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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.

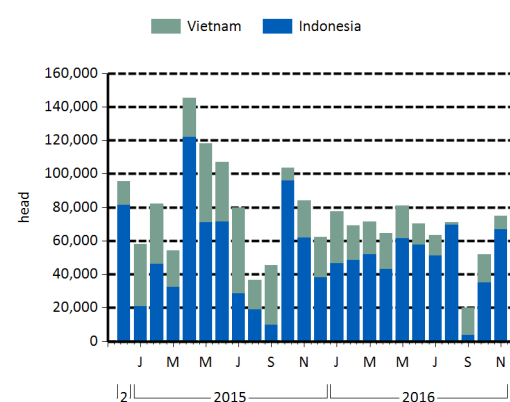
Feeder and slaughter cattle exports increased again in November, with 67,000 head shipped to Indonesia as trade normalised after disruptions following the import policy shift. An additional 20,000 cattle are expected to be shipped to Indonesia in December, a figure which would round out the year to 555,000 head for the market – a 10% decline on 2015 levels.

Reports indicate an additional 15,000 tonnes of imported frozen Indian buffalo meat, on top of the 10,000 tonnes already in circulation, has begun entering Indonesia – the remaining 55,000 tonnes allocated in import permits is expected to enter the market in coming months. Buffalo meat continues to extend across Indonesia, with product now reported in Kalimantan, in addition to Jakarta, Medan and Surabaya.

India has returned this year to being the world's largest beef (or buffalo) exporter. Over the twelve month ending September, India exported 1.3 million tonnes shipped weight primarily to South East Asia and the Middle East. If all remaining permit allocations were fully utilised, Indonesia would quickly become India's fourth largest export market. On the wet markets in the greater Jakarta area, frozen Indian buffalo meat is selling at a significant but widely variable discount, at IDR 65,000-110,000/kg, while fresh beef has been stable, at IDR 100,000-120,000/kg in recent weeks.

Close to 4,000 breeders were shipped to Indonesia in November, primarily as part of the government breeding program in North Sumatra. Total feeder and slaughter cattle exports will likely finish the year below the one million head mark, with 917,000 head recorded up to the end of November across all markets.

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 November	12 months ending 2015 November	% change	head change
	Nov	Oct	Sep				
Brunei		1,494		5,873	5,068	16%	805
Cambodia				2,800			2,800
China				338	150	125%	188
Egypt					18,500	-100%	-18,500
Indonesia	66,967	35,039	3,734	573,478	659,592	-13%	-86,114
Israel			5,016	65,305	91,334	-28%	-26,029
Japan		960	2,189	8,819	7,917	11%	902
Jordan					2,233	-100%	-2,233
Kuwait	25	25		300	100	200%	200
Malaysia	3,544			29,137	48,324	-40%	-19,187
Mauritius					2,140	-100%	-2,140
Mexico				6,677			6,677
Philippines			2,634	17,744	24,666	-28%	-6,922
Qatar	150	200		1,300	200	550%	1,100
Russian Federation				26,812	54,063	-50%	-27,251
Thailand				1,461	9,205	-84%	-7,744
Turkey	9,750	17,000		41,484	2,400	1629%	39,084
UAE				305	700	-56%	-395
Vietnam	7,910	16,879	16,358	203,967	350,002	-42%	-146,035
Total volume	88,346	71,597	29,931	985,800	1,276,594	-23%	-290,794

Table 2 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports by port

Unit: head Year		Total	Darwin	Unknown*	Townsville	Fremantle	Broome	Port Adelaide	Wyndham	Other
2015	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	106,488	32,332		29,227	16,750	4,105		2,085	21,989
	Dec	68,387	39,850		10,294	11,482				6,761
2016	Jan	106,257	19,902		21,280	49,300				15,775
	Feb	81,156	20,033		35,114	13,131		6,397		6,481
	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	7,966
	May	86,659	33,519		21,290	3,000	17,427		8,012	3,411
	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	71,597	20,333		19,141	17,225	8,277			6,621
	Nov **	88,346								

Data specifications

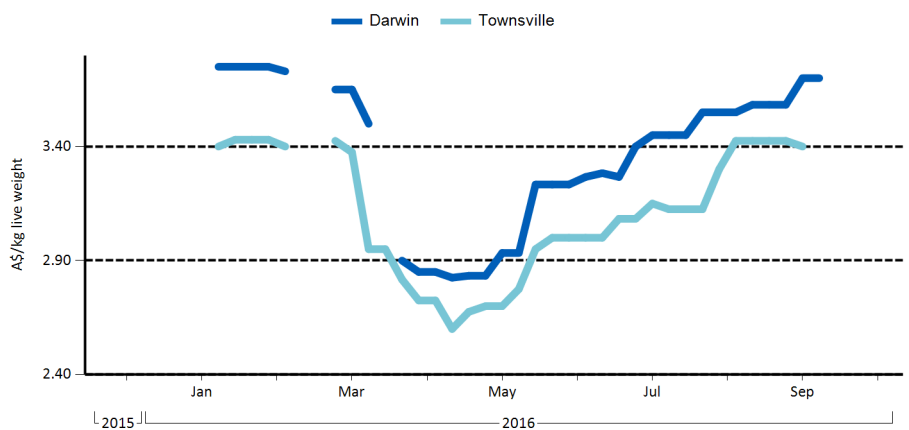
Due to the timing of live export trade data being released, both Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) data is used in this report. The most recent month and, at times, second most recent month trade data comes from DAWR. This data is then updated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

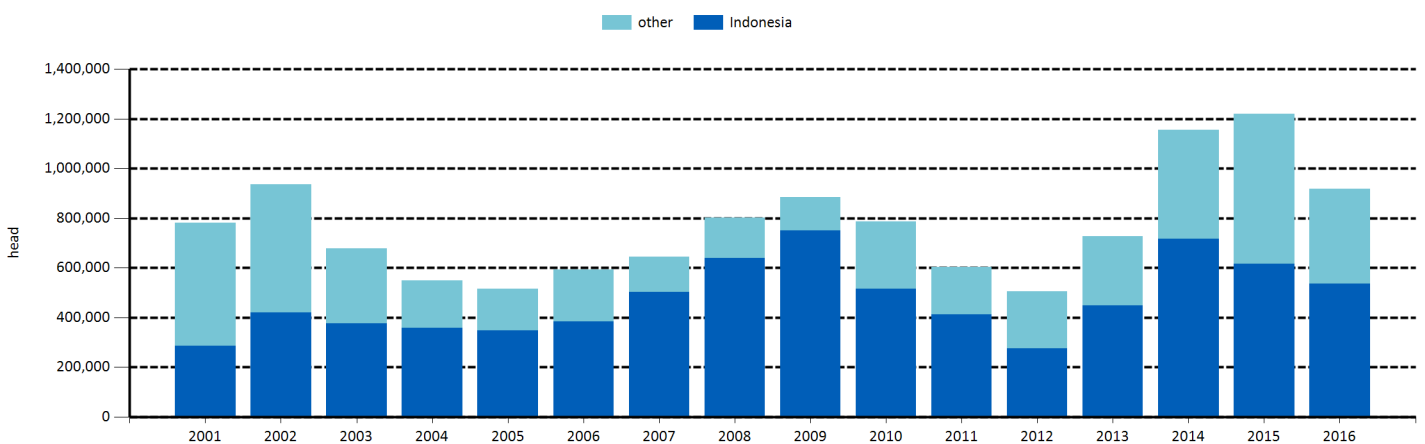
Figure 2 Live export feeder cattle prices



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

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Figure 3 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports***



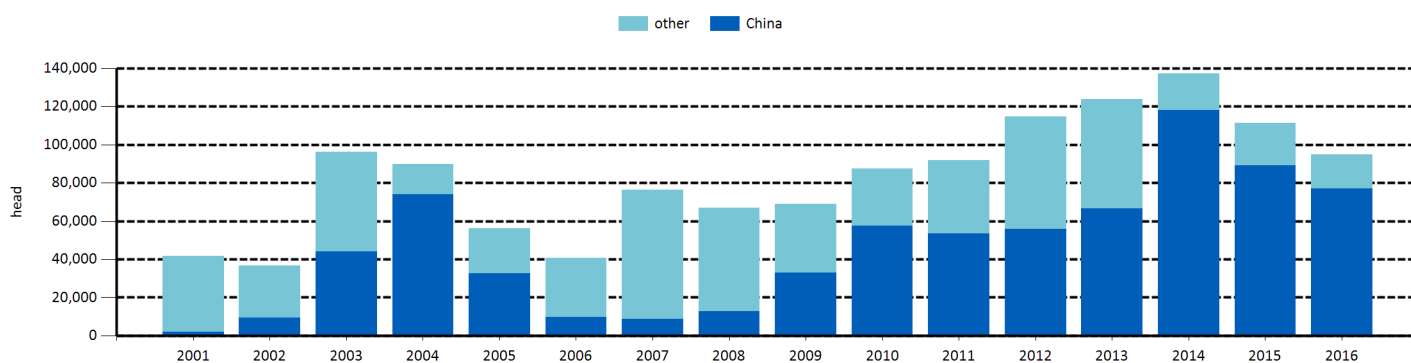
Source: ABS, DAWR ***the current year total is up to and including the most recently reported month

Table 3 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports by destination

Unit: head Destination market	2016			12 months ending 2016 November	12 months ending 2015 November	% change	head change
	Nov	Oct	Sep				
Bangladesh					70	-100%	-70
China	221	4,000	9,924	90,441	96,309	-6%	-5,868
Indonesia	3,913	200		5,557	1,977	181%	3,580
Japan				303	24	1163%	279
Kuwait				3,170	294	978%	2,876
Laos				621	309	101%	312
Malaysia	366		48	1,877	2,665	-30%	-788
Pakistan				3,507	1,989	76%	1,518
Philippines				240			240
Qatar					360	-100%	-360
Russian Federation					3,431	-100%	-3,431
Samoa					46	-100%	-46
Singapore					30	-100%	-30
Sri Lanka					2,498	-100%	-2,498
Tahiti	204			204			204
Taiwan	182	222		832	203	310%	629
Thailand				31			31
Turkey				3,475			3,475
UAE	68			273	267	2%	6
Vietnam			489	2,637	5,646	-53%	-3,009
Total volume	4,954	4,422	10,461	113,198	116,118	-3%	-2,920

Table 4 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports by port

Unit: head Year		Total	Portland	Geelong	Sydney	Melbourne	Port Adelaide	Fremantle	Darwin	Other
2015	Dec	18,494	11,835	4,245	1,245	256	230	683		
2016	Jan	99			99					
	Feb	11,044	8,639		5	64	2,300			36
	Mar	11,914	10,077		45	220		1,572		
	Apr	8,877	8,434		260	183				
	May	12,272	7,917	3,828	90	435				2
	Jun	12,696	8,721		30	470	3,475			
	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 **	4,954								

Figure 4 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports***

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Table 5 Sheep exports by destination

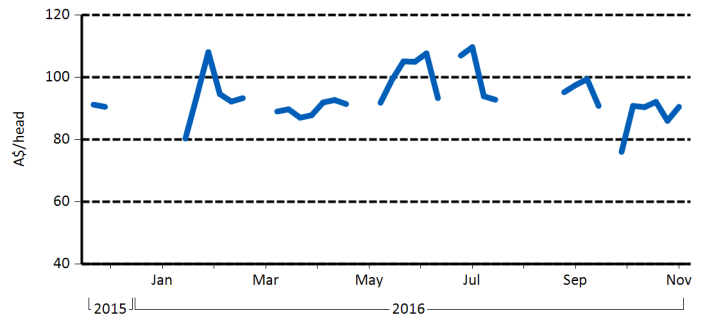
Unit: head Destination market	2016			12 months ending 2016 November	12 months ending 2015 November	% change	head change
	Nov	Oct	Sep				
Argentina				13	52	-75%	-39
Bahrain					365,000	-100%	-365,000
Bangladesh				50			50
Brunei				1,131			1,131
Chile					20	-100%	-20
China	1,474			6,456	16,540	-61%	-10,084
Egypt					9,500	-100%	-9,500
Fiji				77			77
Israel			26,479	120,049	95,650	26%	24,399
Jordan				182,700	184,500	-1%	-1,800
Kazakhstan					7	-100%	-7
Kuwait	69,442	97,449	27,415	713,408	528,518	35%	184,890
Lebanon				12,000			12,000
Malaysia	4,512	3,144	6,423	63,297	49,073	29%	14,224
New Zealand	4			9	5	80%	4
Oman	5,000	5,000	5,000	89,740	79,804	12%	9,936
Philippines				116	284	-59%	-168
Qatar	65,000	63,000	30,000	614,000	349,162	76%	264,838
Samoa					14	-100%	-14
Singapore			2,100	2,100	1,980	6%	120
UAE	12,000	28,500	8,000	195,773	273,349	-28%	-77,576
Uruguay				70			70
Total volume	157,432	197,093	105,417	2,000,989	1,953,458	2%	47,531

Figure 5 Sheep exports by region - past 12 months



Source: ABS, DAWR

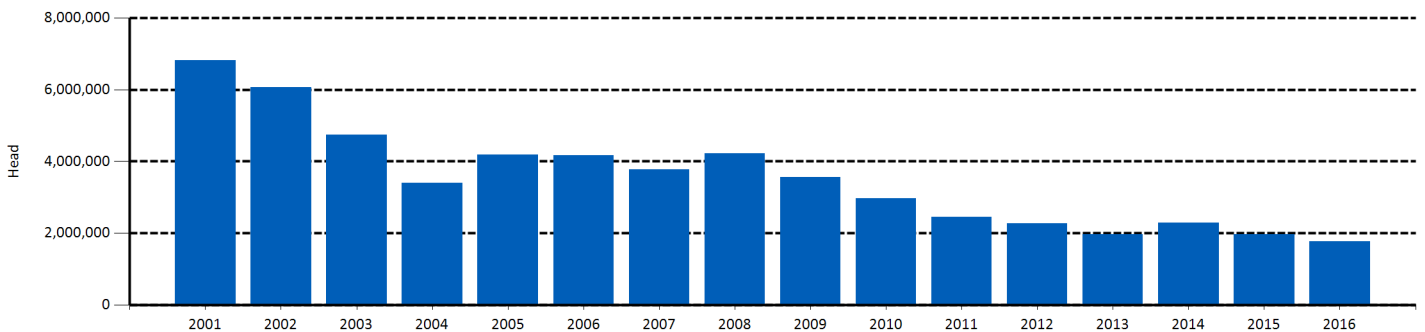
Figure 6 WA live export wether price



Source: MLA Muchea saleyard market report

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Figure 7 Sheep exports***



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Figure 8 Sheep exports by state - past 12 months



Source: ABS, DAWR

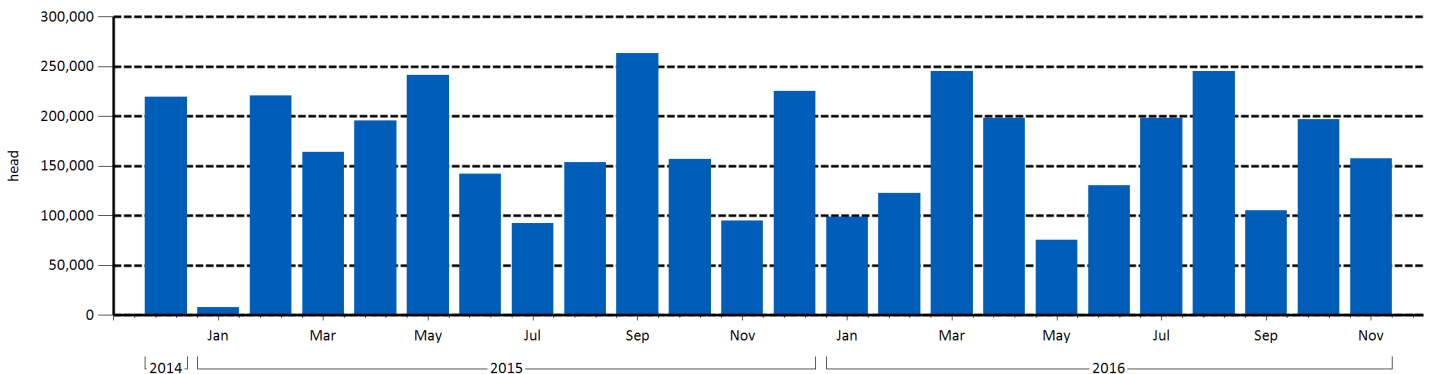
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Table 6 Sheep exports by port

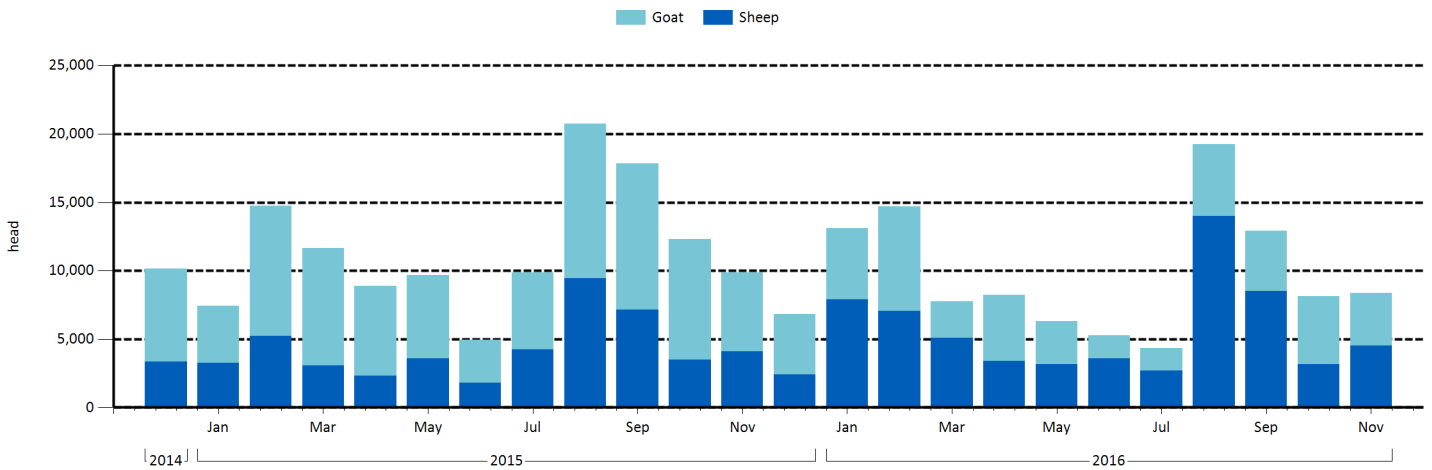
Unit: head Year		Total	Fremantle	Port Adelaide	Perth	Portland	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Other
2015	Jun	142,121	91,592		2,087	41,946	245	5,408	843	
	Jul	92,816	84,690	3,900	1,020				3,206	
	Aug	153,713	149,709		1,515		1,293		1,196	
	Sep	263,258	207,156	45,000	6,182		606	2,955	1,359	
	Oct	156,968	153,425		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	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 **	157,432								

Figure 9 Sheep exports



Source: ABS, DAWR

Figure 10 Goat and sheep exports to Malaysia & Singapore



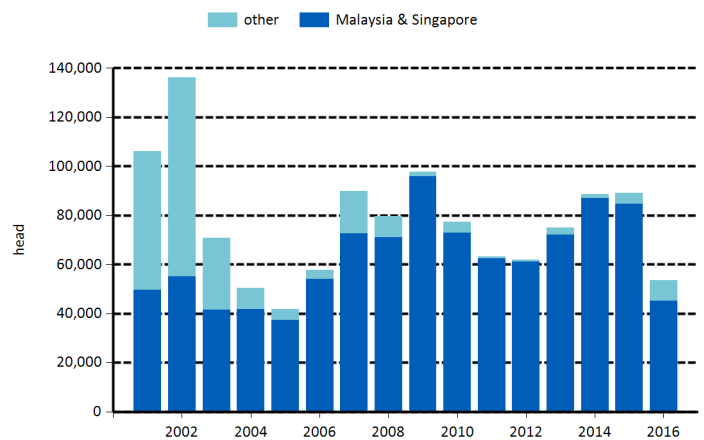
Source: ABS, DAWR

Table 7 Goat exports by destination

Unit: head Destination market	2016			12 months ending 2016 November	12 months ending 2015 November	% change	head change
	Nov	Oct	Sep				
Brunei				647	1,000	-35%	-353
Fiji				75			75
Indonesia					211	-100%	-211
Malaysia	3,836	4,979	4,390	49,693	86,773	-43%	-37,080
Nepal				166	79	110%	87
New Zealand				7	1	600%	6
Philippines				550	508	8%	42
Singapore					345	-100%	-345
UAE	166			6,500	2,485	162%	4,015
Vietnam				679			679
Total volume	4,002	4,979	4,390	58,317	91,402	-36%	-33,085

While goat numbers have started to increase in recent months, from the tight supply scenario during winter, prices remain high and there has been some continued substitution to sheep destined to Malaysia. Goats to Malaysia have dropped by 37,000 head over the past twelve months, partly offset by a 14,000 head increase in sheep to the same market.

Figure 11 Goat exports***



Source: ABS, DAWR
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