

# Keeping ewe warm this Christmas



The Scottish Government has announced that three million Scottish sheep worked overtime last year to ensure we stay warm – and colourful – this festive season

Our farmyard friends produced enough wool – around six million kilos – to make, on average, four Christmas jumpers for each person in Scotland.

Sheep farmers went into shearing overdrive to guarantee we can be clad in a vast selection of bright, cheery, festive – and unashamedly – cheesy woolly jumpers.

Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead said: “It’s certainly been a busy year for our farmers and their sheep!

“Scottish wool is of the highest quality and this is the perfect time of year to wrap yourself up in it – with so many people enjoying wearing their Christmas jumpers.

“Christmas is a time for celebration – it’s a fantastic time of year to have fun, relax and enjoy quality time with family and friends. Hopefully our farmers – and their sheep – will have the chance to put their feet up and enjoy a break, but it won’t be long before they’re back to work to get our Christmas jumpers ready for next year!

“Not only does this news give us a little festive cheer, it’s also a great boost to our economy, with the sale of Scottish wool contributing around £7 million to the Scottish economy in the past year.”