



MERINO WETHERS (18 micron)

Farm Enterprise Budget Series - 2025 (ave. wool and sheep price Apr to Sep)

Flock size: 1000 wethers
Wether body weight: 53 kgs
DSE rating: 1.06 DSEs/wether

INCOME

Wool	number	class	kg /hd	\$/kg
Shear	980	Adult wethers	5.49	\$10.40
	175	wethers 5 months	1.14	\$5.09
Crutch	990	wethers	0.40	\$5.80
Sheep Sales	number	class	\$ /hd	
	158	CFA wethers	\$176.15	(23.3 kg cwt)
Fodder	tonnes	type	value per tonne	
Graz/fodder crop	0 t	0	\$0 /t	

A. Total Income:

VARIABLE COSTS

Replacements	number	class	cost (\$)/hd	
	175	wethers	\$136.00	(5 months)
Cartage	175	wethers	\$1.66	

Wool Harvesting & Selling Costs

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Shearing	1155	wethers	\$10.38	1
Crutching	990	wethers	\$2.12	1
Wool tax			1.50%	
Commission, warehouse, testing charges			\$47.21/ bale	
Wool - cartage	33	bales	\$16.00	
- packs	33	packs	\$15.70	

Sheep Health

Broadspectrum	825	wethers	\$1.83	2
	175	weaners	\$0.95	2
Narrowspectrum	1000	wethers	\$0.92	1
Lice control	1155	wethers	\$1.76	1
Fly control (long acting)	1000	wethers	\$2.87	1
Vaccination- 6 in 1	1000	wethers	\$0.46	1

Livestock Selling Costs

Livestock cartage	158	CFA wethers	\$1.66	
Commission on sheep sales			4.50%	
Levies (Yard dues, MLA Transaction levy and LLS rates)				

Pasture maintenance	106 ha	@	\$44 /ha	
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Fodder

			Supplementary feed @ \$330 /t	
Wether - Adult	825	3.2 kg/hd/week	\$0.33 /kg	4 weeks
Wether weaners	175	2.8 kg/hd/week	\$0.33 /kg	10 weeks
Total feed		15,461 kg	@	\$330
Graz/fodder crop	0 ha	@	\$0 /ha	

B. Total Variable Costs:

GROSS MARGIN (A-B)

GROSS MARGIN /WETHER

GROSS MARGIN /DSE

GROSS MARGIN /HA

excl. fodder

\$28,857.71

\$28.86

\$27.22

\$272.24

incl. fodder

\$23,755.60

\$23.76

\$22.41

\$224.11

ASSUMPTIONS MERINO WETHERS (18 micron)

1. Flock Parameters

Cull age	6.5 years	Adult mortality	2%
Replacement age	0.5 years	Body weight	53 kg
Productive life	5 years	DSE rating	1.06
Stocking rate/ha	10 dse's		

Sheep and wool prices thanks to MLA market reporting, AuctionsPlus and AWEX. Wool cuts based on wether trial data
 Pasture maintenance = 90kg/ha single super @ \$400t + \$8.00/ha application

2. Flock Structure

Sheep numbers are modified to reflect mortality throughout the year.

Age	No. of wethers
0.5	175
1.5	172
2.5	168
3.5	165
4.5	162
5.5	158
6.5	0
Total	1000

175 replacements bought
 158 CFA's sold

3. Wool Prices

	Micron	AWEX Type	Clean price	Yield	Greasy price	Specifications (all 35n/ktex)	Proportion of Clip
Merino Wether	18	MF4B.	\$16.19	68%	\$11.04	1%VMB, 90mm	80%
- Fleece GTM	17	MP5B.	\$15.31	58%	\$8.83	4.8%VMB, 80mm	15%
- Skirtings/bellies	18	MZ2B.	\$9.06	53%	\$4.80	2.9%VMB.	5%
- Cardings					\$10.40		used in budget

4. Sensitivity Table (incl. fodder costs)

Wool Cut kg/hd	Adult wether Greasy Wool Price \$/kg Greasy				
	\$5.20	\$7.80	\$10.40	\$13.00	\$15.60
2.74 kg	-\$15.43	-\$8.94	-\$2.45	\$4.05	\$10.54
4.11 kg	-\$9.54	\$0.20	\$9.94	\$19.69	\$29.43
5.49 kg	-\$3.56	\$9.42	\$22.41	\$35.40	\$48.39
6.86 kg	\$2.33	\$18.57	\$34.80	\$51.04	\$67.27
8.23 kg	\$8.31	\$27.79	\$47.27	\$66.75	\$86.23

Crutching \$/hd	Total shearing Cost \$/hd				
	\$5.19	\$7.78	\$10.38	\$12.97	\$15.57
\$1.06	\$29.05	\$26.23	\$23.40	\$20.57	\$17.75
\$1.59	\$28.56	\$25.73	\$22.91	\$20.08	\$17.25
\$2.12	\$28.06	\$25.24	\$22.41	\$19.58	\$16.76
\$2.65	\$27.57	\$24.74	\$21.92	\$19.09	\$16.26
\$3.17	\$27.08	\$24.25	\$21.42	\$18.60	\$15.77

CFA wethers \$/hd	Replacement wethers \$/hd				
	\$68.00	\$102.00	\$136.00	\$170.00	\$204.00
\$88.08	\$21.10	\$15.49	\$9.87	\$4.26	-\$1.35
\$132.11	\$27.37	\$21.76	\$16.14	\$10.53	\$4.92
\$176.15	\$33.64	\$28.02	\$22.41	\$16.80	\$11.18
\$220.19	\$39.91	\$34.29	\$28.68	\$23.07	\$17.45
\$264.23	\$46.17	\$40.56	\$34.95	\$29.34	\$23.72

Note: The above sensitivity tables vary price and quantities by +/- 25% and +/- 50%.

M.Weth. Wean. kg/hd/wk	Feeding Adult Wethers kg/hd/week				
	1.60 kg	2.40 kg	3.20 kg	4.00 kg	4.80 kg
1.4 kg	\$24.82	\$24.00	\$23.17	\$22.35	\$21.53
2.1 kg	\$24.44	\$23.61	\$22.79	\$21.97	\$21.15
2.8 kg	\$24.05	\$23.23	\$22.41	\$21.59	\$20.77
3.5 kg	\$23.67	\$22.85	\$22.03	\$21.21	\$20.39
4.2 kg	\$23.29	\$22.47	\$21.65	\$20.83	\$20.00

Adult Wethers kg/hd/wk	Grain price \$/Tonne				
	\$165.00	\$247.50	\$330.00	\$412.50	\$495.00
1.6 kg	\$25.64	\$24.85	\$24.05	\$23.26	\$22.47
2.4 kg	\$25.23	\$24.23	\$23.23	\$22.24	\$21.24
3.2 kg	\$24.82	\$23.61	\$22.41	\$21.21	\$20.00
4.0 kg	\$24.41	\$23.00	\$21.59	\$20.18	\$18.77
4.8 kg	\$24.00	\$22.38	\$20.77	\$19.15	\$17.54

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