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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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In-market reports from Indonesia indicate the 10,000 tonnes of **imported Indian buffalo** meat has begun circulating beyond the Jakarta and Bandung areas, with the imported product identified in wet markets as far west as Medan and far east as Surabaya. In addition, permits have been issued to import another 70,000 tonnes of Indian buffalo this year. Australian beef exports to Indonesia have also grown considerably this year, following a change in import policy, with almost 51,000 tonnes shipped between the January and October period, up 53% year-on-year. Jakarta wet market prices, collected by MLA, have remained relatively steady in recent months, with indicative local beef knuckle averaging IDR 111,000/kg in October.

Meanwhile, with increased numbers of importers signing up to the **Indonesian government's 5:1 (one breeder for every five feeder cattle imports) policy**, the trade picked up slightly during October – albeit still historically low due to policy uncertainties and high cattle prices in Australia. Recent reports suggest importers will have until the end of 2018 to demonstrate they have complied with the new breeder-feeder ratio requirements.

Indonesia has recently agreed upon and signed a health protocol with Mexico to allow cattle to be shipped across the Pacific. While Mexico is a large exporter of cattle, rivalling Australia's number one ranking in recent years, the entire trade is based on trucking feeder cattle across the border to the United States (or on to Canada). While cattle prices in Mexico, and North America in general, have trended in the opposite direction to Australia over the past twelve months, it is yet to be established whether the estimated three week voyage from Mexico to Indonesia will be commercially attractive. Mexican cattle imports will also be required to operate within the 5:1 breeder import policy. In addition, the cattle herd in Mexico has been in steady decline over the past three decades and was further impacted by the same drought conditions which saw the herd drop in the US between 2011 and 2012 – except, unlike the US, Mexico is yet to register significant signs of a herd recovery.

Nevertheless, if Australian live exports recover to more typical monthly volumes in November and December, annual feeder and slaughter cattle export totals will be on track to reach close to one million head this year. If realised, this will mark an 18% decline from the 1.22 million head exported in 2015.

Table 1 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports by destination

Unit = head	2016			12 months ending	12 months ending	% change	head change
	Oct	Sep	Aug	2016 October	2015 October		
Brunei	698		1,080	5,077	5,861	-13%	-784
Cambodia				2,800			2,800
China				338	150	125%	188
Egypt					18,500	-100%	-18,500
Indonesia	25,218	3,800	69,583	558,455	670,167	-17%	-111,712
Israel		5,016	6,730	69,755	96,884	-28%	-27,129
Japan	960	2,189		9,899	7,917	25%	1,982
Jordan					2,233	-100%	-2,233
Kuwait	25			275	100	175%	175
Malaysia	1,100		4,314	26,693	54,139	-51%	-27,446
Mauritius					2,140	-100%	-2,140
Mexico				6,677			6,677
Philippines		2,634		17,744	24,666	-28%	-6,922
Qatar	200		200	1,150	200	475%	950
Russian Federation				43,812	37,063	18%	6,749
Thailand				1,461	9,205	-84%	-7,744
Turkey				14,734	2,400	514%	12,334
UAE				305	700	-56%	-395
Vietnam	16,633	16,358	1,400	218,070	341,204	-36%	-123,134
Total volume	44,834	29,997	83,307	977,245	1,273,529	-23%	-296,284

Table 2 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports by port

Year		Total	Darwin	Unknown*	Townsville	Fremantle	Broome	Port Adelaide	Wyndham	Other
2015	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	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	29,997	9,743		13,049	5,016				2,189
	Oct **	44,834								

Data specifications

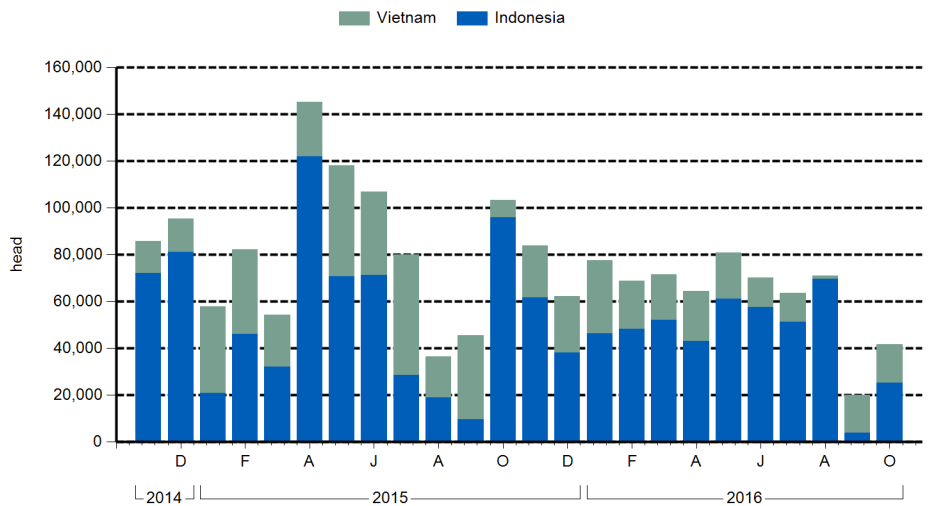
Due to the timing of live export trade data being released, both Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) data is used in this report. The most recent month and, at times, second most recent month trade data comes from DAWR. This data is then updated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

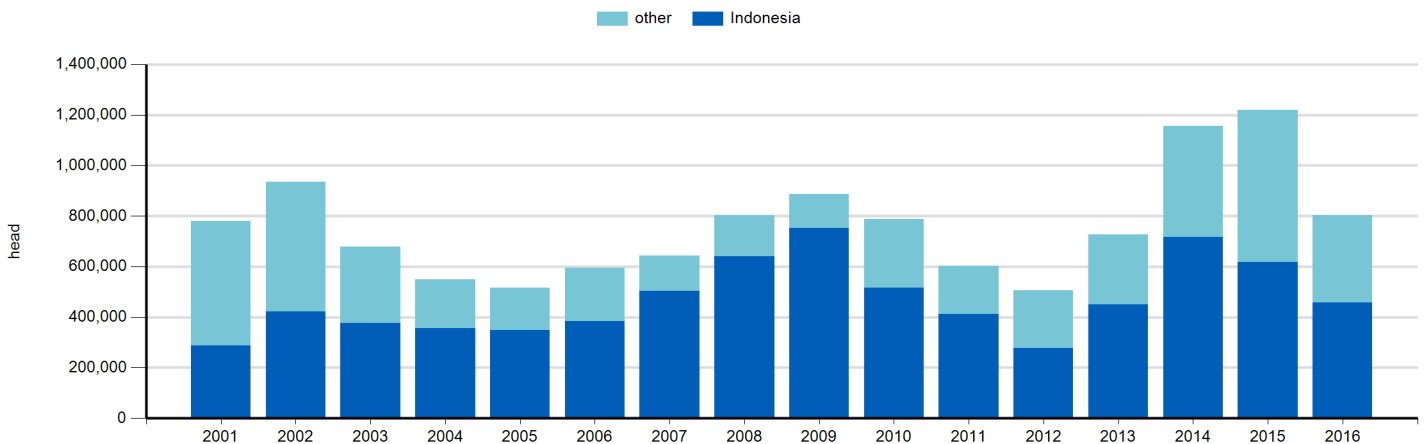
All pricing data is collected by Meat and Livestock Australia from a range of sources.

Figure 1 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports



Source: ABS, DAWR

Figure 2 Feeder and slaughter cattle exports***



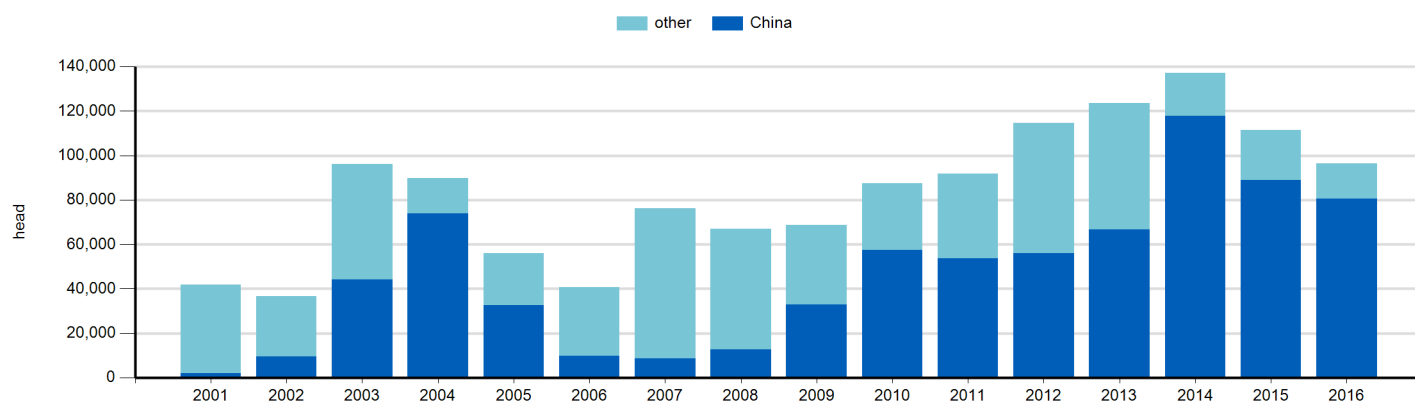
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Table 3 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports by destination

Unit = head Destination market	2016			12 months ending 2016 October	12 months ending 2015 October	% change	head change
	Oct	Sep	Aug				
Bangladesh				70			70
China	4,000	9,924	6,568	104,929	90,100	16%	14,829
Indonesia	1,986			3,430	2,221	54%	1,209
Japan				303	24	1163%	279
Kuwait				3,170	294	978%	2,876
Laos				930			930
Malaysia	796	48	190	2,721	2,361	15%	360
New Caledonia					5	-100%	-5
Pakistan				3,507	1,989	76%	1,518
Philippines				240			240
Qatar					360	-100%	-360
Russian Federation				1,152	2,279	-49%	-1,127
Samoa					46	-100%	-46
Singapore					30	-100%	-30
Sri Lanka					2,498	-100%	-2,498
Taiwan	204			832	3	27633%	829
Thailand			29	31			31
Turkey				3,475			3,475
UAE				323	149	117%	174
Vietnam		489	1,699	2,729	6,363	-57%	-3,634
Total volume	6,986	10,461	8,486	127,842	108,722	18%	19,120

Table 4 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports by port

Year		Total	Portland	Geelong	Sydney	Melbourne	Port Adelaide	Fremantle	Darwin	Other
2015	Nov	13,064	11,777		379	722				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	12,272	7,917	3,828	90	435				2
	Jun	12,666	8,721			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 **	6,986								

Figure 3 Beef and dairy breeder cattle exports***

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Table 5 Sheep exports by destination

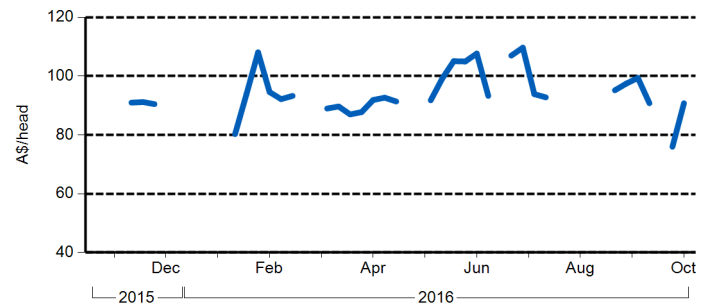
Unit = head	2016			12 months ending 2016 October	12 months ending 2015 October	% change	head change
	Destination market	Oct	Sep				
Argentina				41	24	71%	17
Bahrain					385,000	-100%	-385,000
Bangladesh				50			50
Brunei				1,131			1,131
Chile					20	-100%	-20
China			2,449	4,982	16,540	-70%	-11,558
Egypt					9,500	-100%	-9,500
Fiji				77			77
Israel		26,479	15,000	129,699	111,000	17%	18,699
Jordan			35,000	182,700	228,500	-20%	-45,800
Kazakhstan					19	-100%	-19
Kuwait	112,449	27,415	53,500	733,158	497,543	47%	235,615
Lebanon				12,000			12,000
Malaysia	3,324	6,423	13,976	63,048	47,277	33%	15,771
New Zealand			5	10	2	400%	8
Oman	5,000	5,000	29,240	84,740	84,804	0%	-64
Philippines				116	284	-59%	-168
Qatar	63,000	30,000	60,000	549,000	349,162	57%	199,838
Samoa					14	-100%	-14
Singapore		2,100		2,100	1,980	6%	120
UAE	39,666	8,000	36,169	202,124	274,164	-26%	-72,040
Uruguay				70			70
Total volume	223,439	105,417	245,339	1,965,046	2,005,833	-2%	-40,787

Figure 4 Sheep exports by region - past 12 months



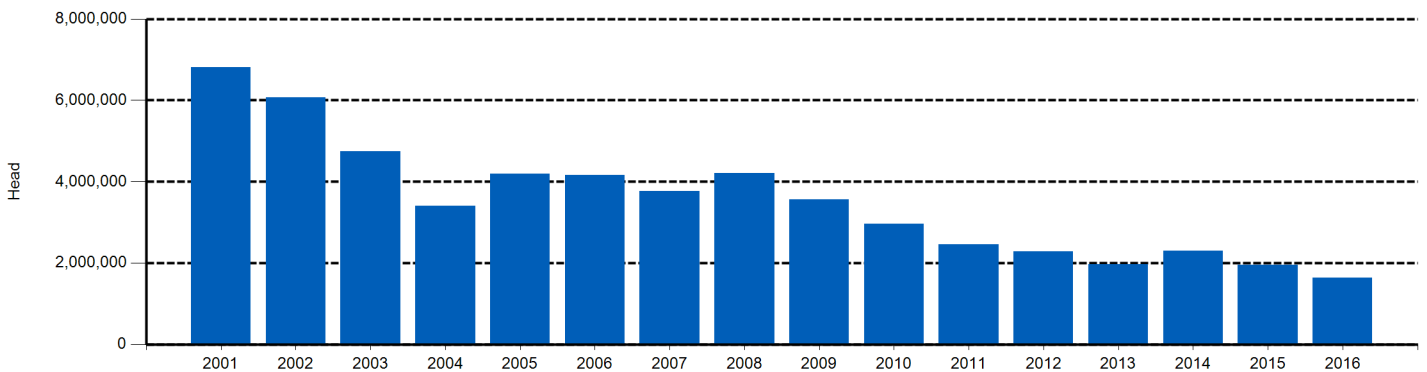
Source: ABS, DAWR

Figure 5 WA live export wether price



Source: MLA Muchea saleyard market report
Please note, prices include up to the end of the previous month and may not include the latest trends

Figure 6 Sheep exports***



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Figure 7 Sheep exports by state - past 12 months



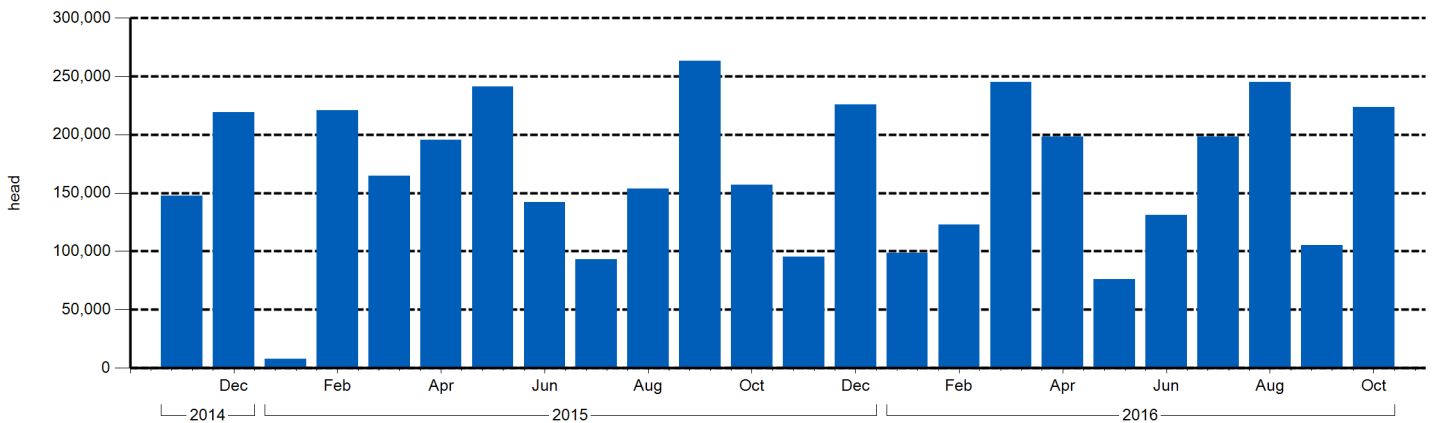
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Table 6 Sheep exports by port

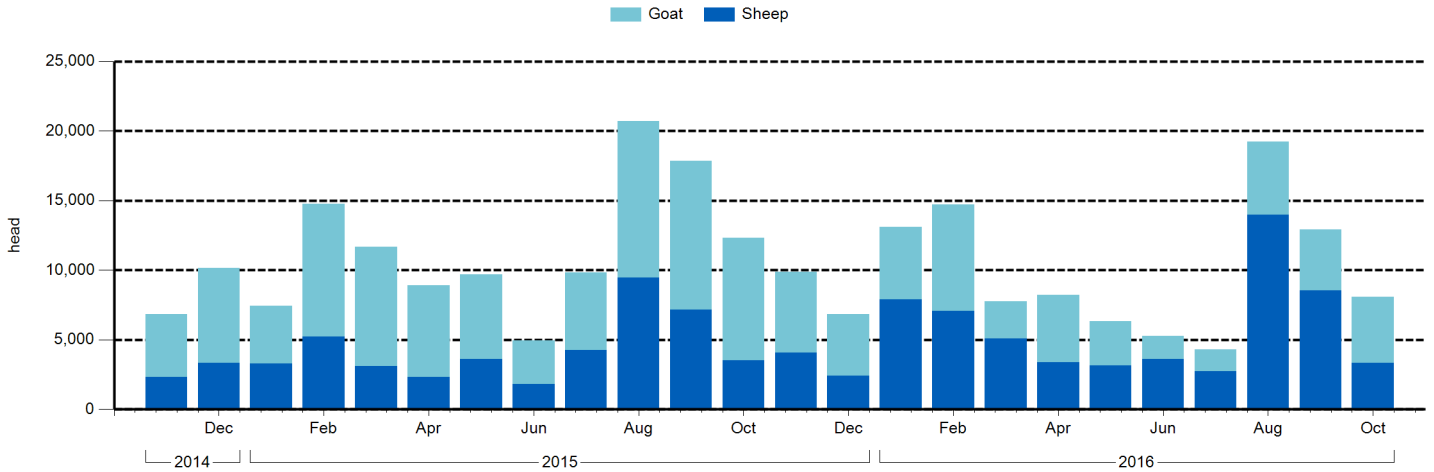
Year		Total	Fremantle	Port Adelaide	Perth	Portland	Sydney	Melbourne	Adelaide	Other
2015	May	241,376	198,470	38,000	936		296	1,300	2,374	
	Jun	142,121	91,592		2,087	41,946	245	5,408	843	
	Jul	92,816	84,690	3,900	1,020				3,206	
	Aug	153,713	149,709		1,515		1,293		1,196	
	Sep	263,258	207,156	45,000	6,182		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	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 **	223,439								

Figure 8 Sheep exports



Source: ABS, DAWR

Figure 9 Goat and sheep exports to Malaysia & Singapore

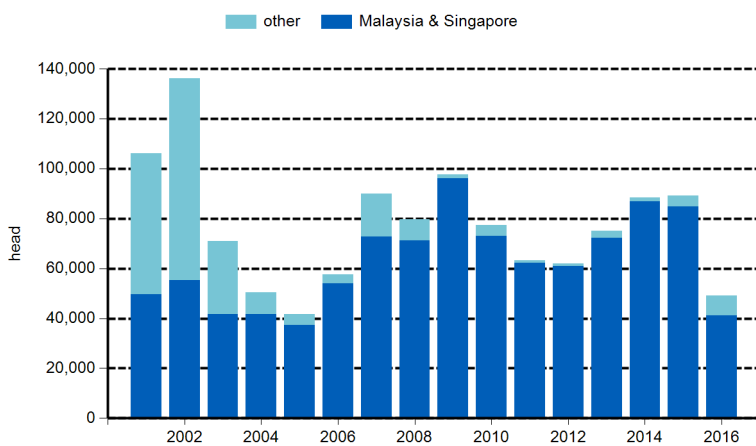


Source: ABS, DAWR

Table 7 Goat exports by destination

Unit = head Destination market	2016			12 months ending 2016 October	12 months ending 2015 October	% change	head change
	Oct	Sep	Aug				
Brunei				647	1,000	-35%	-353
Fiji				75			75
Indonesia					211	-100%	-211
Malaysia	4,757	4,390	5,258	51,405	85,554	-40%	-34,149
Nepal				166	79	110%	87
New Zealand				7	1	600%	6
Philippines				550	508	8%	42
Singapore					345	-100%	-345
UAE			630	6,400	2,419	165%	3,981
Vietnam				679			679
Total volume	4,757	4,390	5,888	59,929	90,117	-33%	-30,188


Figure 10 Goat exports***





Source: ABS, DAWR

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