



The Falkland Islands supports an extensive range-land based agriculture sector. The main product is wool, with an EU approved abattoir producing mutton and lamb for local and export markets and beef for local markets.

Wool produced in the Falklands is of superior length and is regarded as some of the whitest and cleanest wool in the world.

## Location

- 483km from South America
- Latitude: 51° - 53° South
- Longitude 57° - 62° West
- 3,200 Falkland Island residents (2016 census)

## Geography

- Total Land Area of 12,173km<sup>2</sup>
- Two main islands plus 778 smaller islands
- Topographically generally hilly
- Highest point is 705 m

## Climate

- Average annual rainfall range: 400—800mm
- Average temperature range: 2.2°C—9.4°C
- Average wind speed: 16kn (30km/h)

## Soils

- Organic (peaty) soils
- pH (water) 4.2-5.0
- Low in N, P, and Ca

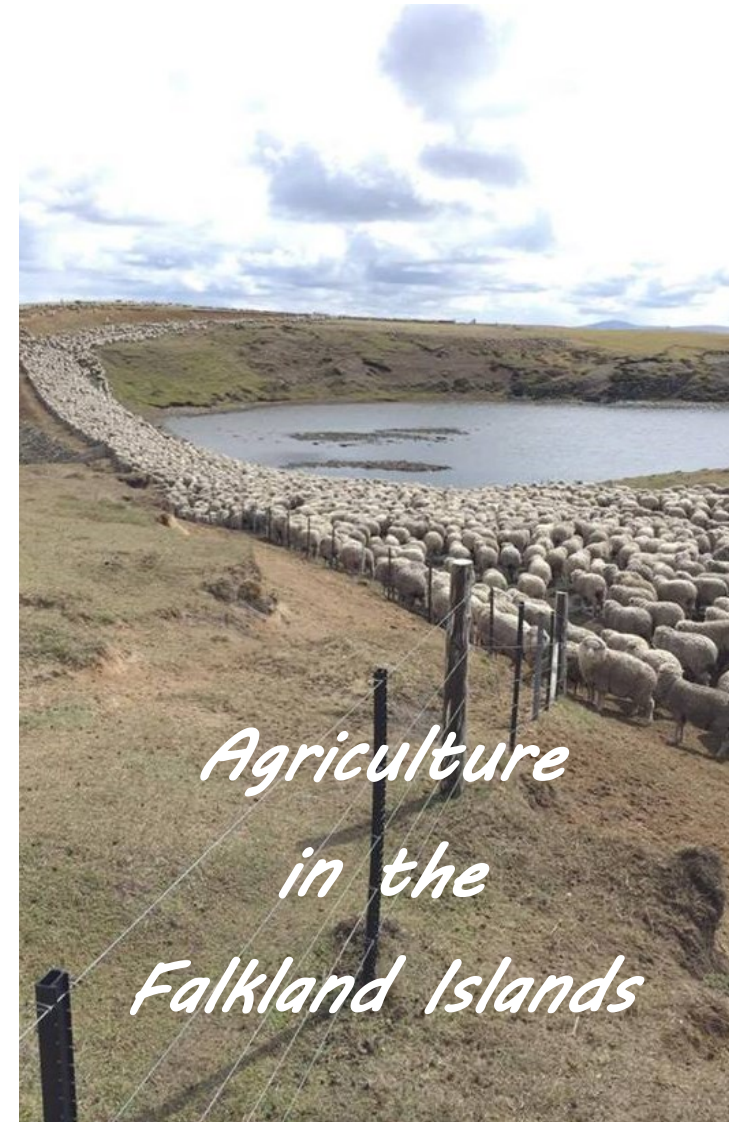
## Department of Agriculture

**Our Vision** - A prosperous and self-reliant agricultural sector that creates opportunities for Falkland Islanders and is highly valued locally and internationally.

**Our Mission** - To foster a viable and internationally competitive agricultural industry through integrated applied research, extension, business skills development and regulatory programmes.

## Goals

- Provide research and extension support to improve profitability and sustainability of farming businesses
- Evaluate advances in animal and plant science for adoption in the Falklands
- Improve reproductive performance of sheep flocks
- To improve genetics of sheep and cattle herds through Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transfer programmes
- To provide farms across the Falklands with superior sheep genetics via the National Stud Flock
- To assist with marketing of wool through:
  - Administering The 'Quality Falklands Wool' scheme for excellence in wool preparation.
  - Sampling, analysis and certification of wool
  - Encouraging value adding certification schemes (e.g. Organics)
- Protection of environment and agriculture through a risk based biosecurity system
- Promotion of environmentally sustainable responsible practices, such as conservation tillage, grazing management and habitat restoration



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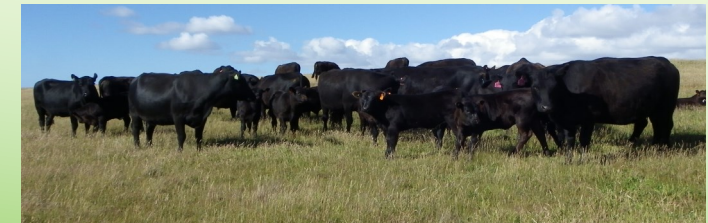
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# Falkland Island Farms

## Pastures and Cropping

Extensive rangeland based production systems, supported by:

247 ha annual forage planted (July 2019)

125 ha improved perennial pastures planted (July 2019)

## Sheep

Population: 476,017 (July 2019)

Breeds: Polwarth and Corriedale with increasing Merino

## Wool Production (July 2019)

Total Wool Produced:

1,742,588kg (greasy)

Approx. 15,000,000 US\$

Average Fleece Weight: 3.62kg

Average Fibre Diameter: 23.6µm

Fibre Diameter Range: 16.8-30.1µm

## Cattle

Population: 4,638 (July 2019)

Breeds: Aberdeen

Angus, Hereford, Devon,

Murray Grey

**83 Farms Totalling 1,129,072 ha or approx. 92% of Land Area (mostly family owned)**

38 on East Falkland (601,454 ha)

34 on West Falkland (438,683 ha)

11 on Outer Islands (88,935ha)

## Abattoir slaughter

50,482 Sheep

565 Cattle

## Quality Control Standards

Falkland Islands Guide to Clip Preparation

Quality Falkland Wool

Business Skills Development

Wool & Meat Development

Fish, Animal & Plant Health

Biosecurity Strategy

