

# Is it worth keeping sheep?

## Example only

**Type of sheep**      Adult ewes early pregnancy  
**Situation**              Fully hand fed a minimum ration

### Feed costs

Per week	2.5 kg barley	X	25c	=	62.5c
	1.0 kg hay	X	15c	=	15c
	1.5% stocklime	X	48c	=	1.8c
	0.5% salt	X	33	=	0.4c
	<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>79.70 c/week</b>

To June	34 weeks	X	\$0.797	=	\$27.10
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<b>Variable costs</b>	<b>\$16.00</b>
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### Income

Wool 6 kg	X	450 c a kg	=	\$27.00
Lamb 85%	X	\$70	=	\$59.50
Lamb's wool 1.5 kg X 85%X		450 c a kg	=	\$ 5.74
Increase in the value of the sheep				?

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$92.24+</b>
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### Return on labour and risk

Income	\$92+
Feed costs	\$27
Variable costs	\$16

<b>RETURN</b>	<b>\$49+</b>
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### Assumptions

- Feed, labour and water are available
- Sheep are strong and healthy at the start (culls have been removed)
- Rams are available
- Ewes enter late pregnancy after 1st June
- Adequate paddock feed is available by 1st of June

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 Situation .....

## Feed costs

Per week	kg	X	c	=	c
	kg	X	c	=	c
	kg	X	c	=	c
	1.5% stocklime	X	c	=	c
	0.5% salt	X	c	=	c
TOTAL					c/week

To .....	..... weeks	X	\$....	=	\$.....
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<b>Variable costs</b>	\$.....
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## Income

Wool ....kg	X	.....c a kg	=	\$
Lamb ....%	X	\$ .....	=	\$
Lamb's wool ..... kg	X	.....c a kg	=	\$
Increase in the value of the sheep				\$

TOTAL	\$
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## Return on labour and risk

Income	\$
Feed costs	\$
Variable costs	\$

RETURN	\$
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