

TABLE C7. Upland sheep gross margins in Wales, 2008/09.

Flock Size	<400	>400	All flocks
Number of flocks	47	54	101
Average farm area - actual hectares	90	144	119
- effective hectares	82	138	112
Average size of farm business (ESU)	45	58	52
Flock size (numbers)	194	790	513
Lambs reared per ewe	1.24	1.36	1.34
Finished lambs sold per ewe	1.10	1.28	1.25
OUTPUT (£ per ewe)			
Lamb sales - store	1.16	1.06	1.08
- finished	62.69	71.52	69.96
Ewe and ram sales	2.83	3.41	3.31
Other sheep sales	7.43	9.59	9.20
Wool sales	0.84	0.81	0.82
Miscellaneous output	0.01	0.00	0.00
Closing valuation	58.60	56.05	56.50
Less - purchases	10.72	13.36	12.90
- opening valuation	58.97	57.35	57.64
Gross output	63.87	71.73	70.33
VARIABLE COSTS (£ per ewe)			
Purchased concentrates	10.61	13.98	13.39
Home grown concentrates	0.92	0.97	0.96
Coarse fodder and tack	1.14	1.10	1.11
Veterinary and medicines	4.32	4.31	4.31
Sheep other livestock costs	5.85	6.03	6.00
Allocatable contracting	0.22	0.14	0.15
Total variable costs	23.06	26.53	25.92
Gross margin before forage costs	40.81	45.20	44.41
Forage variable costs per ewe	12.86	13.61	13.49
Gross margin including forage costs	27.95	31.59	30.92
SHEEP FORAGE VARIABLE COSTS (£ per ewe)			
Fertilisers, seeds and sprays	7.25	8.00	7.87
Forage contracting	3.72	2.64	2.83
Grass keep	1.02	2.40	2.16
Other forage costs	0.87	0.57	0.63
Total forage variable costs to sheep	12.86	13.61	13.49
% of forage variable costs to sheep	29.29	63.71	47.69
