

Lamb production costs 2013/14



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pence per kg liveweight	All farms (average)	Bottom third (high cost)	Top third (low cost)
Feed and forage	79	99	62
Veterinary and medicines	11	13	9
Other	17	19	16
Total variable costs	108	131	88
Flock replacement	21	28	14
Paid labour	6	8	4
Power and machinery	48	69	32
Finance and general farm costs	39	56	24
Rent	7	12	4
Total fixed costs	101	146	65
Total costs	229	304	167
Own/spouse labour	46	64	33
Unpaid labour	10	11	10
Physical data summary			
Flock size - head	641	675	530
Lambs reared - per ewe	1.29	1.09	1.47
Weight of lamb produced per ewe - kg	51	39	60
Average lamb liveweight - kg	39	36	41
Lamb enterprise returns			
Enterprise returns (p/kg liveweight)	189	182	199
% total costs covered by enterprise returns	83	60	119

Data relates to financial year 2013/14, farms ranked by margin/kg.
Based on 136 farms – 89 hill, 22 upland and 25 lowland. Figures do not always add up due to rounding.
Data not comparable with last year due to a different sample basis.

Data source:
The Farm Business Survey in Wales