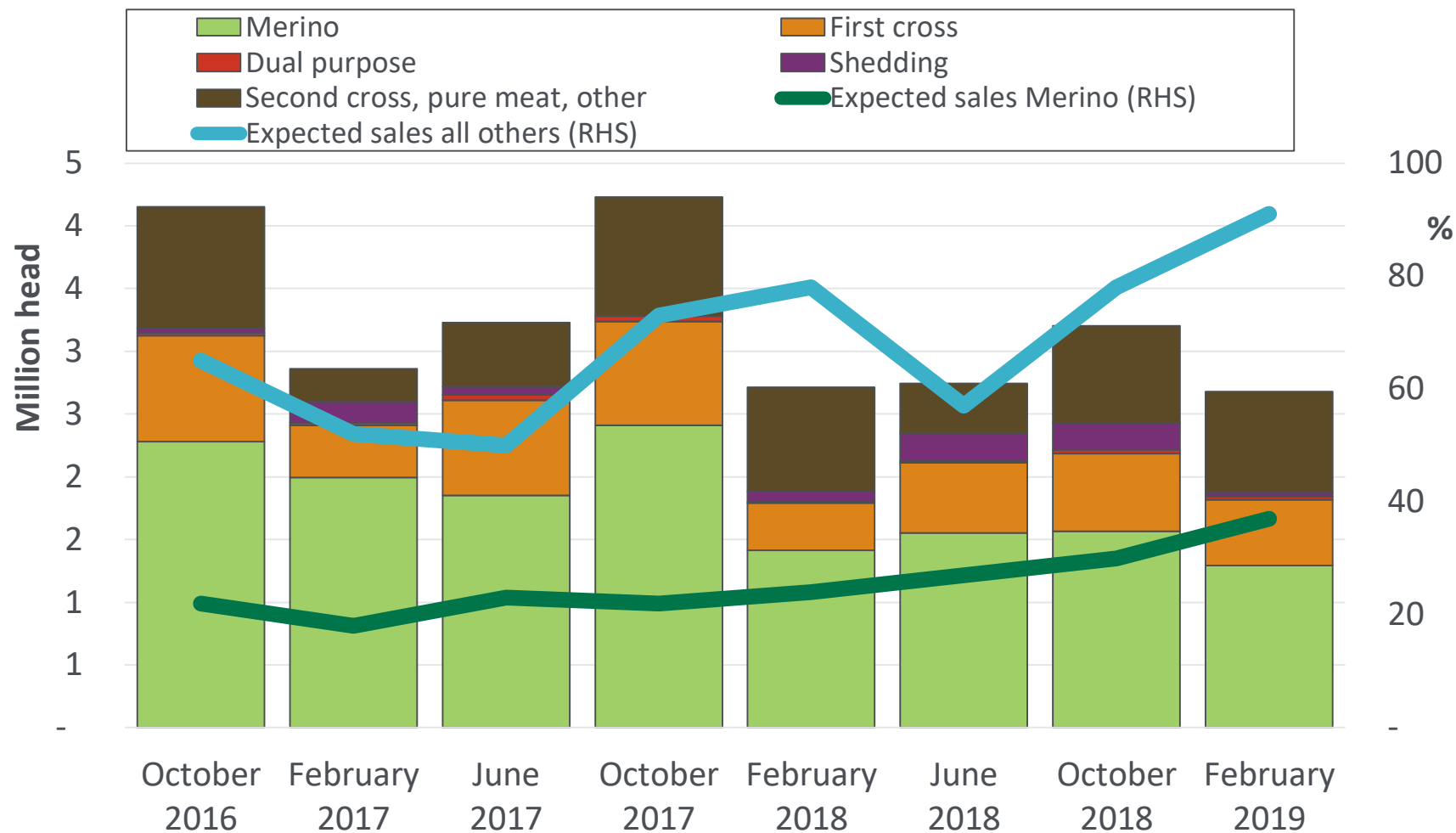
## Breeding ewes on hand – South Australia



Respondents: 411

# SA

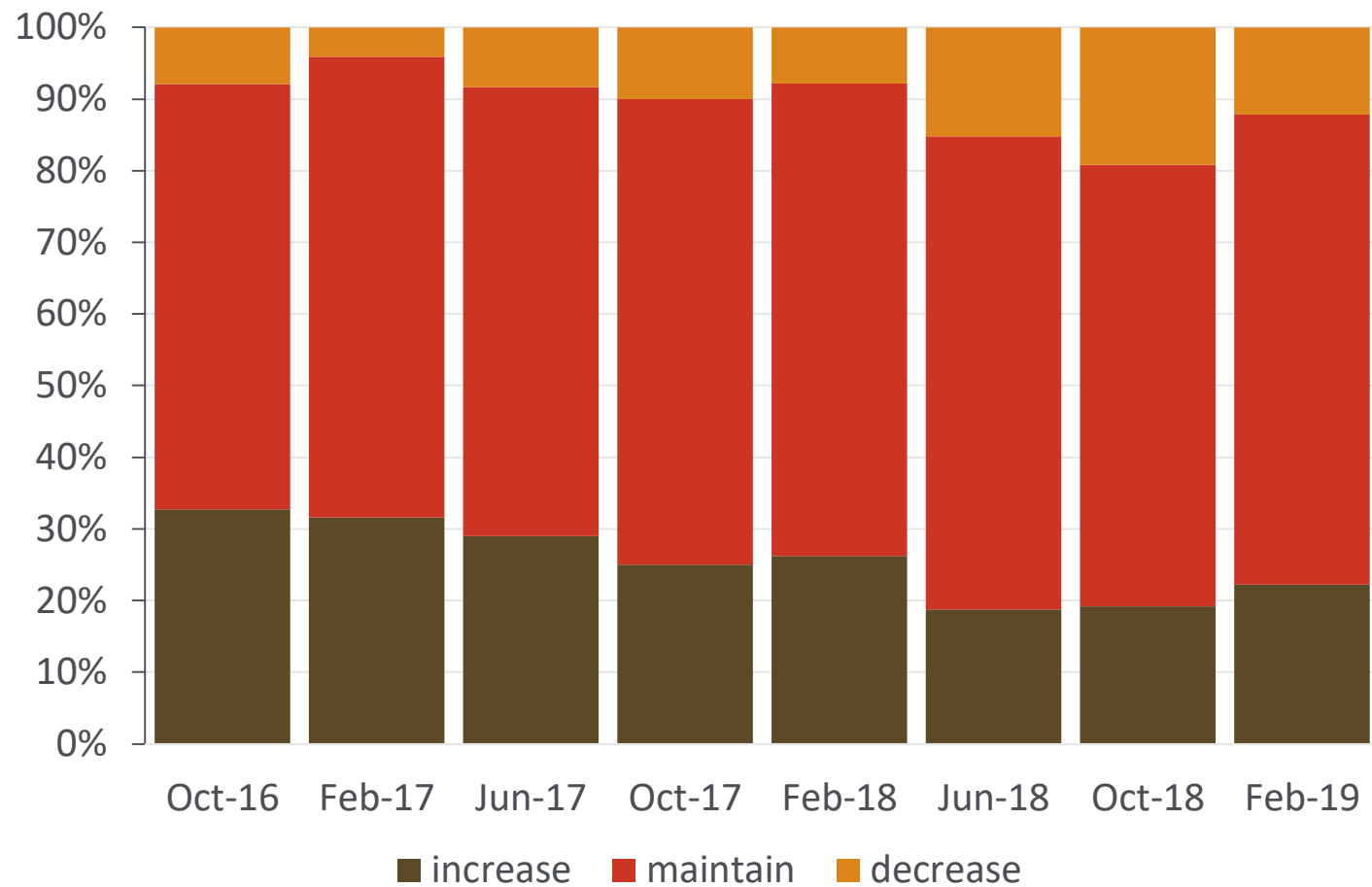
## Lambs on hand and expected lamb sales – South Australia



Respondents: 411

SA

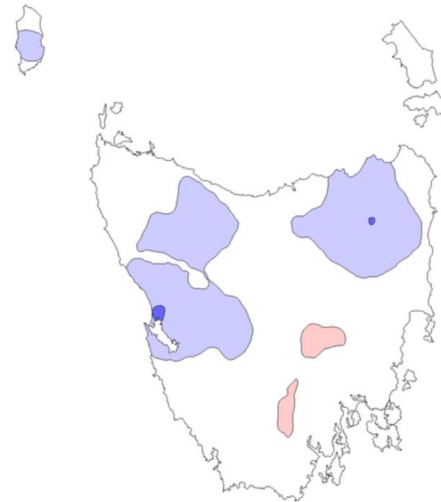
### Ewe flock intentions – South Australia



Respondents: 411

# TASMANIA

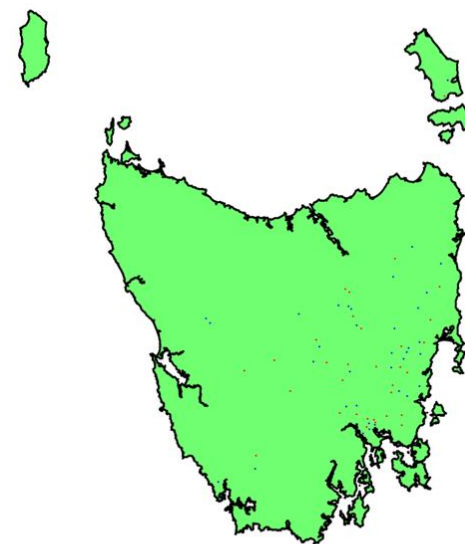
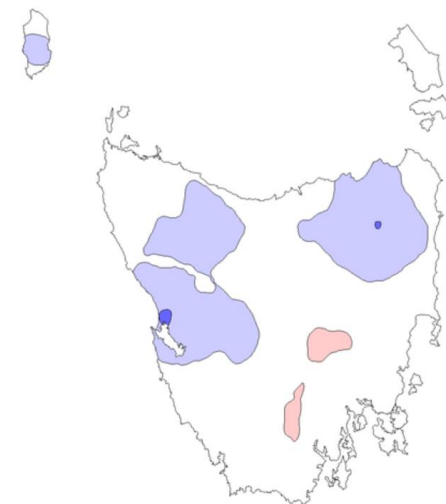
- Total breeding ewes decreased 41%, to **1.3 million head**
- Down 40% lambs on hand, at **0.9 million head**
- Expected lamb sales → **370 thousand head** (down 54%)
- Merino marking rate = 91%
- All other breeds marking rate = 119%



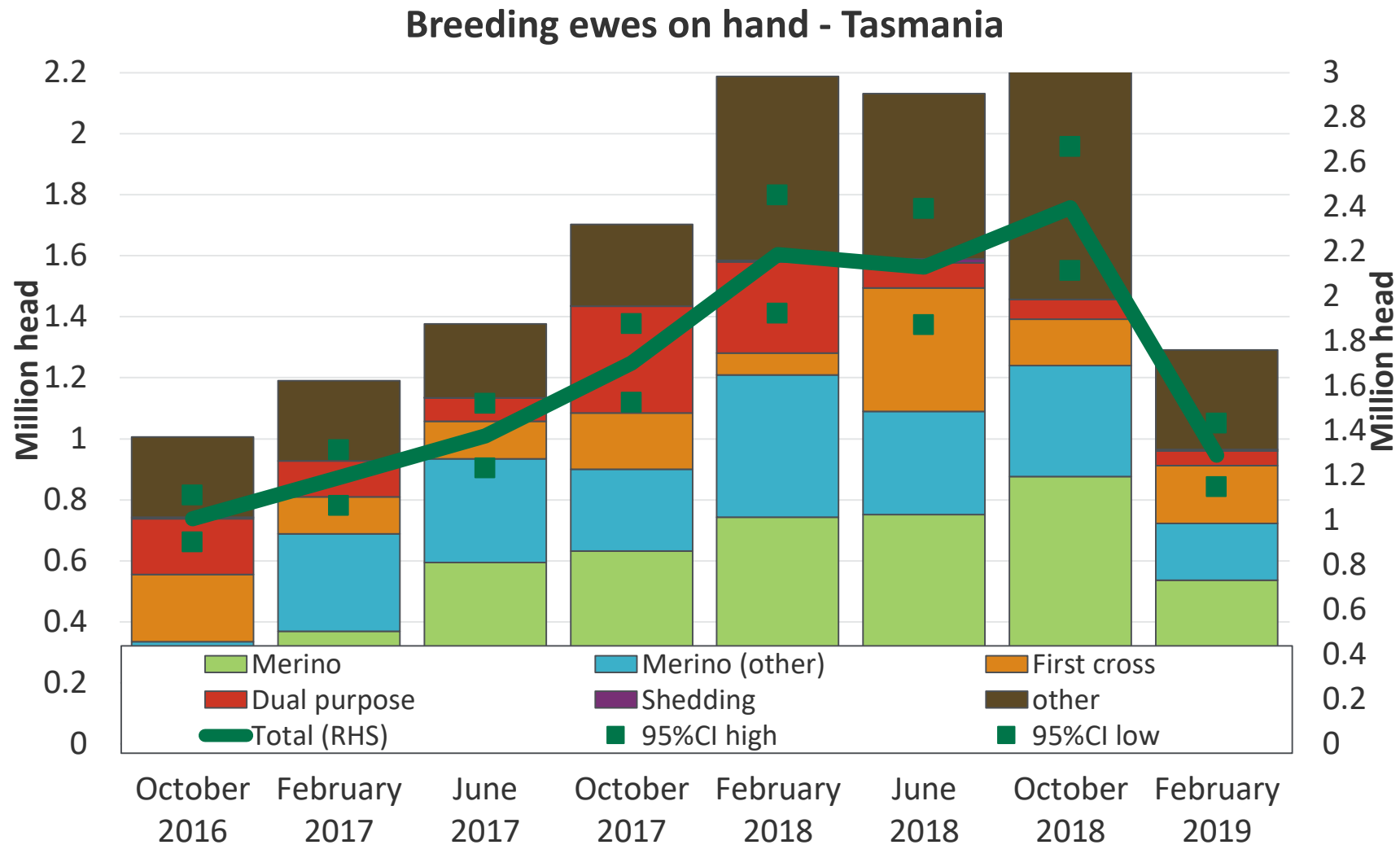
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# TASMANIA

	Feb 2018	Feb 2019
Breeding ewes	2.2 m	1.3 m
Lambs on Hand	1.5 m	0.9 m
Expected lamb sales	0.79 m	0.37 m
Merino marking rate	96%	91%
All other marking rate	124%	119%



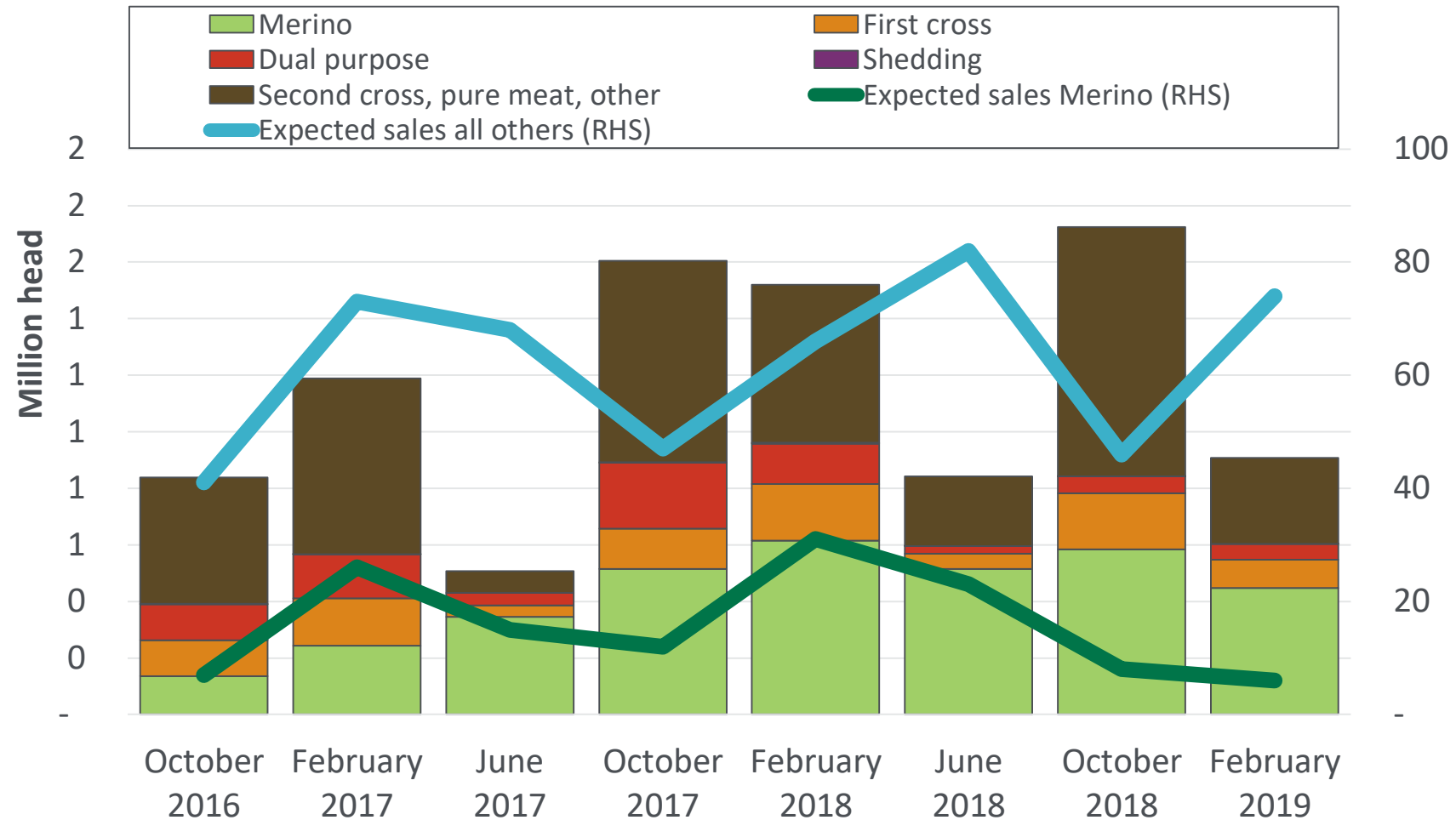
# TASMANIA



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# TASMANIA

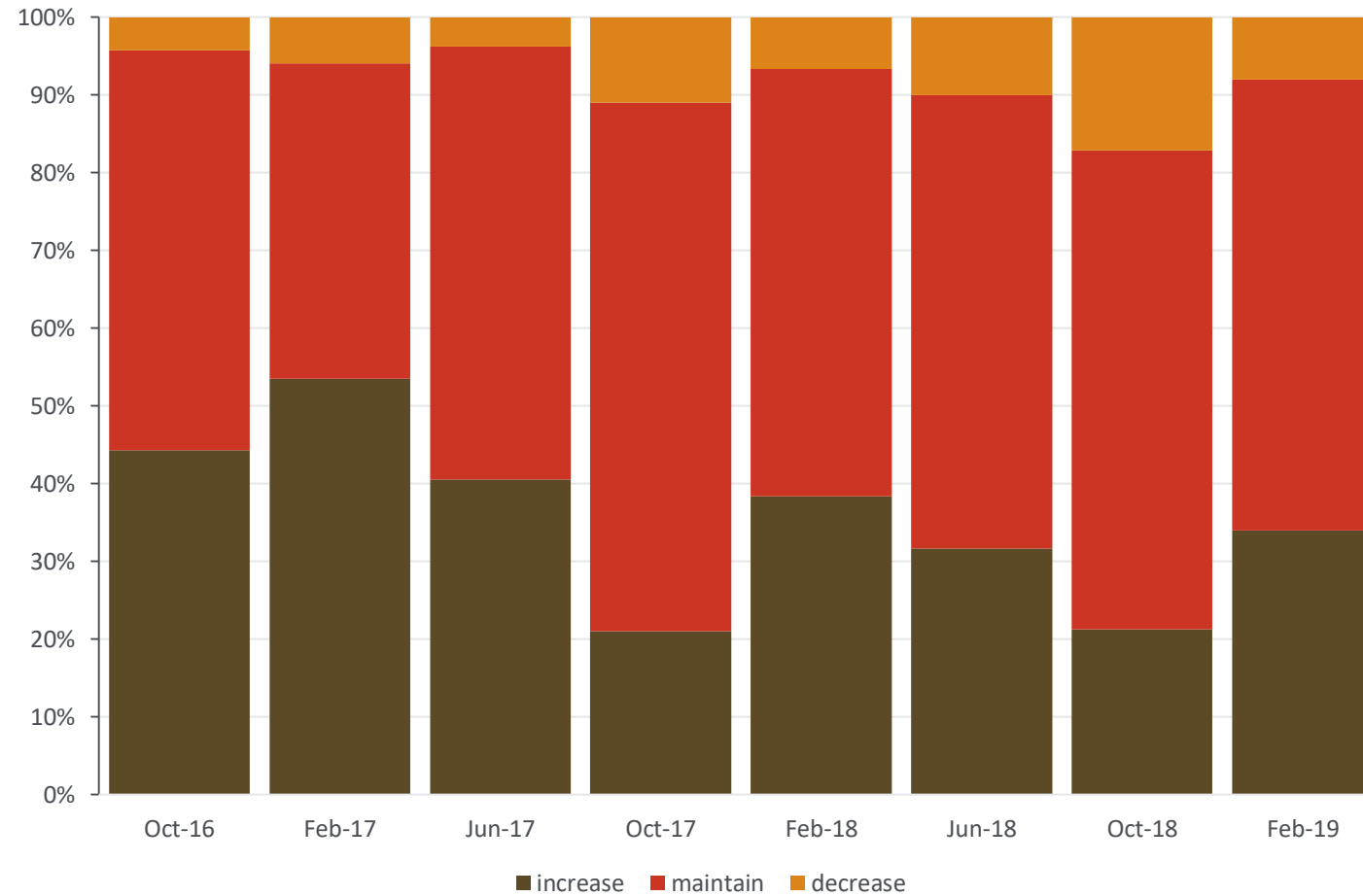
## Lambs on hand and expected lamb sales - Tasmania



Respondents: 76

# TASMANIA

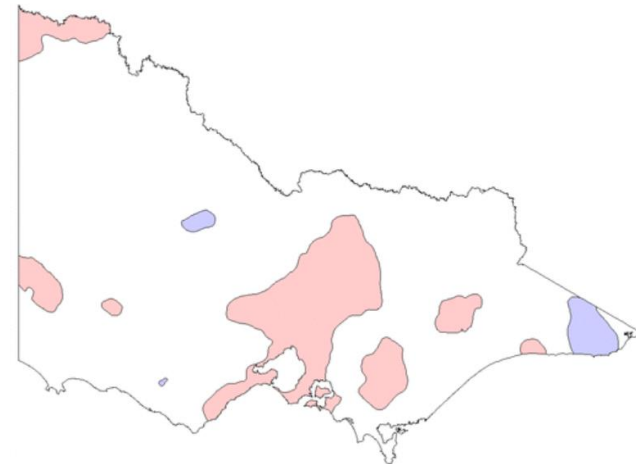
Ewe flock intentions – Tasmania



Respondents: 76

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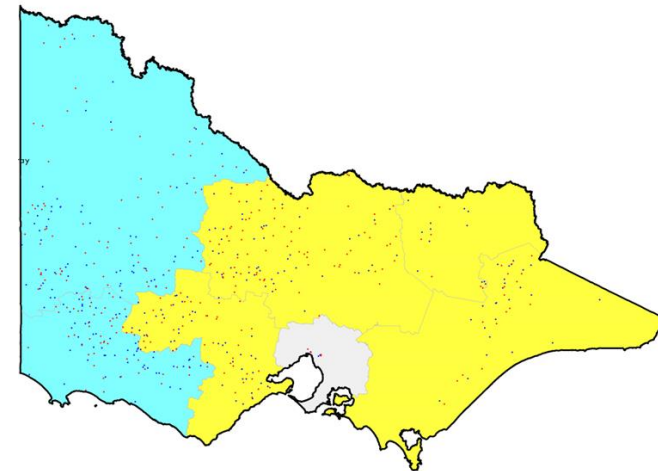
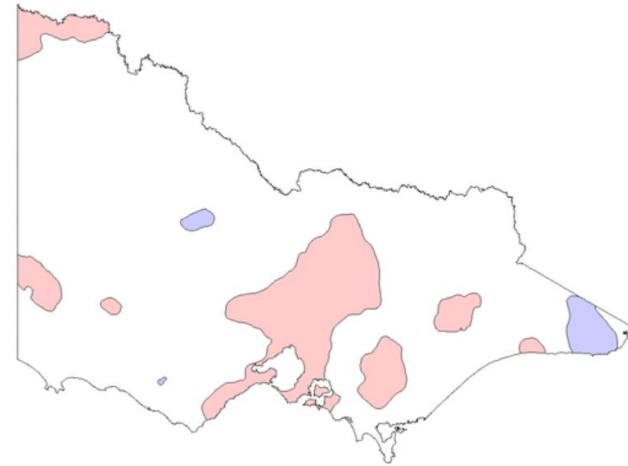
- Total breeding ewes decreased 9%, to **8.6 million head**
- Down 19% lambs on hand, at **3.7 million head**
- Expected lamb sales → **1.5 million head** (down 16%)
- Merino marking rate = 79%
- All other breeds marking rate = 71%



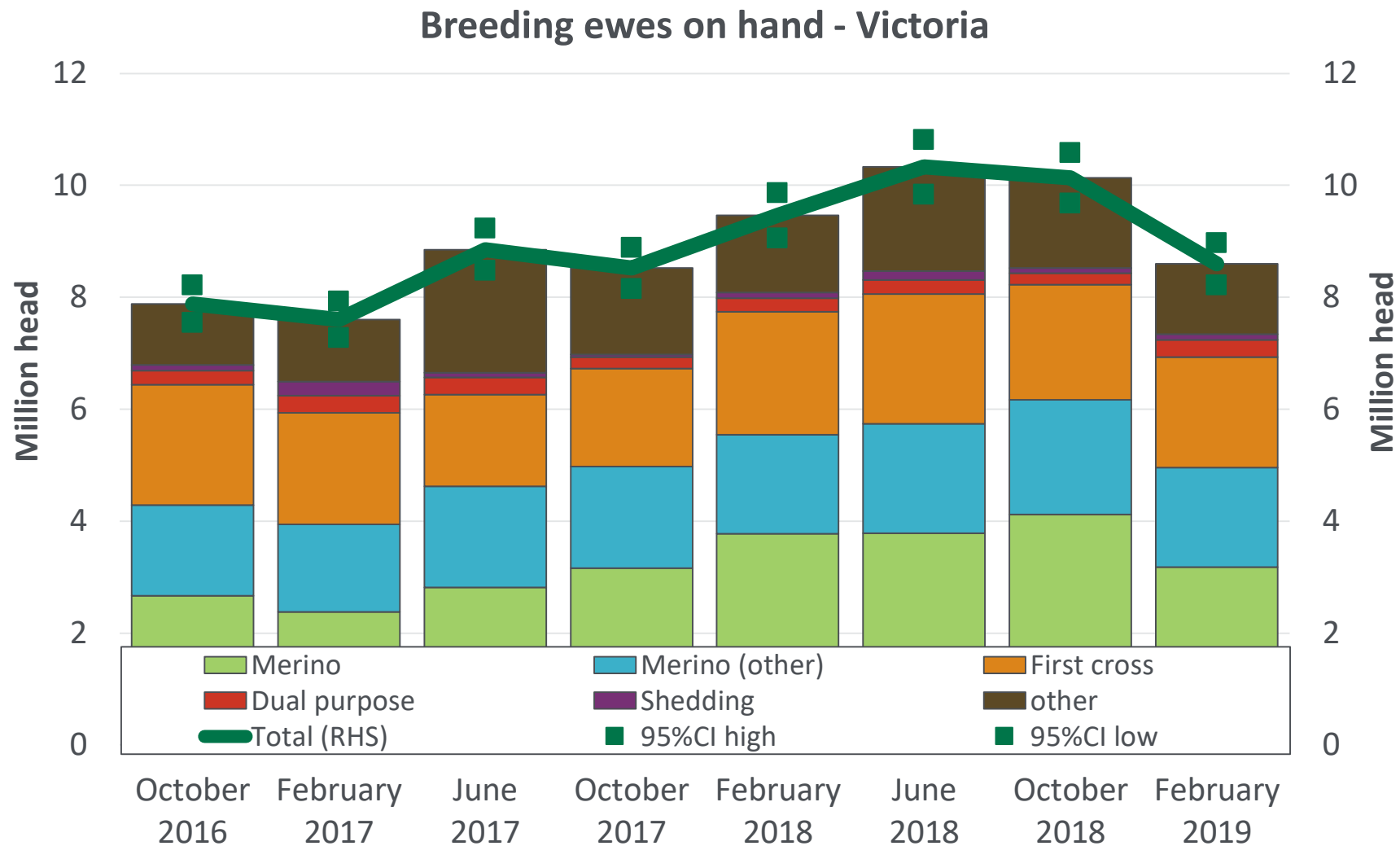
February 2019

# VICTORIA

	Feb 2018	Feb 2019
Breeding ewes	9.5 m	8.6 m
Lambs on Hand	4.6 m	3.7 m
Expected lamb sales	1.8 m	1.5 m
Merino marking rate	84%	79%
All other marking rate	107%	71%



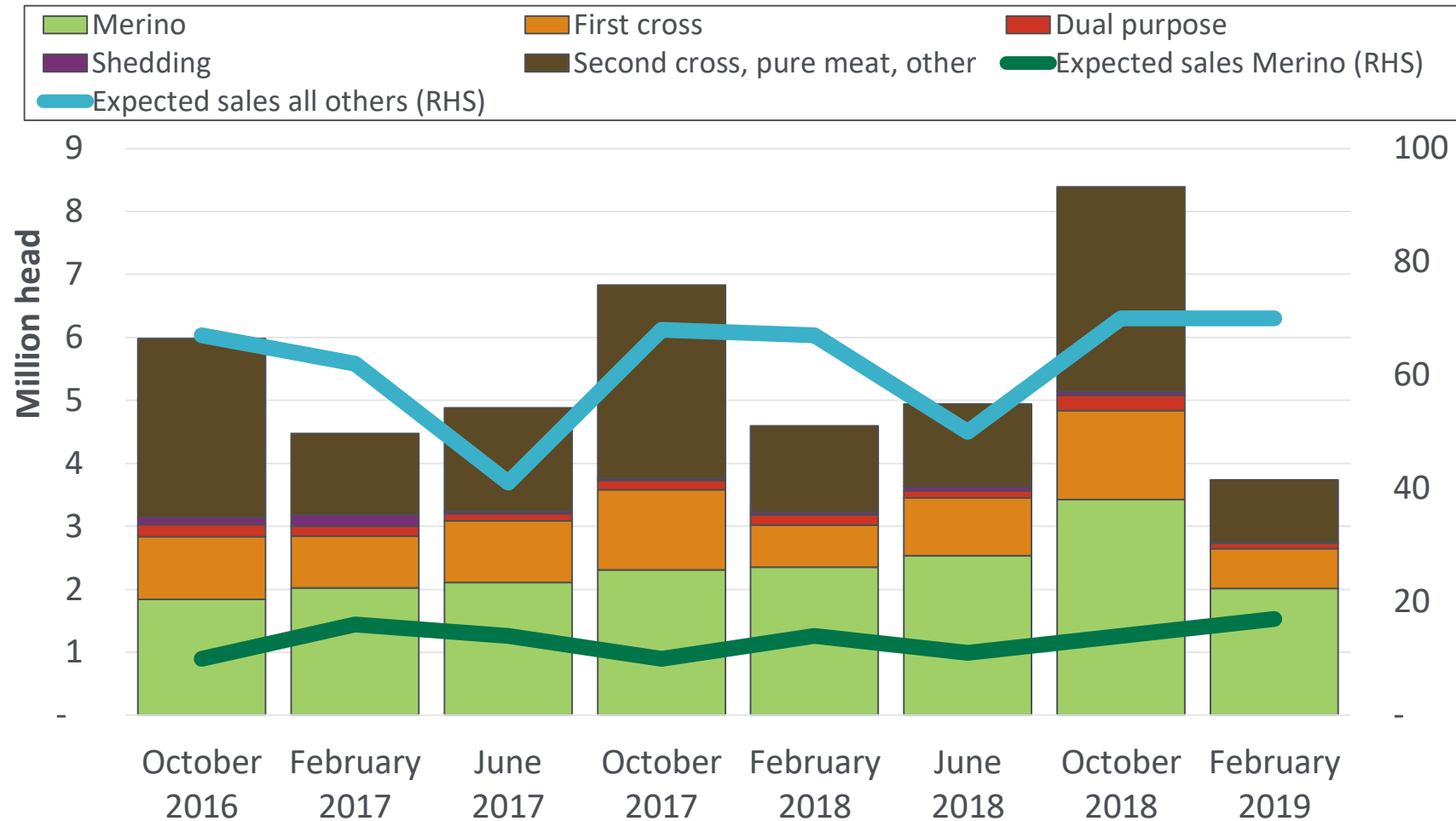
# VICTORIA



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# VICTORIA

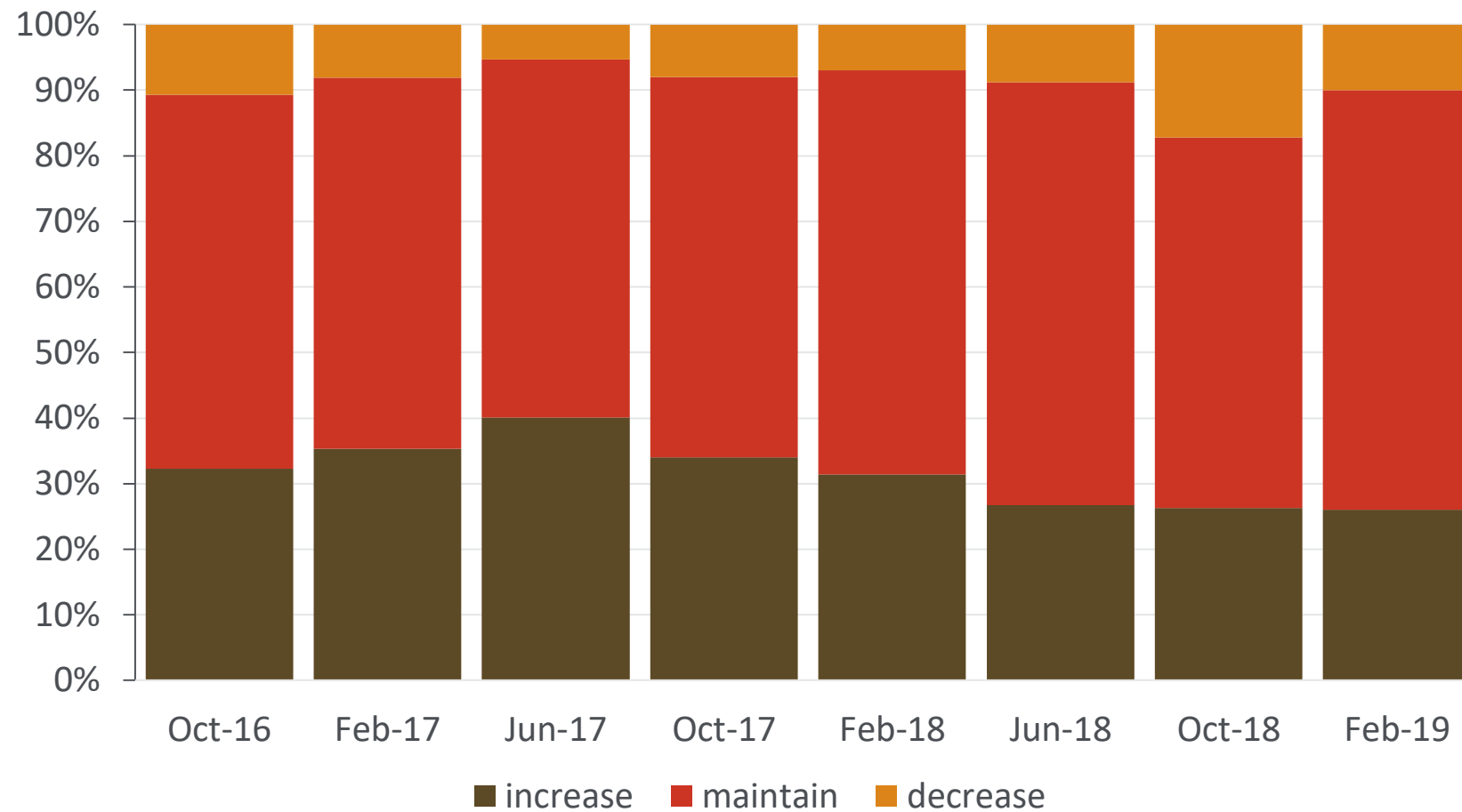
## Lambs on hand and expected lamb sales - Victoria



Respondents: 476

# VICTORIA

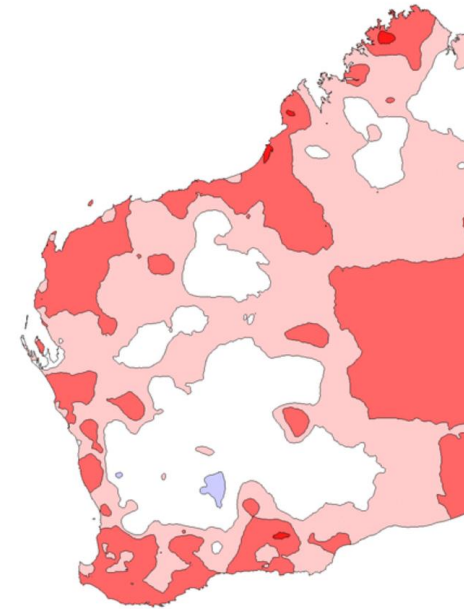
Ewe flock intentions – Victoria



Respondents: 476

# WA

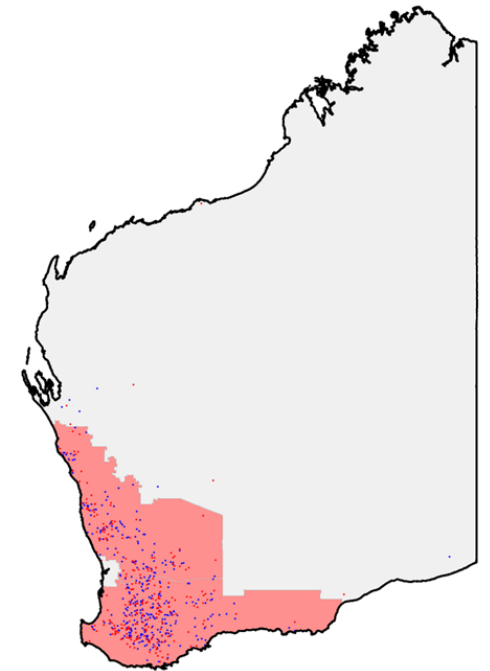
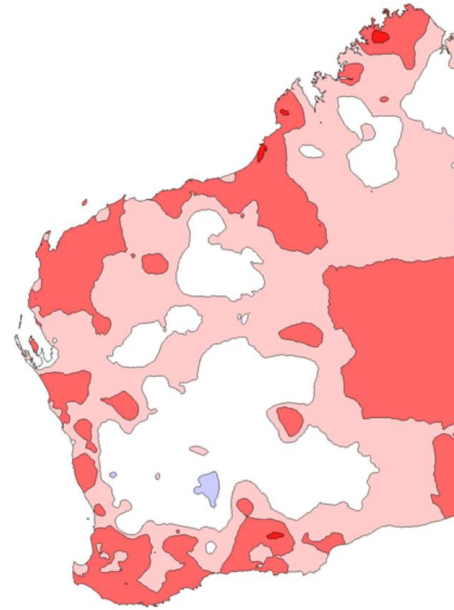
- Total breeding ewes up 12%, at **7.7 million head**
- Lambs on hand up 2%, at **3.0 million head**
- Expected lamb sales → **1.0 million head (up 6%)**
- Merino marking rate = 96%
- All other breeds marking rate = 81%



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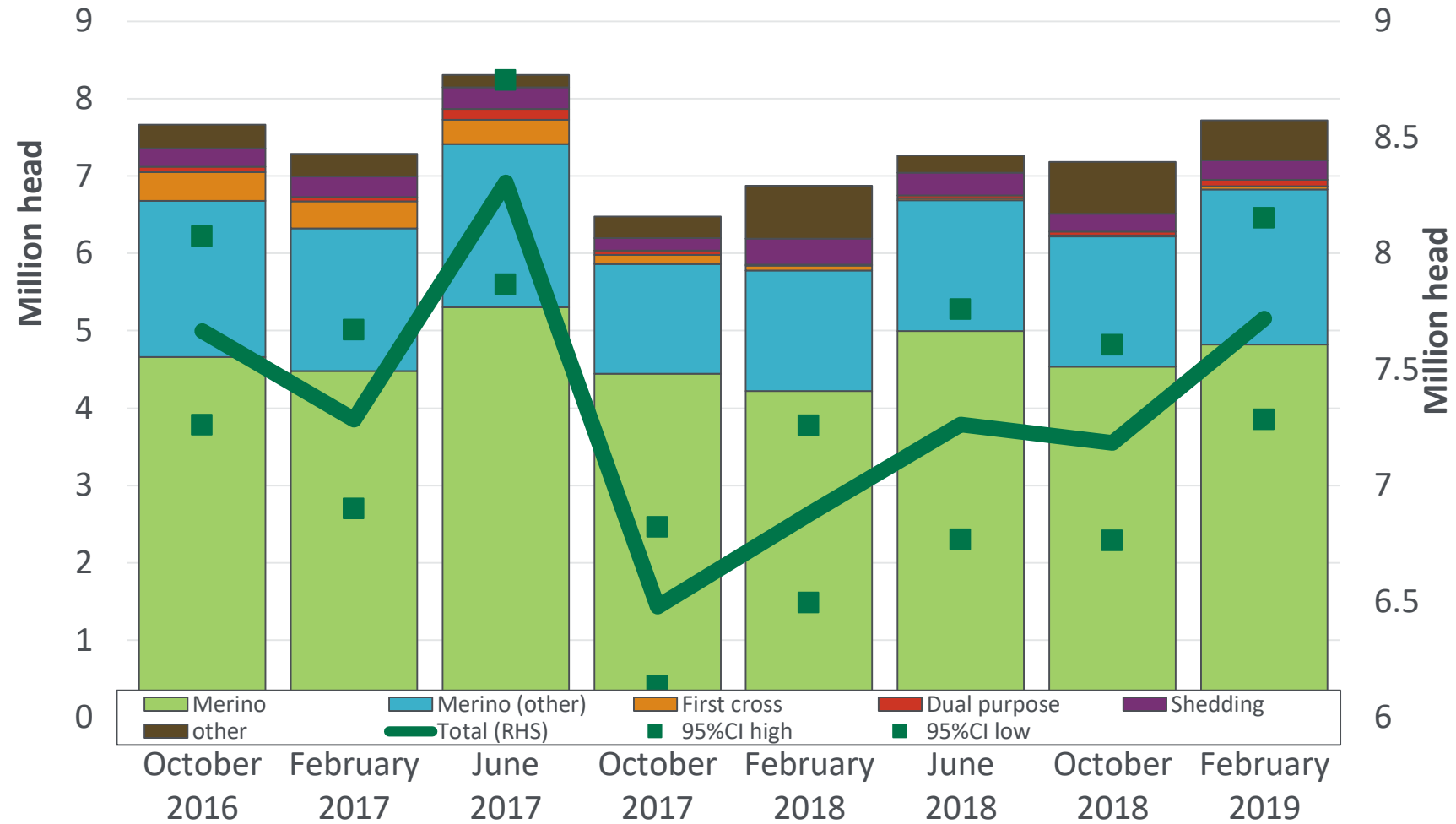
# WA

	Feb 2018	Feb 2019
Breeding ewes	6.9 m	7.7 m
Lambs on Hand	3.0 m	3.0 m
Expected lamb sales	0.96 m	1.0 m
Merino marking rate	83%	96%
All other marking rate	91%	81%



WA

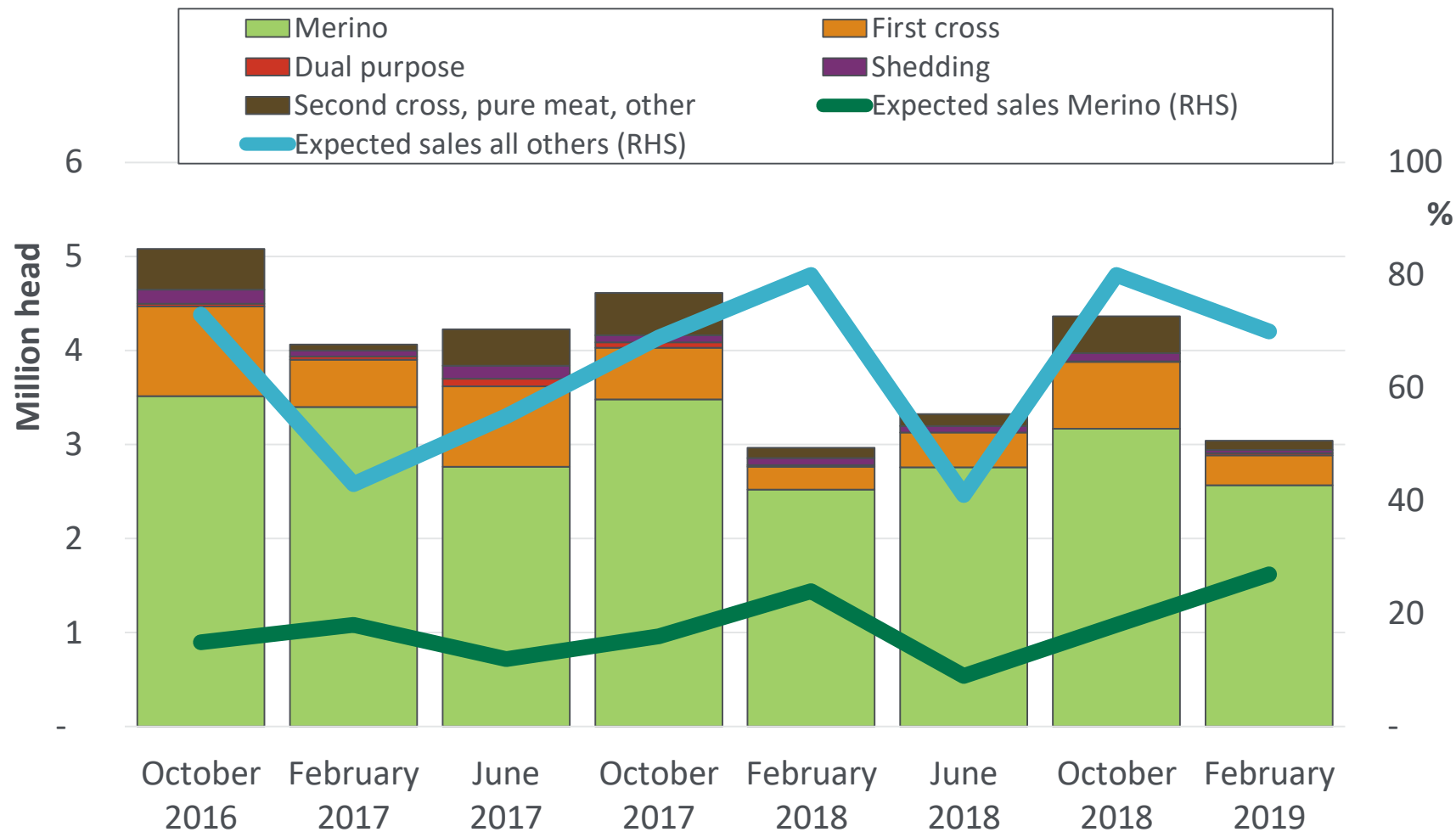
## Breeding ewes on hand – Western Australia



Respondents: 286

# WA

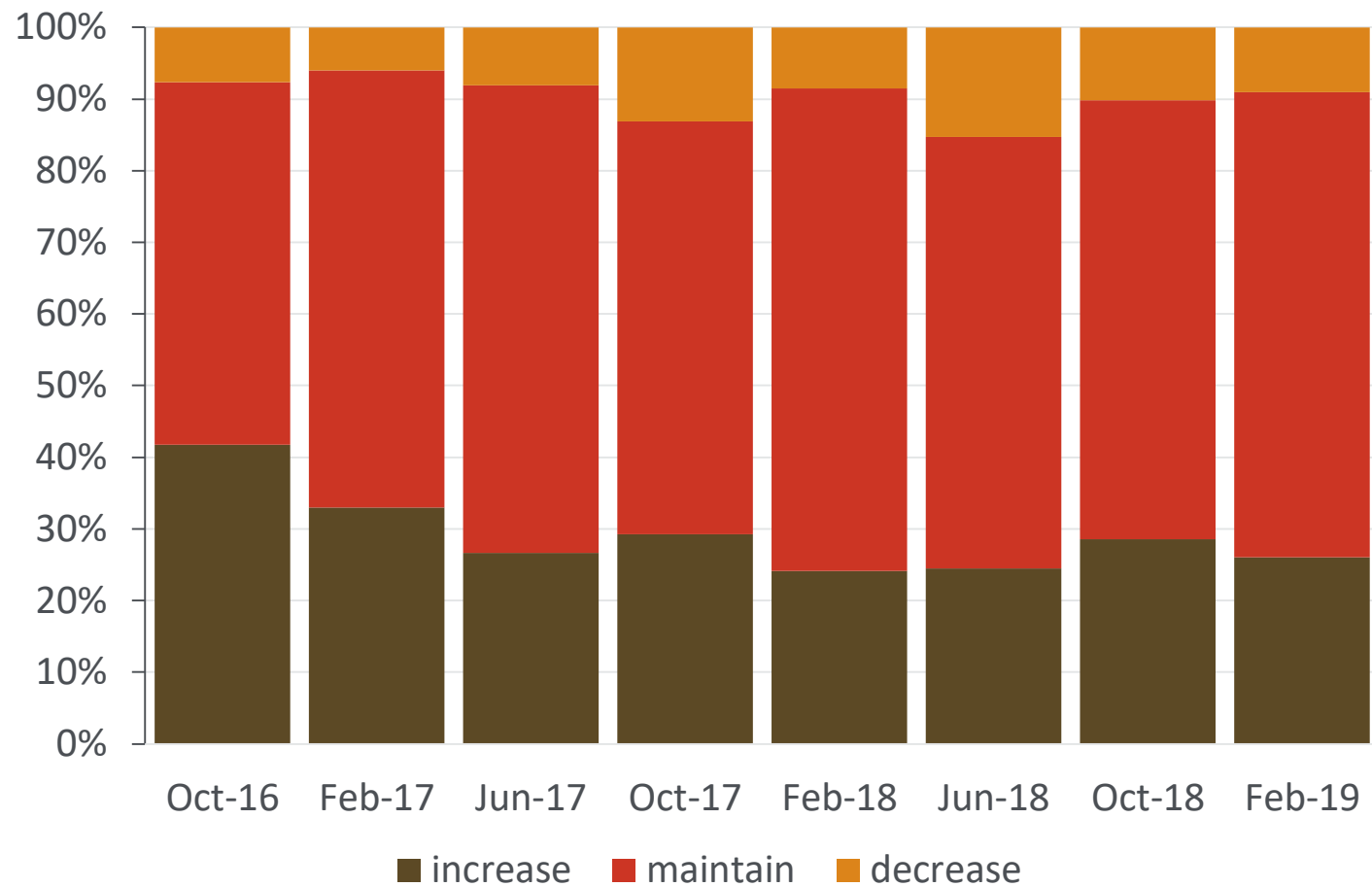
## Lambs on hand and expected lamb sales – Western Australia



Respondents: 286

WA

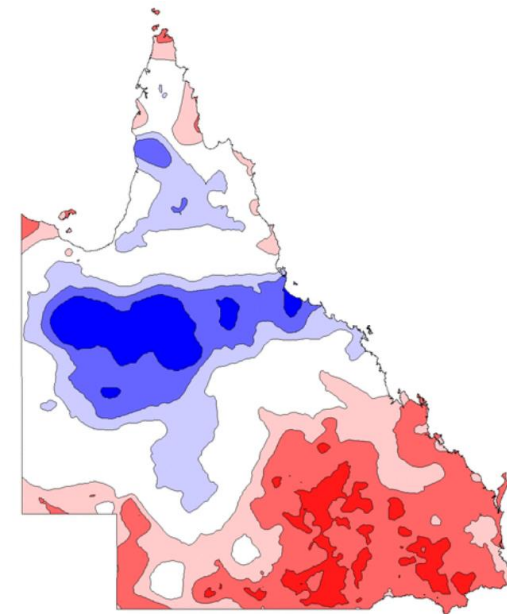
### Ewe flock intentions – Western Australia



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# QUEENSLAND

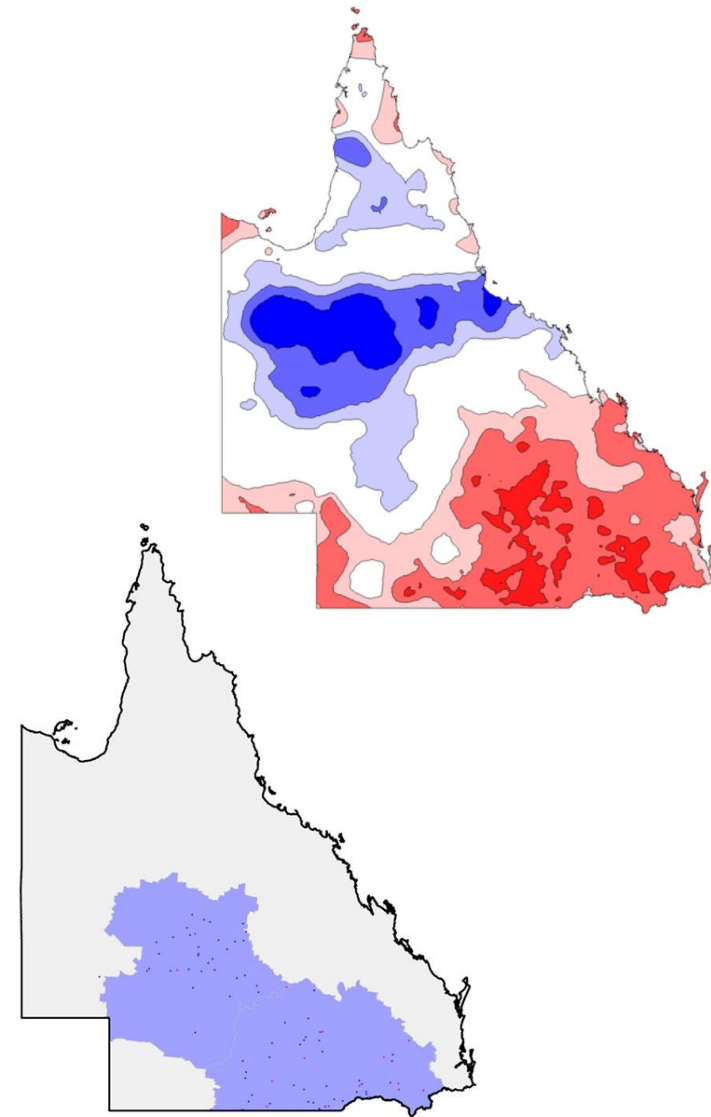
- Total breeding ewes down 43%, to **1.2 million head**
- Lambs on hand down 45%, to **0.45 m head**
- Expected lamb sales → **0.16 m head**  
(down 46%)
- Merino marking rate = 69%
- All other breeds marking rate = 81%



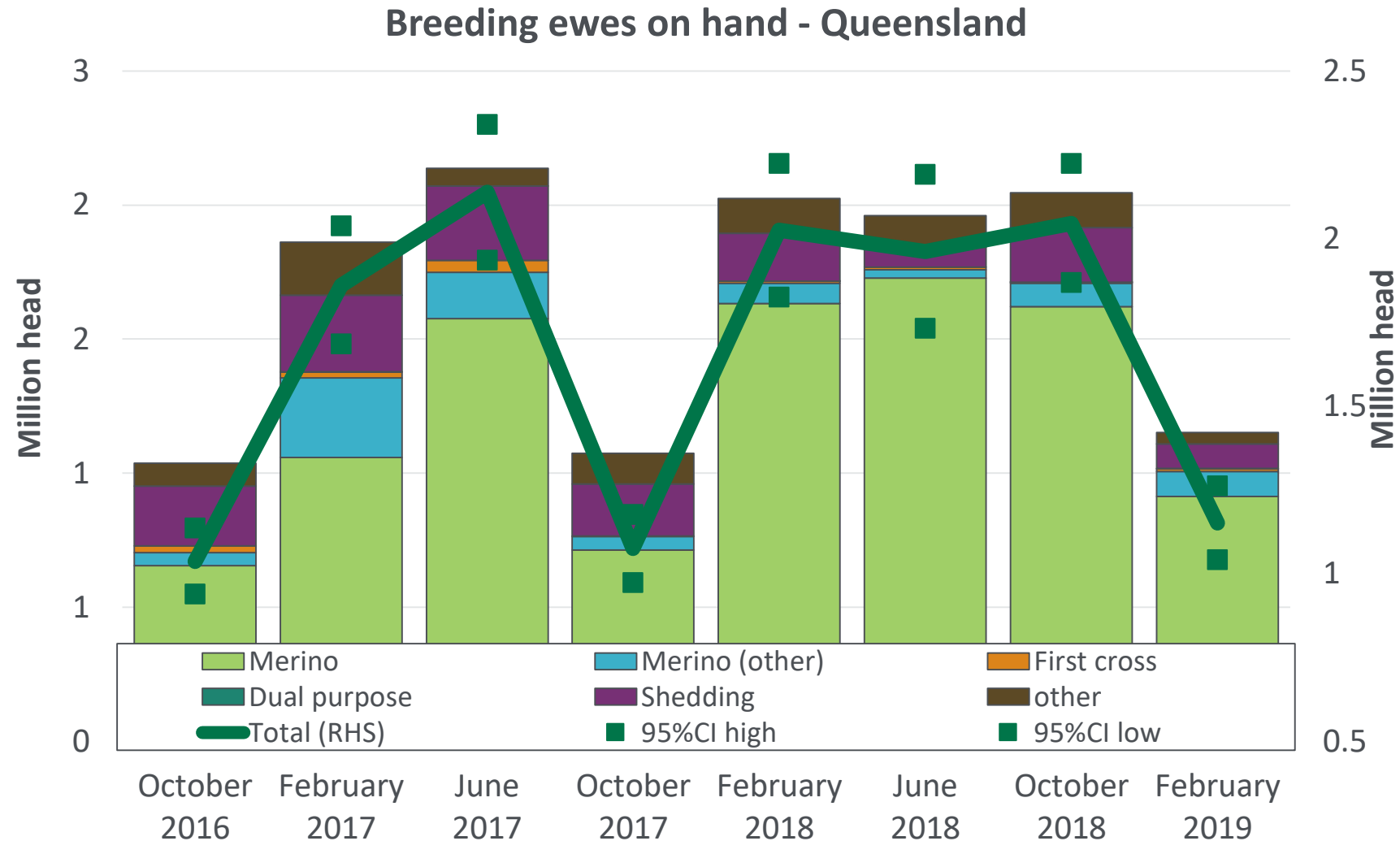
February 2019

# QUEENSLAND

	Feb 2018	Feb 2018
Breeding ewes	2.0 m	1.2 m
Lambs on Hand	0.83 m	0.45 m
Expected lamb sales	0.3 m	0.16 m
Merino marking rate	71%	69%
All other marking rate	103%	81%



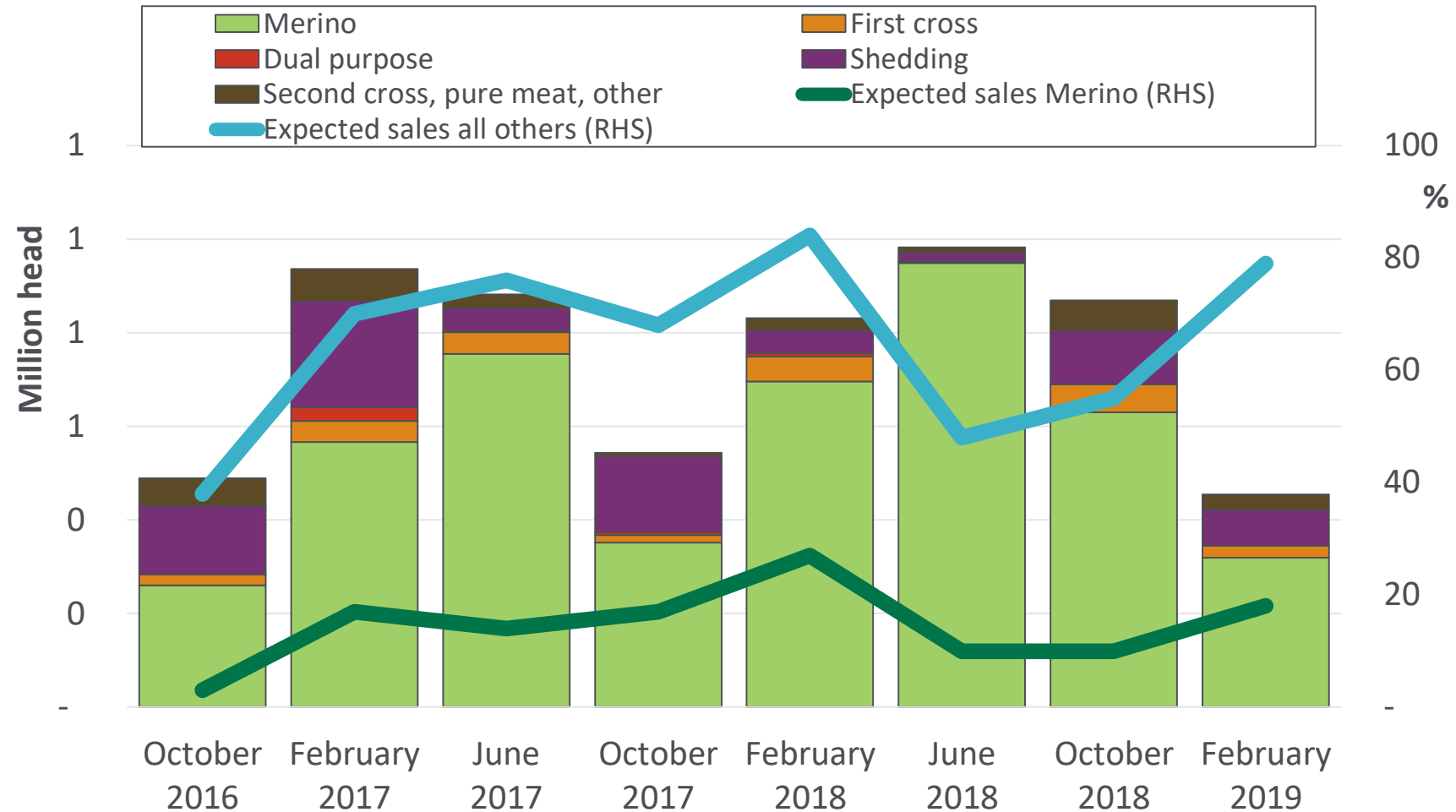
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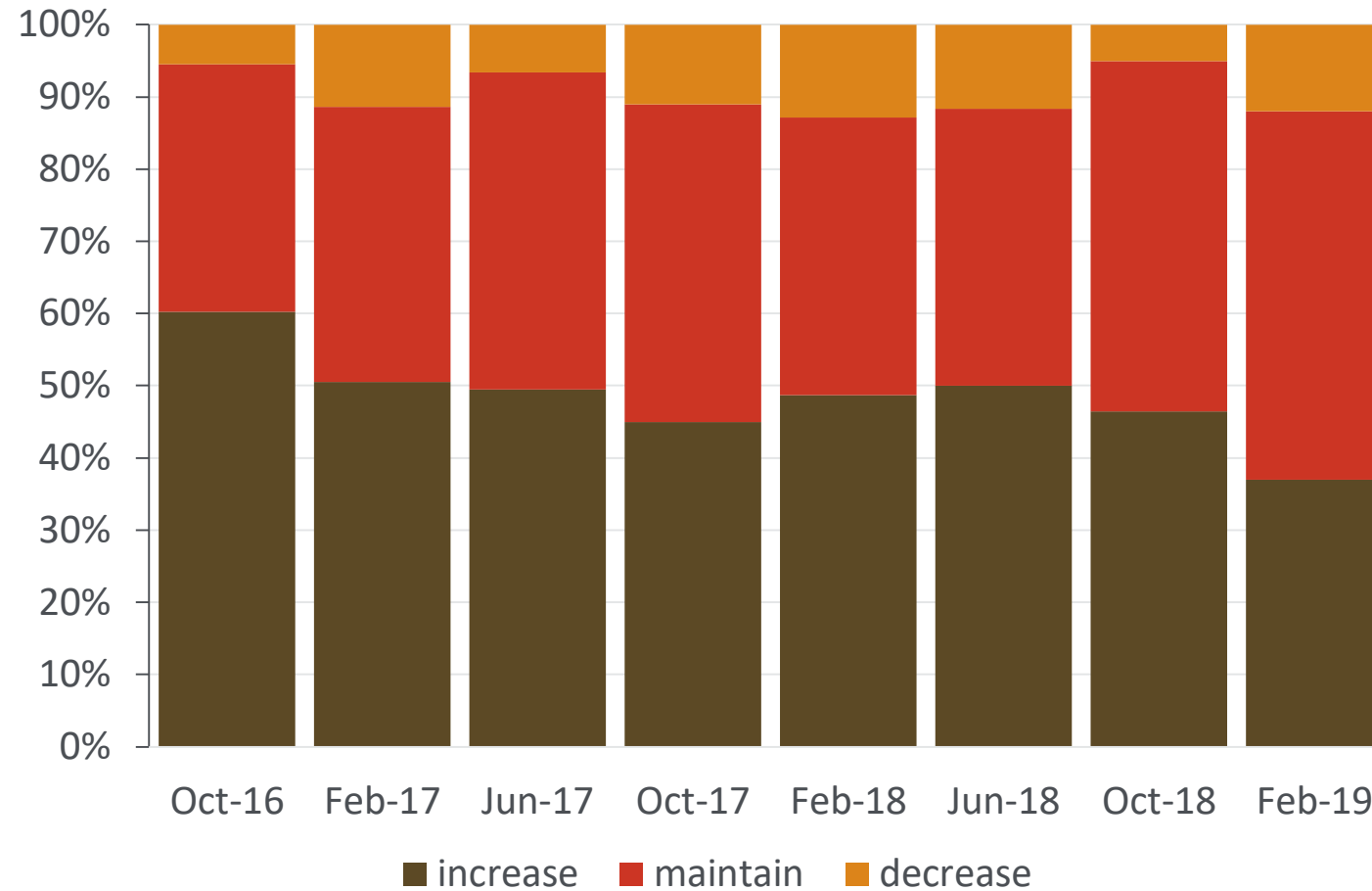
## Lambs on hand and expected lamb sales - Queensland



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Ewe flock intentions – Queensland



Respondents: 99

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