

## Dressing Out Percentage – Lambs

The formula for estimating Dressing Out Percentage is:

Hot carcass weight is calculated:

(Liveweight (kg) x 0.473-1.92) x 1.045 and the standard is taken as 43% for a 13.5kg hot carcass.

$$\text{Dressing \%} = \frac{\text{Hot carcass weight}}{\text{Liveweight without fasting}} \times \frac{100}{1}$$

The table below gives full liveweight, carcass weight and dressing out relationship based on shorn wether lambs from a long woolled breed.

Full Live Weight (kg)	Hot Carcass Weight (kg)	Dressing %	Full Live Weight (kg)	Hot Carcass Weight (kg)	Dressing %
15	5.4	36.1	39	17.3	44.3
16	5.9	36.9	40	17.8	44.4
17	6.4	37.6	41	18.3	44.5
18	6.9	38.3	42	18.8	44.7
19	7.4	38.9	43	19.2	44.8
20	7.9	39.4	44	19.7	44.9
21	8.4	39.9	45	20.2	45.0
22	8.9	40.3	46	20.7	45.1
23	9.4	40.7	47	21.2	45.2
24	9.9	41.1	48	21.7	45.2
25	10.4	41.4	49	22.2	45.3
26	10.8	41.7	50	22.7	45.4
27	11.3	42.0	51	23.2	45.5
28	11.8	42.3	52	23.7	45.6
29	12.3	42.5	53	24.2	45.6
30	12.8	42.7	54	24.7	45.7
31	13.3	43.0	55	25.2	45.8
32	13.8	43.2	56	25.7	45.8
33	14.3	43.3	57	26.2	45.9
34	14.8	43.5	58	26.7	46.0
35	15.3	43.7	59	27.2	46.0
36	15.8	43.9	60	27.7	46.1
37	16.3	44.0	61	28.1	46.1
38	16.8	44.1			

Full liveweight is taken to be lambs weighed immediately off pasture.