

TABLE C8. Lowland sheep gross margins in Wales, 2008/09.

| Flock Size | <300 | >300 | All flocks |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Number of flocks | 28 | 25 | 53 |
| Average farm area - actual hectares | 91 | 139 | 114 |
| - effective hectares | 86 | 131 | 107 |
| Average size of farm business (ESU) | 61 | 65 | 63 |
| Flock size (numbers) | 141 | 652 | 382 |
| Lambs reared per ewe | 1.47 | 1.40 | 1.41 |
| Finished lambs sold per ewe | 1.75 | 1.31 | 1.40 |
| OUTPUT (£ per ewe) | | | |
| Lamb sales - store | 0.00 | 0.24 | 0.19 |
| - finished | 105.66 | 76.05 | 81.83 |
| Ewe and ram sales | 0.53 | 0.82 | 0.76 |
| Other sheep sales | 9.17 | 7.07 | 7.48 |
| Wool sales | 1.11 | 0.88 | 0.93 |
| Miscellaneous output | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Closing valuation | 78.51 | 66.01 | 68.45 |
| Less - purchases | 22.51 | 11.68 | 13.79 |
| - opening valuation | 82.66 | 64.30 | 67.89 |
| Gross output | 89.81 | 75.09 | 77.96 |
| VARIABLE COSTS (£ per ewe) | | | |
| Purchased concentrates | 13.99 | 9.23 | 10.16 |
| Home grown concentrates | 1.28 | 2.50 | 2.26 |
| Coarse fodder and tack | 0.06 | 1.16 | 0.94 |
| Veterinary and medicines | 5.54 | 3.82 | 4.16 |
| Sheep other livestock costs | 8.65 | 7.15 | 7.44 |
| Allocatable contracting | 0.29 | 0.21 | 0.23 |
| Total variable costs | 29.81 | 24.07 | 25.19 |
| Gross margin before forage costs | 60.00 | 51.02 | 52.77 |
| Forage variable costs per ewe | 20.99 | 12.29 | 14.00 |
| Gross margin including forage costs | 39.01 | 38.73 | 38.77 |
| SHEEP FORAGE VARIABLE COSTS (£ per ewe) | | | |
| Fertilisers, seeds and sprays | 13.92 | 7.88 | 9.06 |
| Forage contracting | 3.69 | 2.39 | 2.65 |
| Grass keep | 1.80 | 1.25 | 1.36 |
| Other forage costs | 1.58 | 0.77 | 0.93 |
| Total forage variable costs to sheep | 20.99 | 12.29 | 14.00 |
| % of forage variable costs to sheep | 22.51 | 59.79 | 40.09 |