

# Hill Sheep Farms 2013



Sheep farms that have mountain or hill sheep flocks of ewes. Lambs are finished on the farm or sold as stores.

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- The average hill sheep flock size for those that completed a profit monitor for 2013 was 144.
- Average lambs reared per ewe joined to ram was 0.97.
- Average lamb sales price was €77.
- The combination of the low weaning rate and average lamb sales price resulted in a gross output per ewe joined to ram of €69.
- Variable costs per hill sheep ewe were €40. Purchased feed accounted for 45% of the variable costs at €18 per ewe.
- Gross margin on the hill sheep farms in 2013 was €29 per ewe.
- With average fixed costs of €34 per ewe, the hill sheep ewe was left with an average net loss excluding premia of - €5 per ewe in 2013.

Table 6 - Profit Monitor per ewe analysis (17 Farms)

Physical Performance	
Flock size	144
Lambs reared per ewe to ram	0.97
Average Lamb Price € / head	€77
Financial (€/ Ewe)	
Gross Output	€69
Purchased Feed	€18
Fertiliser & Lime	€8
Veterinary	€6
Contractor	€3
Other Variable Costs	€5
Total Variable Costs	€40
<b>Gross Margin</b>	<b>€29</b>
Total Fixed Costs	€34
<b>Net Profit Excl. Premia</b>	<b>-€5</b>

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Hill Sheep Variable Costs per Ewe 2013

