

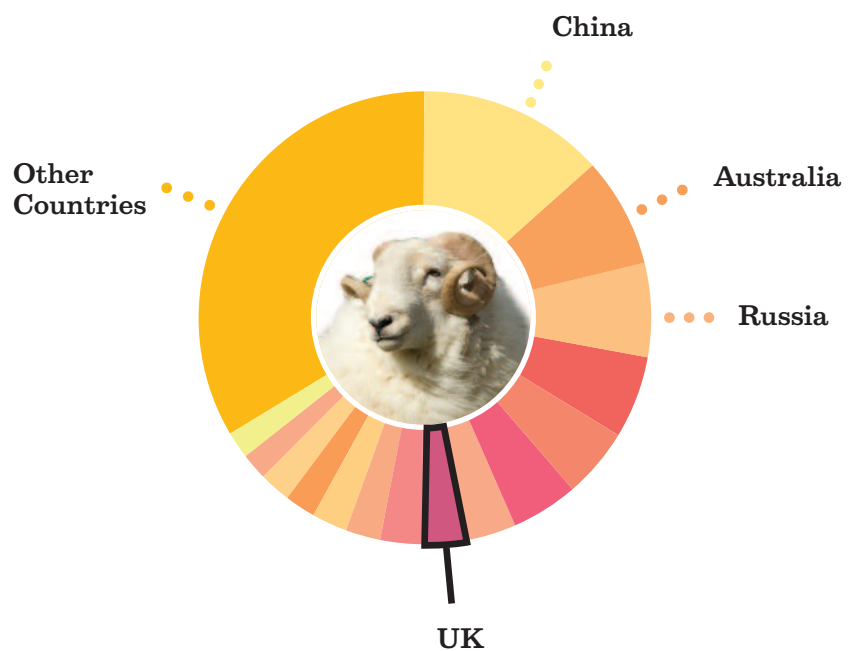
Wool Statistics



Wool is a freely traded international commodity, subject to global supply and demand and representing only 3% world fibre production. While the BWMB only handles fleece wool, production figures also include skin wool from sheep handled through the abattoirs.

World Sheep Populations 2008

	000 head
China	136,430
Australia	76,900
Russia	74,844
India	64,989
Iran	53,800
Sudan	51,100
New Zealand	34,100
Nigeria	33,874
United Kingdom	33,131
Pakistan	27,111
South Africa	25,233
Ethiopia	25,017
Turkey	23,975
Syria	23,050
Spain	22,050
World Total (inc. other countries)	1,080,780



World Production of Raw Wool (Clean Wool Equivalent) 2008

	Tonnes
Australia	283,484
China	179,485
New Zealand	154,691
Russia	96,032
Argentina	38,461
India	37,120
UK	33,750
Uruguay	29,743
South Africa	27,395
Iran	25,455
World Total (inc. other countries)	1,191,117

