

**TABLE C7. Upland sheep gross margins in Wales, 2005/06.**

<b>Flock Size</b>	<b>&lt;400</b>	<b>&gt;400</b>	<b>All flocks</b>
Number of flocks	62	54	116
Average farm area - actual hectares	81.62	143.42	110.39
- effective hectares	76.25	136.10	104.11
Average size of farm business (ESU)	45.39	66.22	55.09
Flock size (numbers)	208	821	493
Lambs reared per ewe	1.25	1.33	1.32
Finished lambs sold per ewe	1.15	1.19	1.18
<b>OUTPUT (£ per ewe)</b>			
Lamb sales - store	0.99	0.64	0.72
- finished	50.90	53.94	53.25
Ewe and ram sales	7.10	2.48	3.52
Other sheep sales	3.61	4.11	4.00
Wool sales	1.51	1.31	1.35
Sheep compensation - Chernobyl	0.00	0.01	0.00
Closing valuation	58.44	55.95	56.51
Less - purchases	10.95	9.65	9.94
- opening valuation	59.78	55.78	56.68
<b>Gross output</b>	<b>51.82</b>	<b>53.01</b>	<b>52.73</b>
<b>VARIABLE COSTS (£ per ewe)</b>			
Purchased concentrates	8.40	8.51	8.49
Home grown concentrates	0.76	0.33	0.43
Coarse fodder and tack	0.68	0.92	0.86
Veterinary and medicines	3.64	3.58	3.60
Sheep other livestock costs	5.55	3.42	3.90
Allocatable contracting	0.83	0.72	0.75
<b>Total variable costs</b>	<b>19.86</b>	<b>17.48</b>	<b>18.03</b>
<b>Gross margin before forage costs</b>	<b>31.96</b>	<b>35.53</b>	<b>34.70</b>
Forage variable costs per ewe	8.71	10.48	10.09
<b>Gross margin including forage costs</b>	<b>23.25</b>	<b>25.05</b>	<b>24.61</b>
<b>SHEEP FORAGE VARIABLE COSTS (£ per ewe)</b>			
Fertilisers, seeds and sprays	4.93	5.12	5.08
Forage contracting	2.23	2.01	2.06
Grass keep	0.94	2.96	2.51
Other forage costs	0.61	0.39	0.44
<b>Total forage variable costs to sheep</b>	<b>8.71</b>	<b>10.48</b>	<b>10.09</b>
% of forage costs to sheep	28.65	60.14	43.31