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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.

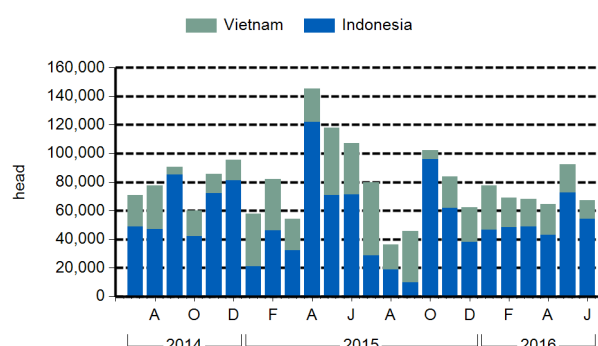
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For the January to June period, **live cattle exports** (feeder, slaughter, breeder) were estimated at just under 630,000 head - back 12% on the corresponding period the year prior (ABS, DAWR).

During the first half of 2016, live cattle exports (feeder & slaughter) to **Indonesia** totalled just over 313,500 head, easing 14% on the same time last year. Reportedly in June, the Indonesian government issued additional import permits, estimated at over 46,000 tonnes swt of boxed beef – as a result of the increased demand that was to be expected throughout the Ramadan period – although to exactly what countries are included at this stage unknown. Additionally, with the Ramadan period technically finishing in the first week of July, **Jakarta wet market prices** remained surprisingly stable (IDR 110,000-125,000/kg).

Strengthening incrementally throughout the June as a result of seasonally tight northern supplies and persistent buyer activity throughout physical markets, live export prices settled significantly dearer on the month prior. In June, **feeder steers** delivered to **Darwin** averaged 324¢, up close to 40¢, while equivalent lines delivered to **Townsville** reached as high as 300¢, up over 30¢/kg lwt month-on-month.

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 June	12 months ending 2015 June	% change	head change
	Destination market	Jun	May				
Brunei	155	1,099		4,724	6,349	-26%	-1,625
Cambodia	2,766			2,766			2,766
China	158		180	488			488
Egypt				18,500	19,900	-7%	-1,400
Indonesia	54,349	72,533	43,190	566,389	740,651	-24%	-174,262
Israel	11,476		13,327	82,382	65,677	25%	16,705
Japan		960	1,080	9,630	9,840	-2%	-210
Jordan				2,033	200	917%	1,833
Kuwait	50	50	50	350			350
Malaysia		3,365	1,779	35,956	50,752	-29%	-14,796
Mauritius					4,040	-100%	-4,040
Mexico			6,677	6,677			6,677
Philippines	2,954		10,080	26,679	26,962	-1%	-283
Qatar		250	300	750	350	114%	400
Russian Federation				43,812	37,063	18%	6,749
Thailand	1,461			3,060	7,606	-60%	-4,546
Turkey	10,807			17,807	2,400	642%	15,407
UAE				405	2,910	-86%	-2,505
Vietnam	12,703	19,707	21,406	282,952	304,336	-7%	-21,384
Total volume	96,879	97,964	98,069	1,105,360	1,279,036	-14%	-173,676

Table 2 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports by port

Year		Total	Darwin	Unknown*	Townsville	Fremantle	Broome	Port Adelaide	Wyndham	Other
2015	Jan	81,544	20,704		27,169	8,263		19,405		6,003
	Feb	100,217	31,440		33,118	28,257				7,402
	Mar	69,021	44,303		17,885	4,190				2,643
	Apr	167,249	76,891		47,221	7,810	17,400	7,476	5,941	4,510
	May	136,220	47,455		39,055	4,950	22,178		18,810	3,772
	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	88,652	40,627		17,146	6,643			5,209	19,027
	Apr	98,069	14,755		33,215	8,878	24,494	5,020	3,741	7,966
	May	97,964	35,791		30,350	3,000	17,400		8,012	3,411
	Jun **	96,879								

Data specifications

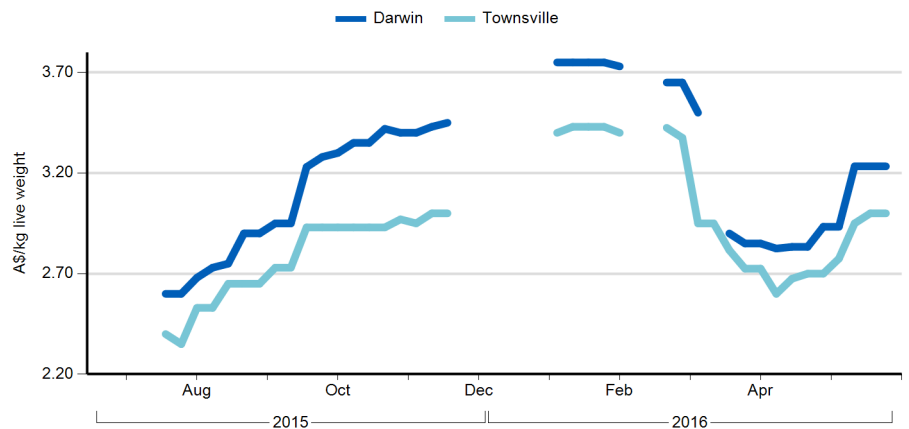
Due to the timing of live export trade data being released, both Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) data is used in this report. The most recent month and, at times, second most recent month trade data comes from DAWR. This data is then updated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

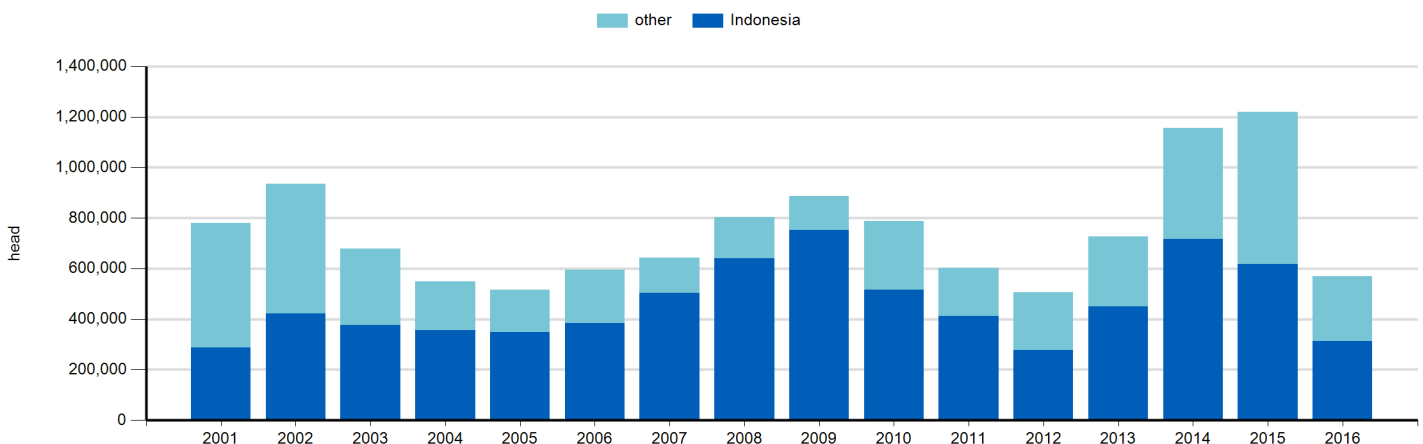
Figure 2 Live export feeder cattle prices



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***



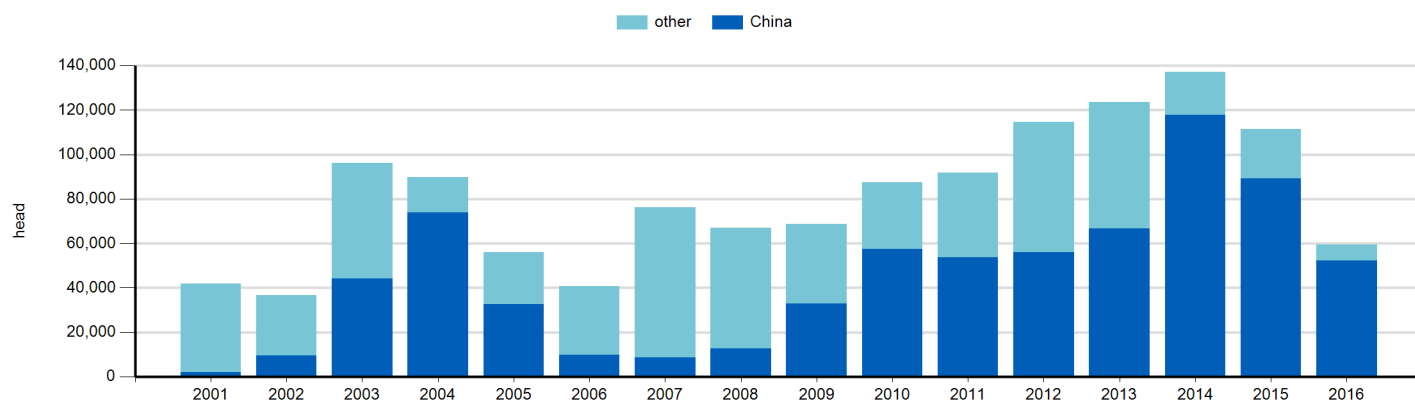
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Table 3 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports by destination

Unit = head	2016			12 months ending	12 months ending	% change	head change
	Destination market	Jun	May	2016 Jul	2015 Jul		
Bangladesh				70	2	3400%	68
China	8,595	11,859	12,434	121,637	79,448	53%	42,189
Indonesia	2,036			3,343	4,214	-21%	-871
Japan		303		303	24	1163%	279
Kuwait				3,204	260	1132%	2,944
Laos				930			930
Malaysia		177	419	2,132	2,124	0%	8
New Caledonia					5	-100%	-5
Pakistan				3,507	1,989	76%	1,518
Philippines	240			240			240
Qatar				360			360
Russian Federation				1,152	2,279	-49%	-1,127
Samoa					46	-100%	-46
Singapore					30	-100%	-30
Sri Lanka				1,317	1,181	12%	136
Taiwan				628	3	20833%	625
Thailand		2		2	122	-98%	-120
UAE		45	24	354	94	277%	260
Vietnam	229			2,846	4,275	-33%	-1,429
Total volume	11,100	12,386	12,877	142,025	96,096	48%	45,929

Table 4 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports by port

Year	Total	Portland	Geelong	Sydney	Melbourne	Port Adelaide	Fremantle	Darwin	Other
2015	Jul	8,226	7,792		400			34	
	Aug	25,965	16,988	5,777			3,200		
	Sep	11,354	10,954			400			
	Oct	5,345	3,685		338	962		360	
	Nov	13,221	11,777		379	879			186
	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	12,877	8,434		260	183	2,957	1,043	
	May	12,386	8,031	3,828	90	435			2
	Jun **	11,100							

Figure 4 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports***

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

Table 5 Sheep exports by destination

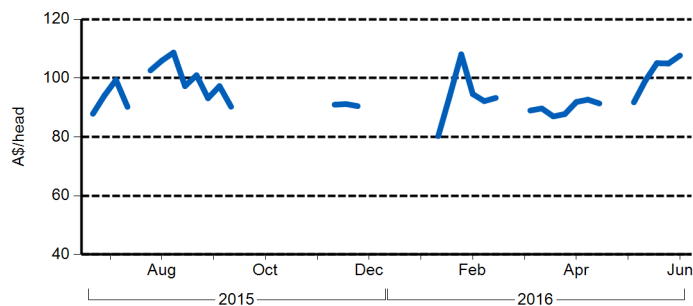
Unit = head Destination market	2016			12 months ending	12 months ending	% change	head change
	Jun	May	Apr	2016 Oct	2015 Oct		
Argentina				41	24	71%	17
Bahrain				115,000	374,640	-69%	-259,640
Bangladesh				50			50
Brunei	217			1,048			1,048
Chile					20	-100%	-20
China			1,400	5,355	16,997	-68%	-11,642
Egypt				9,500	79,000	-88%	-69,500
Fiji			77	77			77
Israel			17,000	86,948	78,100	11%	8,848
Jordan	36,709		48,200	152,409	181,500	-16%	-29,091
Kazakhstan				7	12	-42%	-5
Kuwait	24,028	24,538	54,466	692,016	639,842	8%	52,174
Lebanon	11,987			11,987			11,987
Malaysia	3,534	3,152	3,390	58,922	43,516	35%	15,406
New Zealand				5	2	150%	3
Oman	13,000	8,000	6,500	84,304	78,646	7%	5,658
Philippines		116		359	41	776%	318
Qatar	25,000	30,000	58,000	470,148	400,264	17%	69,884
Samoa					14	-100%	-14
Singapore				1,980	2,200	-10%	-220
UAE		10,000	9,000	152,825	285,133	-46%	-132,308
Uruguay				70	5	1300%	65
Total volume	126,475	75,806	198,033	1,855,051	2,179,956	-15%	-324,905

Figure 5 Sheep exports by region - past 12 months



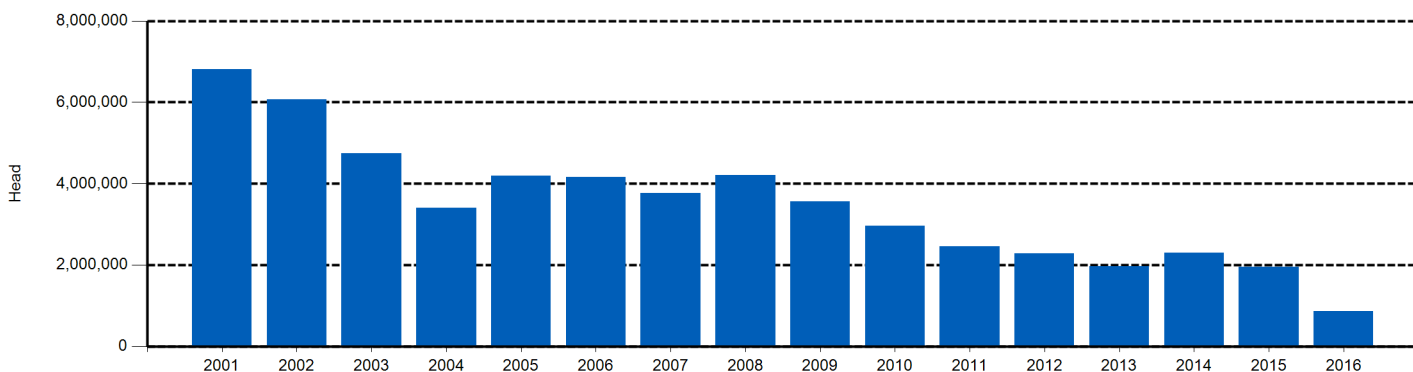
Source: ABS, DAWR

Figure 6 WA live export wether price



Source: MLA Muchea saleyard market report
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Figure 7 Sheep exports***



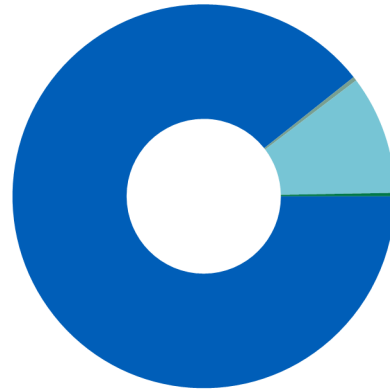
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At the end of the January to June period, **Australian sheep exports** were back 11% year-on-year, with just over 867,000 head shipped. So far this year, **Kuwait** continues to dominate volume, with just over 296,800 head exported – up 39% year-on-year. However, improving significantly year-on-year were total shipments to **Qatar**, with exports in the first half of 2016 up 68% year-on-year, at 243,000 head.

Additionally, shipments to the **UAE** continued to decline – lowering 63% to just over 81,000 head – while exports to **Bahrain** continued to suffer from the removal of the import subsidy, with zero shipments recorded since the end of last year. Encouragingly, exports to **Jordan** recorded a 14% lift for the January to June period, at just over 105,400 head.

Figure 8 Sheep exports by state - past 12 months

WA
Victoria
SA
NSW



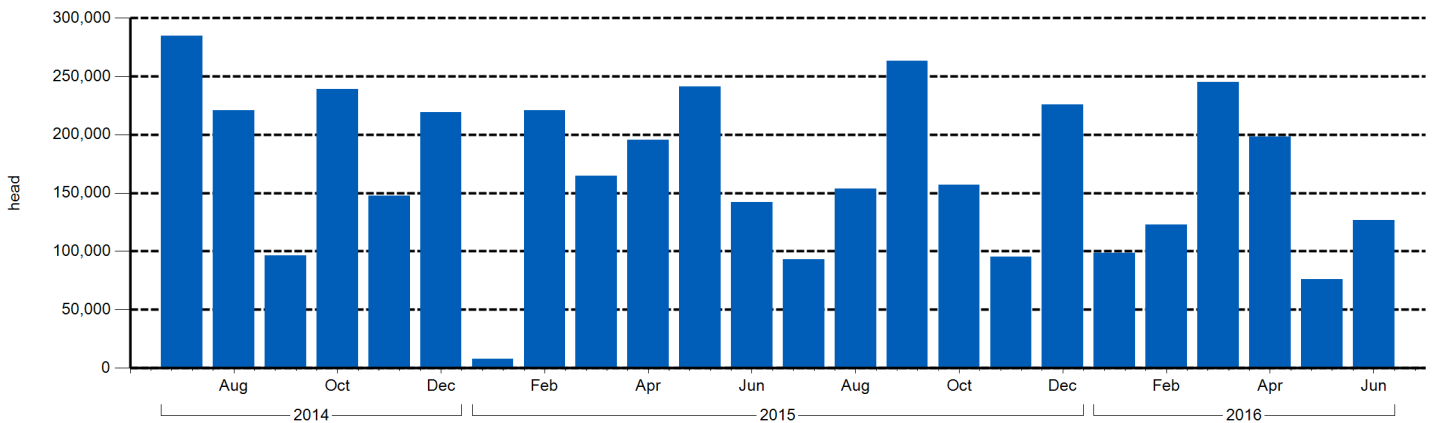
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Table 6 Sheep exports by port

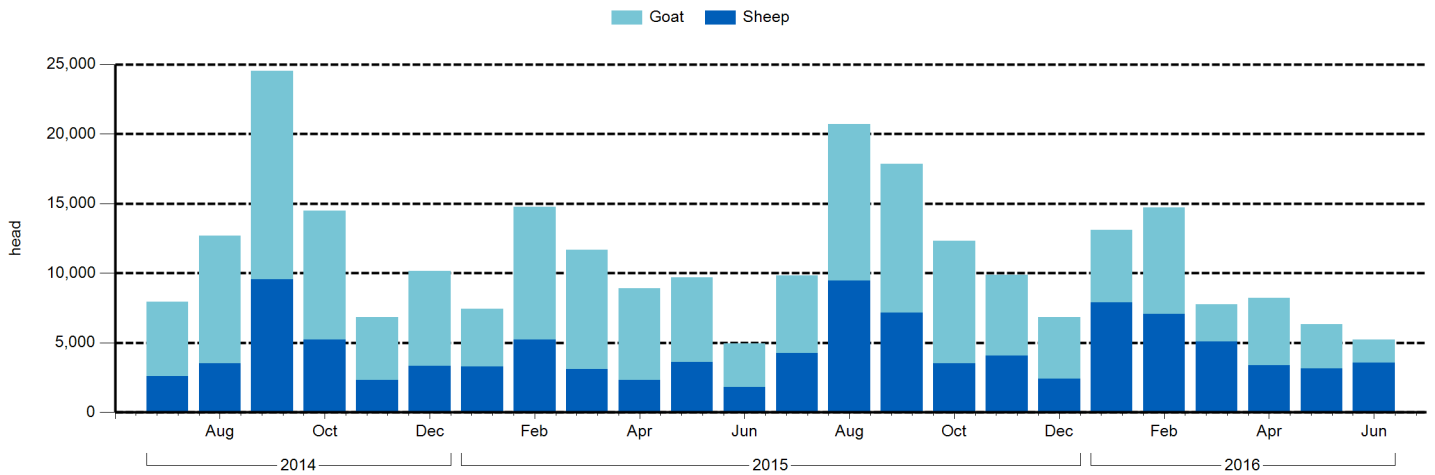
Year		Total	Fremantle	Port Adelaide	Perth	Portland	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Other
2015	Jan	7,851			1,296		1,300	4,575	680	
	Feb	220,831	218,497		880		801	14	639	
	Mar	164,438	161,357		1,412		338	120	1,211	
	Apr	195,589	131,648	61,600	500		658	24	1,159	
	May	241,376	198,470	38,000	936		296	1,300	2,374	
	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 **	126,475								

Figure 9 Sheep exports



Source: ABS, DAWR

Figure 10 Goat and sheep exports to Malaysia & Singapore



Source: ABS, DAWR

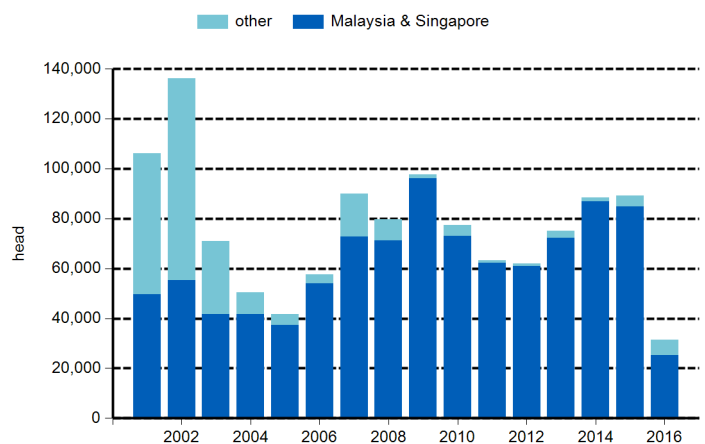
Table 7 Goat exports by destination

Unit = head Destination market	2016			12 months ending	12 months ending	% change	head change
	Jun	May	Apr	2016 May	2015 May		
Brunei	380			1,511	420	260%	1,091
China					189	-100%	-189
Fiji			75	75			75
Indonesia				211			211
Malaysia	1,689	3,158	4,833	71,800	87,991	-18%	-16,191
Nepal	17			113	79	43%	34
New Zealand		7		8			8
Philippines			326	905	153	492%	752
Singapore					345	-100%	-345
UAE	817	265	185	5,589	1,723	224%	3,866
Vietnam			679	679	50	1258%	629
Total volume	2,903	3,756	5,868	80,891	90,950	-11%	-10,059

For the January to June period, goat shipments decreased 21% on the corresponding period the year prior, to just over 31,400 head. Although exports to **Malaysia** continue to make up the majority of the trade, shipments for the January to June period declined 33% to just over 25,200 head. Interestingly, no exports were recorded to the **UAE** in June, although shipments so far this year still remain well above what was recorded over the corresponding period the year prior.

The decline in live goat exports reflects the widespread shortage of goats across the country, as rain scatters rangeland goats and makes harvesting difficult – in June, **eastern states weekly goat slaughter** averaged just shy of 10,000 head, well below the 50,000 head peaks recorded over the summer months.

Figure 11 Goat exports***



Source: ABS, DAWR

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