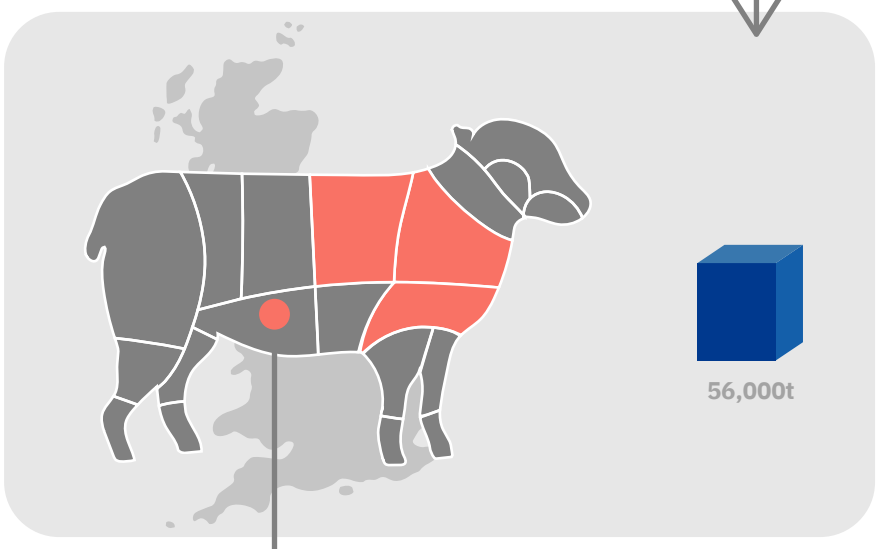
The UK Meat Sector

Why we need both Imports & Exports - Lamb

Want to know how the meat sector balances supply and demand to help consumers
Come along on the import and export journey to find out!

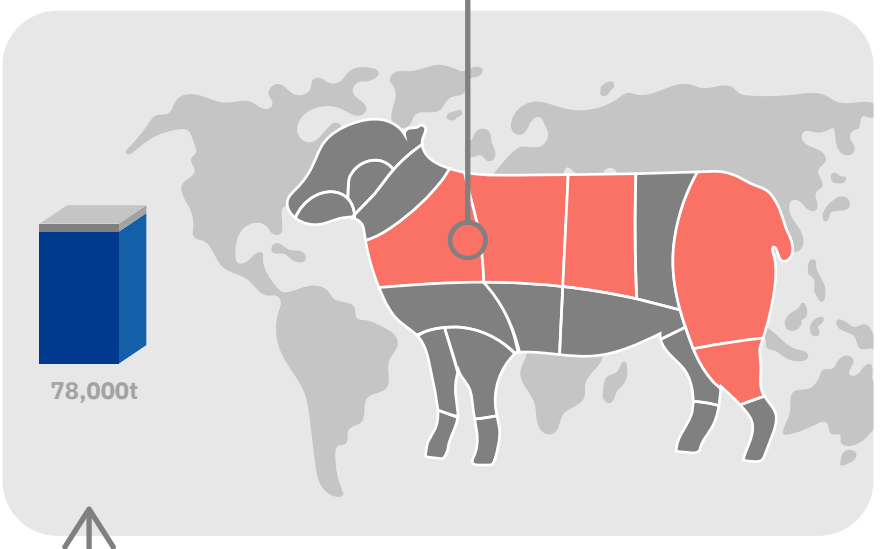
IMPORT: Boneless Lamb, Legs, Shoulders, Middles, Mutton, Trimmings

FOOD SECURITY | CONSUMER CHOICE



CHILLED & FROZEN

OFFAL



ACCESS TO MARKET | SUSTAINABLE UTILISATION

EXPORT: Carcases, Short Forequarters, Lamb Rack, Bones

Where do the cuts go - Look at the red shading and arrows to find out!
Red indicates more traded cuts, grey indicates less traded cuts

Why we import lamb legs and why it matters

9.9 mil legs

40 % production increase

74 mil kilos

A leg of lamb weighs approx. **2.5kg**

The UK imports **24.7 million kilos** of lamb legs which is equivalent to **9.9 million legs**

To meet this demand without imports, UK farmers would have to produce an additional **4.9 million lambs**

And find a market for the remaining 75% of the carcass, amounting to **74 million kilos**

Self suffieciency in lamb meat would require an additional 4.9 million lambs, which isn't feasible.

Reality Check

Northern & southern hemisphere supply chains balance seasonal demand.

Imports meet retailer requirements for delivering large volumes of consistent product over a short timeframe such as Easter when UK production is seasonally low.

