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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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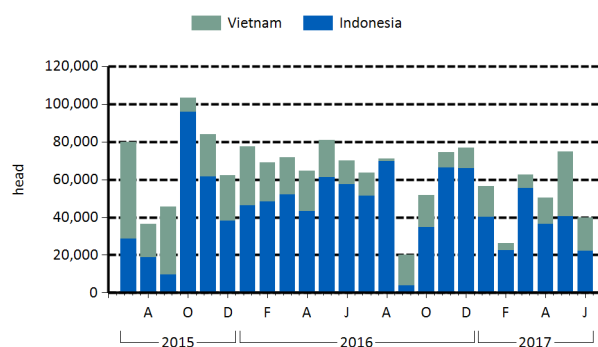
For the 2016-17 fiscal year, feeder and slaughter cattle exports were just below 802,000 head, a 27% decline year-on-year. For the calendar year-to-June feeder and slaughter cattle exports are back 38%, compared with the same period last year, totalling 346,000 head.

Total cattle exports to Indonesia over the fiscal year totalled 525,000 head, down 7.5% year-on-year. However, for the calendar year-to-date feeder and slaughter cattle exports were recorded at 220,000 head, 29% below year-ago volumes.

Shipments to Indonesia continue to be impacted by the presence of Indian Buffalo Meat (IBM) across Indonesia. IBM continues to challenge Australian live cattle exports, at a time of reduced availability and high domestic prices. Looking ahead, the potential implications of the 5:1 breeder policy could further inhibit importers desire to purchase feeder and slaughter cattle from Australia.

Current wet market prices for IBM in the Greater Jakarta area continue to vary and range from IDR 80,000-110,000/kg, while fresh beef trades at a premium from IDR 115,000-120,000/kg.

Figure 1 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports



Source: ABS, DAWR

Table 1 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports by destination

Unit: head	2017			12 months ending 2017 June	12 months ending 2016 June	% change	head change
	Jun	May	Apr				
Destination market							
Brunei	1,079		896	5,588	4,569	22%	1,019
Cambodia					2,800	-100%	-2,800
China				1,200	488	146%	712
Egypt					18,500	-100%	-18,500
Indonesia	22,194	40,446	36,281	509,110	561,715	-9%	-52,605
Israel	4,988			45,819	82,481	-44%	-36,662
Japan	960	960	1,080	9,594	8,670	11%	924
Jordan	10			10	2,033	-100%	-2,023
Kuwait		55	100	404	350	15%	54
Malaysia	2,400	73	1,578	23,063	38,196	-40%	-15,133
Mexico					6,677	-100%	-6,677
Philippines				4,176	26,705	-84%	-22,529
Qatar		200	200	1,300	750	73%	550
Russian Federation					43,812	-100%	-43,812
Sarawak	600			600			600
Thailand	800			800	3,060	-74%	-2,260
Turkey				43,166	14,734	193%	28,432
UAE		15		15	405	-96%	-390
Vietnam	17,496	34,354	14,085	158,201	283,618	-44%	-125,417
Total volume	50,527	76,143	54,220	801,966	1,099,563	-27%	-297,597

Table 2 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports by port

Unit: head	Year	Total	Darwin	Townsville	Fremantle	Broome	Port Adelaide	Wyndham	Brisbane	Other
2016	Jan	106,257	19,902	21,280	49,300				1,080	14,695
	Feb	81,156	20,033	35,114	13,131		6,397		1,080	5,401
	Mar	91,917	43,892	17,146	6,643			5,209		19,027
	Apr	98,095	14,656	33,340	8,878	24,494	5,020	3,741	1,080	6,886
	May	86,659	33,519	21,290	3,000	17,427		8,012	960	2,451
	Jun	99,096	45,283	12,014	12,728	17,599	6,631	2,733		2,108
	Jul	81,052	46,016	6,528	12,420	13,327		2,761		
	Aug	83,307	33,917	19,797	7,990	9,463		5,363		6,777
	Sep	29,931	9,743	12,983	5,016				2,189	
	Oct	71,368	20,104	19,141	17,225	8,277			960	5,661
	Nov	89,499	36,350	3,646	36,117	2,830	3,500			7,056
	Dec	102,634	43,722	13,388	40,536		2,000		1,048	1,940
2017	Jan	59,655	12,332	31,995	8,822				1,077	5,429
	Feb	38,613	17,941		19,472					1,200
	Mar	66,256	30,168	34,518	250				1,080	240
	Apr	54,220	26,156	16,244	300	7,519		2,921	1,080	
	May	76,143	41,206	15,571	4,570	13,723			960	113
	Jun **	50,527								

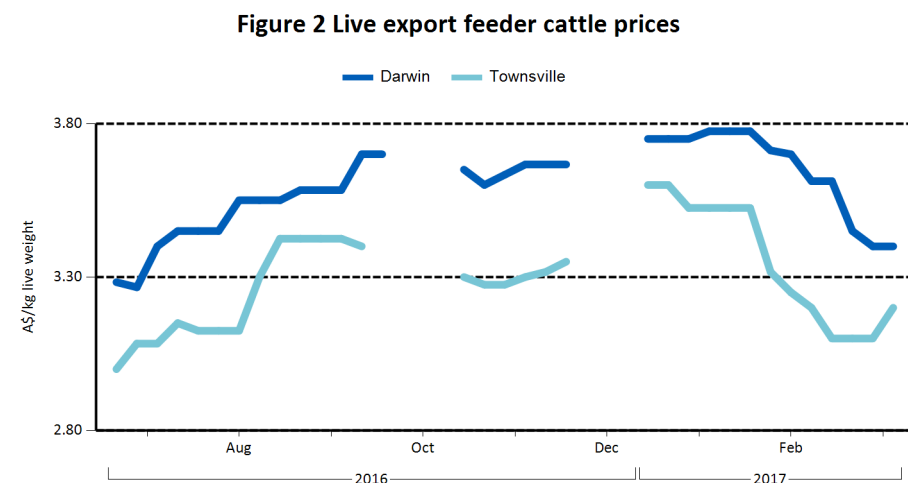
Data specifications

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.

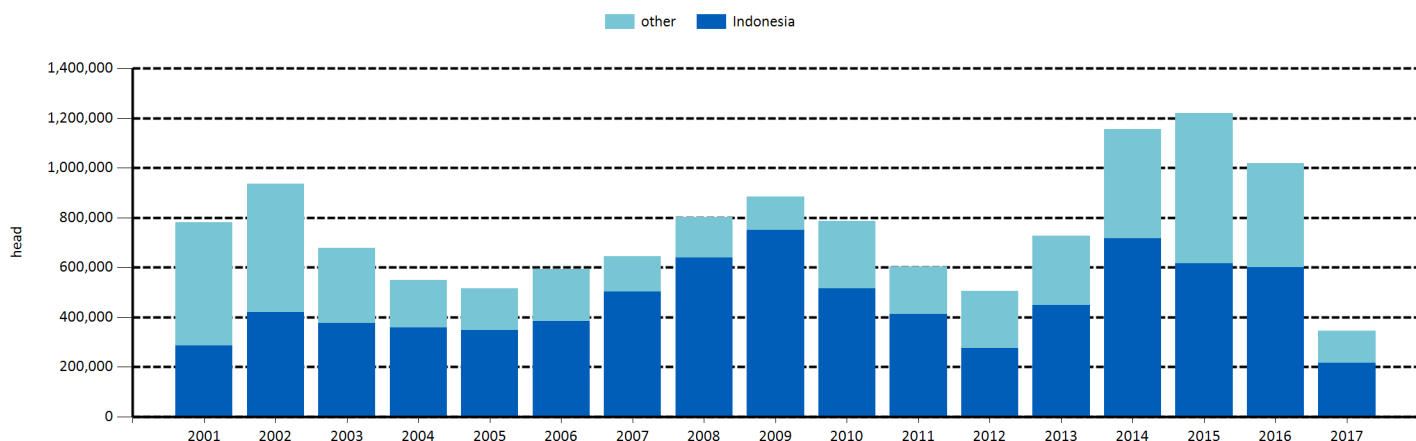


Source: MLA live exporter survey

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Figure 3 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports***



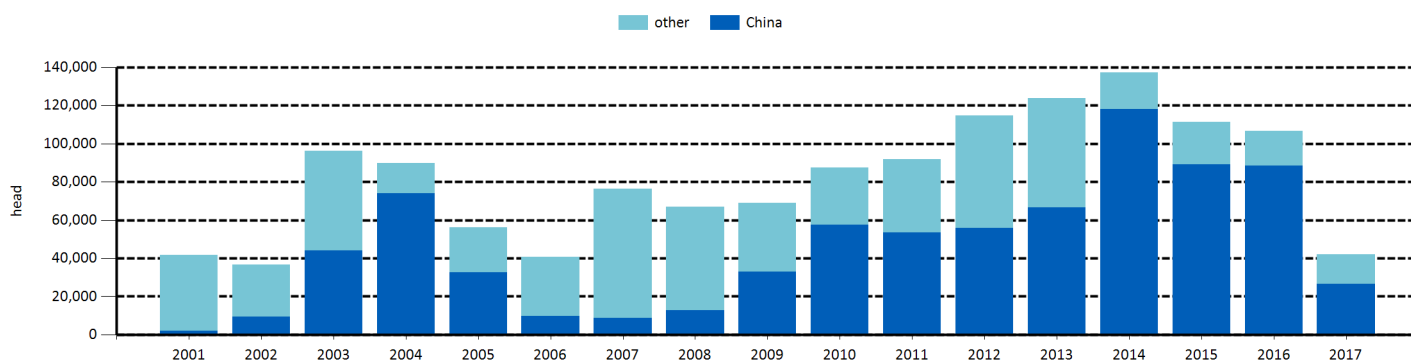
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Table 3 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports by destination

Unit: head Destination market	2017			12 months ending 2017 June	12 months ending 2016 June	% change	head change
	Jun	May	Apr				
Bangladesh	45			49	70	-30%	-21
China	5,588		3,079	66,930	117,492	-43%	-50,562
Indonesia		3,781	3,198	9,448	1,307	623%	8,141
Japan	180	197	641	2,319	303	665%	2,016
Kuwait				255	3,204	-92%	-2,949
Laos					930	-100%	-930
Malaysia	152		192	1,258	2,132	-41%	-874
Pakistan				6,502	3,507	85%	2,995
Philippines		240		240	240	0%	
Qatar					360	-100%	-360
Russian Federation					1,152	-100%	-1,152
Sarawak	5			5			5
Sri Lanka					1,317	-100%	-1,317
Taiwan		185	169	1,938	628	209%	1,310
Thailand				235	2	11650%	233
Turkey					3,475	-100%	-3,475
UAE			155	378	354	7%	24
USA		4		4			4
Vietnam				2,224	2,847	-22%	-623
Total volume	5,970	4,407	7,434	90,484	139,350	-35%	-48,866

Table 4 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports by port

Unit: head Year		Total	Portland	Geelong	Sydney	Melbourne	Port Adelaide	Fremantle	Darwin	Other
2016	Jul	9,479	3,904	4,020	40	71			930	514
	Aug	8,486	8,267		219					
	Sep	10,461	9,924		48				489	
	Oct	4,422	4,000			222				200
	Nov	1,111			230	460				421
	Dec	15,735	9,887	2,000	202	789		2,651		206
2017	Jan	6,558	6,125		82	351				
	Feb	5,994	5,689		79	226				
	Mar	10,427	4,636	4,159	56	220		1,226		130
	Apr	7,434	3,079		193	965			3,000	197
	May	4,407				386				4,021
	Jun **	5,970								

Figure 4 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports***

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Table 5 Sheep exports by destination

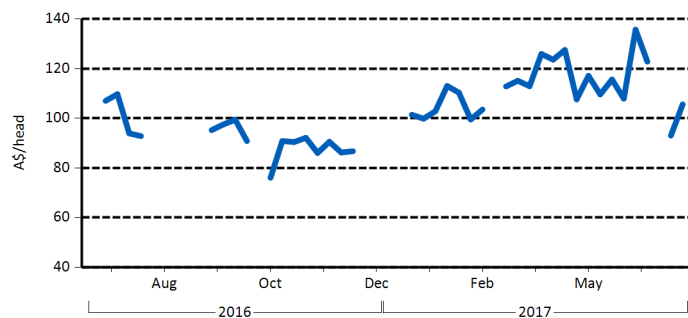
Unit: head	2017			12 months ending 2017 June	12 months ending 2016 June	% change	head change
	Jun	May	Apr				
Argentina				38	41	-7%	-3
Bahrain					115,000	-100%	-115,000
Bangladesh					50	-100%	-50
Brunei					1,131	-100%	-1,131
Chile				6			6
China		1,520	1,380	7,956	5,355	49%	2,601
Egypt					9,500	-100%	-9,500
Fiji					77	-100%	-77
Indonesia				24			24
Israel	16,000			104,679	98,920	6%	5,759
Japan				81			81
Jordan	37,845			154,345	156,700	-2%	-2,355
Kazakhstan					7	-100%	-7
Kuwait	36,381	38,730	100,556	643,671	692,016	-7%	-48,345
Lebanon					12,000	-100%	-12,000
Malaysia	337	3,061	2,798	54,063	58,971	-8%	-4,908
New Zealand	3			14	5	180%	9
Oman		17,000	35,495	119,670	84,304	42%	35,366
Philippines					359	-100%	-359
Qatar	22,000	74,000	47,000	603,000	470,148	28%	132,852
Singapore				2,100	1,980	6%	120
UAE	5,000	10,000	8,000	160,120	152,825	5%	7,295
UK			22	22			22
Uruguay				5	70	-93%	-65
Total volume	117,566	144,311	195,251	1,850,122	1,859,459	-1%	-9,337

Figure 5 Sheep exports by region - past 12 months



Source: ABS, DAWR

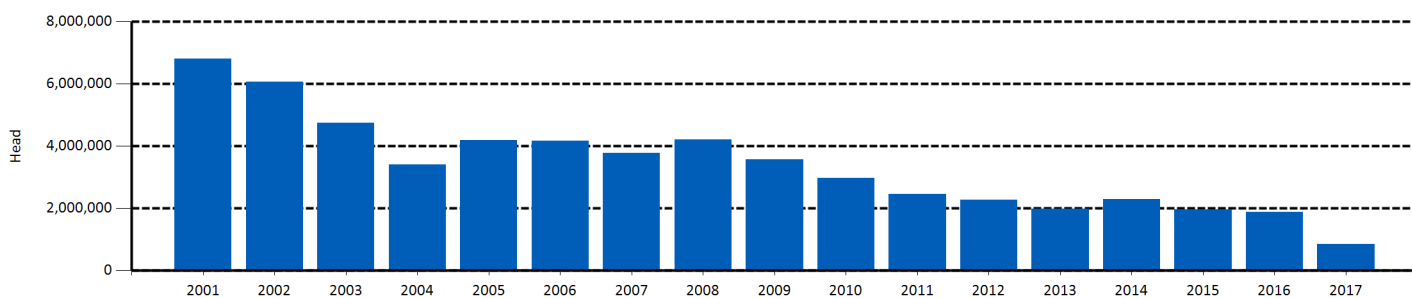
Figure 6 WA live export wether price



Source: MLA Muchea saleyard market report

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Figure 7 Sheep exports***



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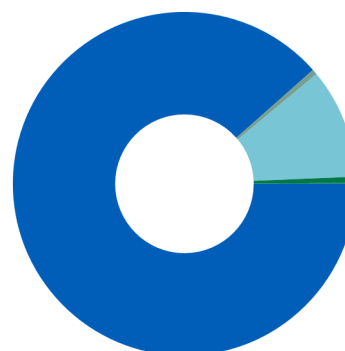
For the 2016-17 fiscal year, sheep exports totalled 1,850,000 head, a decline of 1% year-on-year. January-to-June sheep exports were also back 1%, at 822,500 head, with demand from a number of Middle Eastern countries supporting the stability in sheep exports this year.

The government in Bahrain opted to remove subsidies on imported Australian live sheep early last year, and the live trade has now entirely ceased. However, much of this decline has been absorbed by Qatar.

Sheep exports to Qatar totalled 603,000 head, a lift of 28% comparable to the previous financial year. Demand in Qatar is being driven by preparations for the 2022 Soccer World Cup; a significant numbers of expatriate laborers from the sub-continent are working on large construction projects across the country and, hence, growing demand for imported product.

Figure 8 Sheep exports by state - past 12 months

WA
Victoria
SA
Queensland
NSW



Source: ABS, DAWR

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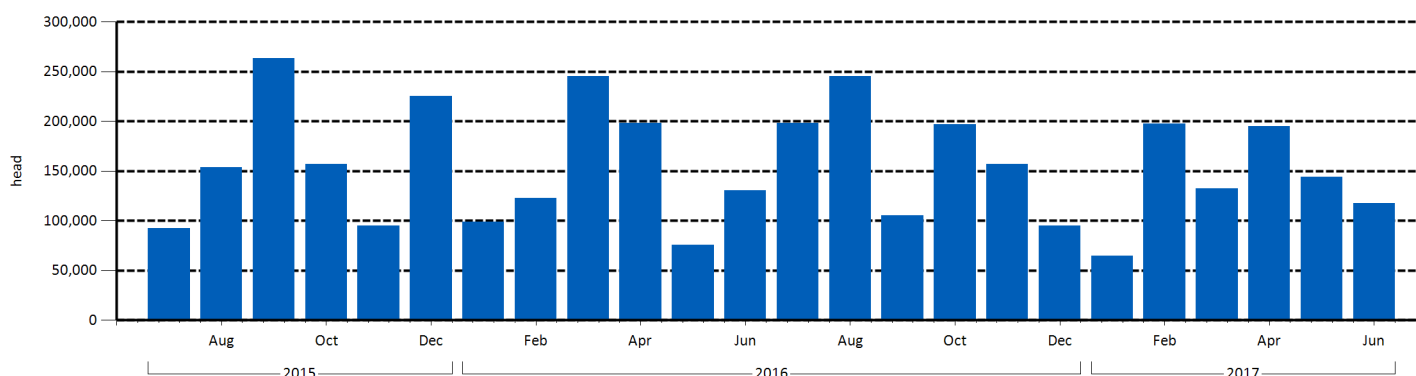
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Table 6 Sheep exports by port

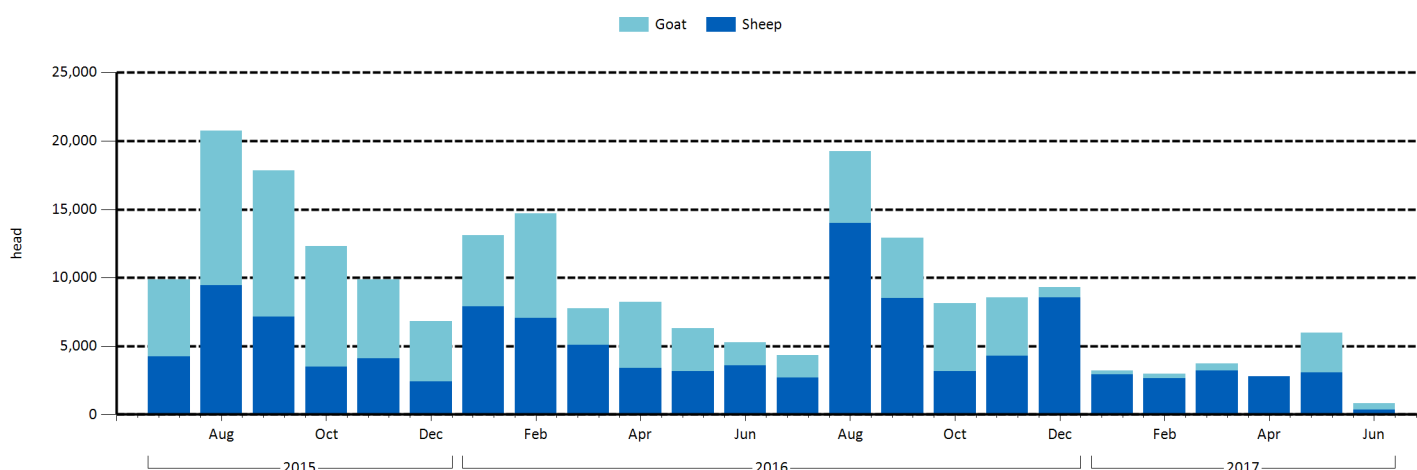
Unit: head	Year	Total	Fremantle	Port Adelaide	Perth	Portland	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Other
2016	Jan	98,815	89,262	5,000	2,036		24		2,493	
	Feb	123,087	79,887	38,484	2,237		171	32	1,628	648
	Mar	245,280	241,403		2,922		108	98	749	
	Apr	198,033	193,166		2,536		100	657	1,574	
	May	75,806	52,293	20,245	1,066		116	692	1,394	
	Jun	130,883	124,028	2,972	1,567			275	2,041	
	Jul	198,147	194,300		2,164		250	1,433		
	Aug	245,339	202,509	33,000	3,835			1,017	2,529	2,449
	Sep	105,417	96,894		6,867		350	132	1,174	
	Oct	197,093	193,949		2,297		54		793	
	Nov	157,204	151,438		2,077			2,168	1,521	
	Dec	95,208	89,639		2,561		67		2,941	
2017	Jan	64,611	61,595		2,245		24	83	664	
	Feb	197,552	161,735	33,110	2,602		13		62	30
	Mar	132,423	103,898	25,011	2,132		263		821	298
	Apr	195,251	129,405	51,646	1,828			22	2,350	10,000
	May	144,311	116,999	22,731	1,524		394	1,520	1,143	
	Jun **	117,566								

Figure 9 Sheep exports



Source: ABS, DAWR

Figure 10 Goat and sheep exports to Malaysia & Singapore



Source: ABS, DAWR

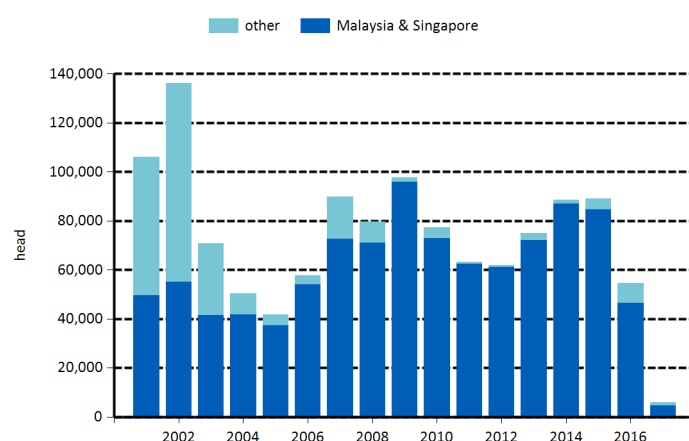
Table 7 Goat exports by destination

Unit: head	2017			12 months ending	12 months ending	%	head
Destination market	Jun	May	Apr	2017	2016	change	change
Brunei					1,347	-100%	-1,347
Fiji					75	-100%	-75
Indonesia				7	211	-97%	-204
Malaysia	463	2,920		25,786	71,800	-64%	-46,014
Nepal		20	23	93	116	-20%	-23
New Zealand				8	8	0%	
Philippines				25	905	-97%	-880
UAE		1,093		3,247	5,589	-42%	-2,342
Vietnam	50			150	679	-78%	-529
Total volume	513	4,033	23	29,316	80,730	-64%	-51,414

For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, goat exports totalled 29,000 head, a 64% drop year-on-year. Exports for the calendar year-to-June were just over 6,000 head, back 80% due to tight supplies and strong demand for goatmeat in the US.

Over-the-hook goat indicators reached a record 682¢ (12-16kg cwt) in June – up 26¢ from the close of May and 119¢/kg cwt year-on-year. The over-the-hook goat indicator also surpassed that of its cattle and sheep counterparts for the first time ever.

Figure 11 Goat exports***


Source: ABS, DAWR
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