

This week's unofficial Ending Value is \$138.50

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National Weekly Slaughter Sheep Review for w/e Friday, December 15, 2017

Comments: Compared to last week, negotiated purchases of slaughter lambs were steady to 3.00 lower on comparable sales.

Negotiated Purchases:

This Week: 5700 Last Week: 3700 Last Year: 6600

Domestic Slaughter Lambs

Choice and Prime:

Live Purchases:	Weight Range	Price Range	Wtd Avg Price
Wooled and Shorn	138-170 lbs	122.00-152.41	129.10

Formula Purchases:

Formula purchase information for previously slaughtered lambs (carcass basis)

Weighted Average Weight: 80.70 lbs

Weighted Average Net Price: 268.24

Weighted Average Dressing Percent: 50.62

Comprehensive Information:

Includes all Negotiated & Formula transactions submitted this week (carcass basis)

Weighted Average Weight: 79.31 lbs

Weighted Average Net Price: 265.63

Weighted Average Dressing Percent: 50.56

Note: Each lot of live basis transactions is converted to carcass basis using the estimated dressing percentage packers report for that lot. For example, a live price of \$131.30 divided by a dressing percentage of 50.51% equals a \$259.95 carcass basis price. These converted prices are aggregated with existing

carcass basis prices to determine the weighted average net price.

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