Lamb

Livestock, meat & dairy

Meat from sheep, sold as lamb (under a year old) or mutton, and traded mostly frozen.

Key facts

World production, 2024
11.5 million tonnes

Top producer
China, 23%

Top exporter, sheep and goat meat (HS 0204), 2024
Australia, 42% of export value

Benchmark price, September 2026
$7.26/kg
New Zealand, frozen carcass, wholesale London; +16% over 12 months

HS code
0204 Meat of sheep or goats, fresh, chilled or frozen

FAOSTAT item
977 Meat of sheep, fresh or chilled

Also called
sheep meat, mutton, lamb meat, ovine meat

Top producers, 2024

Country	Tonnes	Share
China	2.6 million	23%
India	1.3 million	11%
Australia	927,230	8%

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Turkey (Türkiye)	509,539	4.4%
New Zealand	449,606	3.9%

FAOSTAT Crops and livestock products (QCL), 2024.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
Australia	3.8 billion USD	42%
New Zealand	2.2 billion USD	25%
United Kingdom	696.1 million USD	7.7%
Ireland	425.6 million USD	4.7%
Spain	292.9 million USD	3.3%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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