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Key to abbreviations:

n/a	not available
-	nil or negligible
p	provisional
m	million
um	micron metre (fibre diameter)
nmb	number
mkg	million kilogram
n/q	no quote
superfine wool	wool of 18.5 microns and finer
ABARES	Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
SUL	Secretariado Uruguayo de la Lana
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organisation
AWTA	Australian Wool Testing Authority
AWEX	Australian Wool Exchange
NZWTA	New Zealand Wool Testing Authority
FLA	Federacion Lanera Argentinas
CIRFS	European Man-Made Fibres Association (Comité International de la Rayonne et des Fibres Synthétiques)
USDA	USDA United States Department of Agriculture

NOTE: The trade data for 2015 reported in Chapters 5, 6 and 7 are preliminary. As such, they are subject to significant change.