

TABLE C7. Upland sheep gross margins in Wales, 2007/08.

Flock Size	<400	>400	All flocks
Number of flocks	54.00	60.00	114.00
Average farm area - actual hectares	86.94	137.66	113.63
- effective hectares	79.53	131.58	106.93
Average size of farm business (ESU)	49.31	59.98	54.93
Flock size (numbers)	183.26	782.05	498.41
Lambs reared per ewe	1.20	1.34	1.32
Finished lambs sold per ewe	1.17	1.25	1.24
OUTPUT (£ per ewe)			
Lamb sales - store	1.19	0.66	0.75
- finished	51.91	54.80	54.30
Ewe and ram sales	6.67	1.91	2.74
Other sheep sales	5.58	6.40	6.26
Wool sales	0.48	0.36	0.38
Sheep compensation - Chernobyl	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing valuation	62.44	54.57	55.94
Less - purchases	9.05	9.88	9.74
- opening valuation	64.29	54.92	56.55
Gross output	54.93	53.90	54.08
VARIABLE COSTS (£ per ewe)			
Purchased concentrates	9.86	10.94	10.75
Home grown concentrates	1.52	0.81	0.93
Coarse fodder and tack	1.01	1.12	1.10
Veterinary and medicines	3.83	3.43	3.50
Sheep other livestock costs	5.18	5.21	5.21
Allocatable contracting	0.18	0.26	0.24
Total variable costs	21.58	21.77	21.73
Gross margin before forage costs	33.35	32.13	32.35
Forage variable costs per ewe	11.01	10.69	10.75
Gross margin including forage costs	22.34	21.44	21.60
SHEEP FORAGE VARIABLE COSTS (£ per ewe)			
Fertilisers, seeds and sprays	5.70	5.93	5.89
Forage contracting	3.30	1.99	2.22
Grass keep	1.40	2.27	2.12
Other forage costs	0.61	0.50	0.52
Total forage variable costs to sheep	11.01	10.69	10.75
% of forage variable costs to sheep	24.60	63.66	45.16