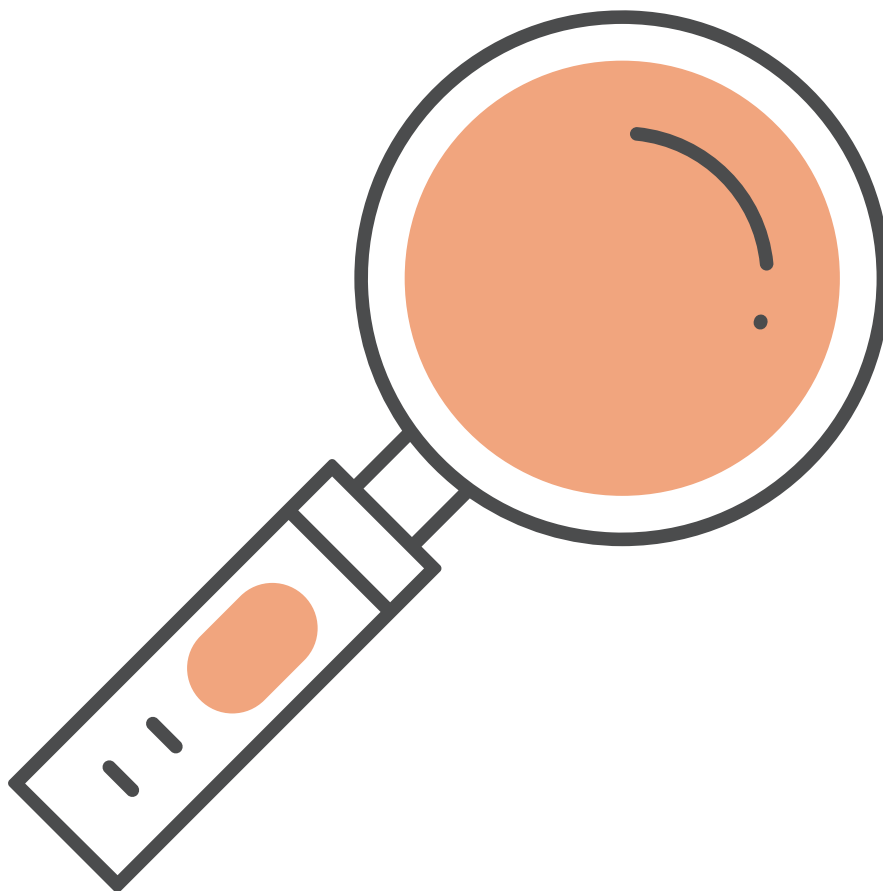


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Animal welfare considerations

- Extended time in feedlots
- Live export
- Long distance transport
- Painful husbandry procedures such as castration, tail docking and mulesing (or other breech modification)



If you have specific questions or challenges arising from your supply chain analysis, get in touch with [RSPCA Australia](#).

Product range

Meat: lamb, mutton, fresh, processed, offal

By-products: pet food, pet treats, ears, gelatine

Step one

Where is sheep meat used in your business?

- Are you using sheep meat on site?
- Are you buying in products that contain sheep meat?

What sheep meat is used in your business?

- Is the sheep meat used on site fresh or processed?

Step two

For each type of sheep meat used in your business, ask your supplier:

- Is the sheep meat certified by a third party? If so, which certification program.
- Is the method of production labelled?
- Is your supplier also the producer? If not, how many suppliers/processors are involved in the chain back to the producer?
- Does the producer also supply sheep to the live export trade?
- Is the sheep meat produced in Australia?
- Has the sheep meat come from an animal that has spent time in a feedlot?
- What husbandry practices are carried out and how?
- What is the method of transport and killing/slaughter?

For each product containing sheep meat used in your business, ask your supplier:

- Is the sheep meat certified by a third party? If so, which certification program?
- Can the sheep meat ingredient be traced back to the producer?
- Is the sheep meat used in the product from Australia?
- What is the method of production for the sheep meat?
- What type of sheep meat product is used?
- Is the sheep meat certified by a third party? If so, which Certification program.

Step three

Compile your findings to work out the following:

- The percentage of certified sheep meat in your business supply chain
- The proportion of Australian sheep meat and any imported product
- A list of all producers supplying your business
- Husbandry practices, farming methods, transport and slaughter methods

Step four

Review your organisation's current supply chain to identify the animal welfare issues using the information collected from the first three steps.

Step five

Implement plan within your organisation to address the identified issues. See RSPCA Australia's 'How to develop an animal welfare policy' for more information.