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**Buy and sell MSA sheep & lambs**

**MSA eligible sheep categories:**

Category	Dentition	Description	Minimum HSCW (Kg)
<b>Young Lamb *YL*</b> Up to 5 months only	0	Carcase derived from female or castrate male ovine that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has 0 permanent incisor teeth (in addition):</li> <li>• has no eruption of permanent upper molar teeth</li> </ul>	≥16kg
<b>Lamb *L*</b> 12 months (approx.)	0	Female, castrate or entire male animal that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has 0 permanent incisor teeth</li> </ul>	≥18kg
<b>Hogget *H* or Yearling Mutton</b> 10 to 18 months	1-2	Carcase derived from female or castrate male ovine that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has 1 but no more than 2 permanent incisor teeth</li> <li>• in male has no evidence of secondary sexual characteristics (SSC)</li> </ul>	≥18kg
<b>Mutton *M*</b> Over 10 months	1-8	Female or castrate male animal that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has at least one (1) permanent incisor tooth</li> <li>• in male has no evidence of secondary sexual characteristics (SSC)</li> </ul>	≥18kg

A quick reference for:  
producers, agents and buyers



## Checklist to consigning MSA sheep and lambs

- Animals must be sourced from a registered MSA producer. Visit [www.mla.com.au/msa](http://www.mla.com.au/msa) to complete online registration providing immediate accreditation or download a registration form which will require 7 working days for processing.
- National Vendor Declaration (Sheep and Lambs) to be correctly filled out and accompany consignment to saleyards or processor.
- Include your MSA Producer Registration Number in Part A, question 7, on the NVD.
- Ensure transporters complete Section B of the NVD with details of when transport commenced.
- Sheep to be processed no later than 48 hours off feed (including on-farm curfew, transport and lairage).
- Minimum of 2 weeks at consignment property before dispatch.
- Minimum fat score 2 ( $\geq$  than 6mm).
- Sheep not to be shorn within 2 weeks prior to processing.
- Access to water at all times other than time required for sale.
- Recommended growth rates of a minimum of 100 grams/day for 2 weeks prior to consignment.
- Minimise animal stress.  
Use low stress handling and transport. Do not consign animals with sickness or severe signs of stress. Minimise the time between mustering and slaughter.
- Recommendation to prevent mixing and drafting of animals within 2 weeks of consignment.