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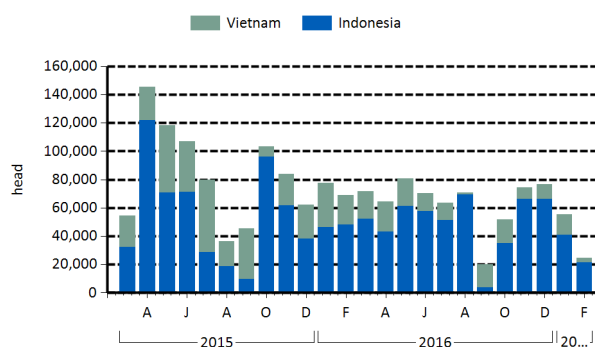
Live export statistics

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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Figure 1 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports



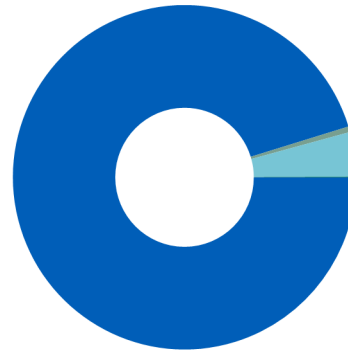
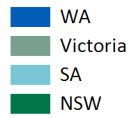
Source: ABS, DAWR

Table 1 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports by destination

Unit: head Destination market	2017		2016	12 months ending 2017 February	12 months ending 2016 February	% change	head change
	Feb	Jan	Dec				
Brunei		739		5,612	5,039	11%	573
Cambodia				2,800			2,800
China	1,195			1,533	150	922%	1,383
Egypt					18,500	-100%	-18,500
Indonesia	21,385	40,747	66,048	568,138	643,884	-12%	-75,746
Israel	9,782		7,035	64,515	81,254	-21%	-16,739
Japan		1,077	1,048	7,704	10,078	-24%	-2,374
Jordan					2,233	-100%	-2,233
Kuwait	50	49	50	449	100	349%	349
Malaysia		900	1,540	26,045	49,731	-48%	-23,686
Mauritius					2,140	-100%	-2,140
Mexico				6,677			6,677
Philippines		1,542		17,236	26,716	-35%	-9,480
Qatar		150		1,250	250	400%	1,000
Russian Federation				16,812	34,211	-51%	-17,399
Thailand				1,461	5,230	-72%	-3,769
Turkey			15,000	50,900	7,000	627%	43,900
UAE				205	500	-59%	-295
Vietnam	3,144	14,451	10,674	156,193	338,932	-54%	-182,739
Total volume	35,556	59,655	101,395	927,530	1,225,948	-24%	-298,418

Sheep exports for February totalled 167,782 head, an almost three-fold increase from the previous month. With Ramadan approaching in May, there is a move from importers to ensure product arrives in time for the religious festival. Also, improved conditions seen across most of Western Australia have seen yardings increase, as farmers look to utilise the land for cropping.

Figure 8 Sheep exports by state - past 12 months



Source: ABS, DAWR

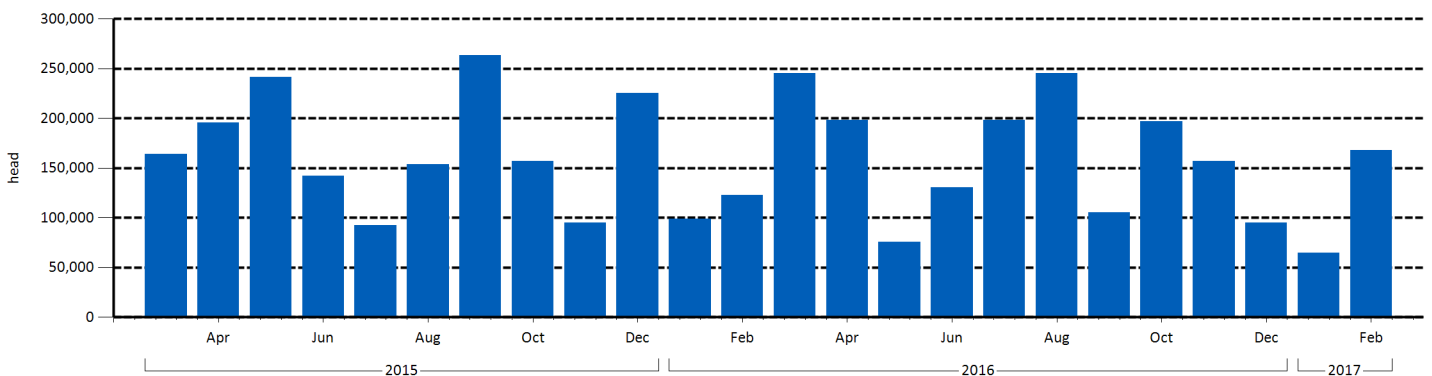
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Table 6 Sheep exports by port

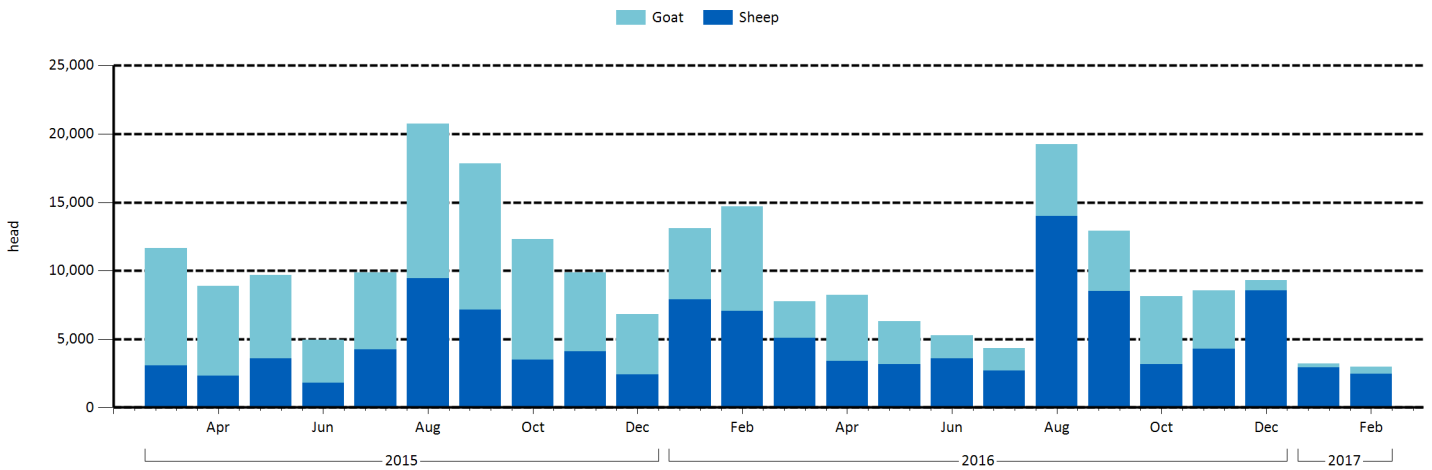
Unit: head	Year	Total	Fremantle	Port Adelaide	Perth	Portland	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Other
2015	Sep	263,258	207,156	45,000	6,182		606	2,955	1,359	
	Oct	156,968	153,425		1,095		711	30	1,707	
	Nov	95,143	90,842		1,437		183	627	1,869	185
	Dec	225,657	179,628	42,790	734		1,668		837	
2016	Jan	98,815	89,262	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	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 **	167,782								

Figure 9 Sheep exports



Source: ABS, DAWR

Figure 10 Goat and sheep exports to Malaysia & Singapore



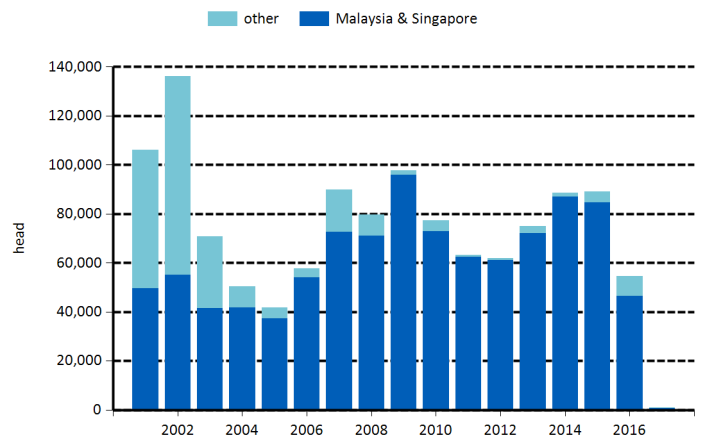
Source: ABS, DAWR

Table 7 Goat exports by destination

Unit: head Destination market	2017		2016	12 months ending 2017 February	12 months ending 2016 February	% change	head change
	Feb	Jan	Dec				
Brunei				216	1,431	-85%	-1,215
Fiji				75			75
Indonesia		7		7	211	-97%	-204
Malaysia	514	305	734	34,419	83,869	-59%	-49,450
Nepal				70	96	-27%	-26
New Zealand				7	1	600%	6
Philippines	25			447	483	-7%	-36
UAE	128			5,468	3,082	77%	2,386
Vietnam				779			779
Total volume	667	312	734	41,488	89,173	-53%	-47,685

Goat exports remained limited with increased competition from small stock processors for the limited pool of livestock. Over-the-hook goat prices continued their record breaking trend, with the indicators tracking a little above 650¢/kg cwt this week. Weekly goat slaughter has trended higher throughout 2017 and was almost 54,000 head last week, up 25% year-on-year. In contrast, goat exports, primarily to Malaysia, totalled just 667 head in February.

Figure 11 Goat exports***



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

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