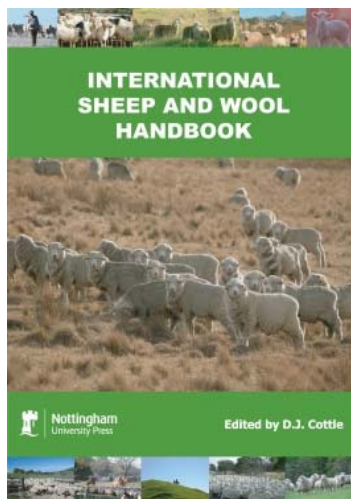




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This book covers a broad range of topics relevant to the sheep and wool industry in all the main regions of the world. Despite the importance of the sheep industry to Australia, the previous edition was the first publication to have brought together a comprehensive treatment of these topics. This revised book significantly expands on the earlier edition, containing 11 new chapters with all previous chapters updated and expanded. This book is fully international in scope, future developments in all areas are discussed and the sheep meat aspects of the industry are covered in more depth. The contributing authors are influential in the industry through their employment in international Universities, Departments of Primary Industry, research organisations and private companies.

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