



British Wool
Marketing Board

Wool Statistics

Wool is a freely traded international commodity, subject to global supply and demand and representing only 1.5% world fibre production. While the BWMB only handles fleece wool, production figures also include skin wool from sheep handled through the abattoirs.

World

Sheep Population 000's

China – 158,490

CIS – 85,501

Australia – 72,612

India – 63,770

Sudan – 52,535

Iran – 50,255

Nigeria – 39,216

United Kingdom – 33,989

New Zealand – 29,800

Pakistan – 28,754

Turkey – 27,350

Algeria – 26,544

Ethiopia – 26,543

South Africa – 24,913

Mongolia – 23,209

Other Countries – 404,819

Source: IWTO Wool Statistics 2015

World Total:
(Including other Countries)
1,148,300

World Production of *Clean Raw Wool*

Australia* – 273,878

China – 176,198

CIS – 121,895

New Zealand* – 117,048

India – 38,400

South Africa* – 30,744

Sudan – 28,083

Iran – 27,825

Argentina* – 27,196

Turkey – 25,973

United Kingdom – 21,672

Other Countries – 274,284

Measured in tonnes

*Production on seasonal basis (eg 2014/15)

Source: IWTO Wool Statistics 2015

World Total:
(Including other Countries)
1,163,196