



AHSLEA: Responsible Leather

Our Export Market

Australia is a world leader in hide, skin and leather exports — celebrated for consistent quality, innovation and excellence on the global stage.



A dependable global supplier

- Australia's proximity to Asia, political stability, and reliable supply chains make AHSLEA a trusted global partner.
- Driving innovation in sustainable, traceable, and premium leather production.
- Committed to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement across the global leather industry.

Meeting the world's highest standards

- Transforming by-products into premium, durable materials through world-class craftsmanship and technology.
- Shaping international trade and policy through active global collaboration and leadership.
- Supporting member excellence through benchmarking, research, and participation in major global leather fairs.

The Australian leather industry at a glance

- Export markets: 39
- Leather processors: 43
- Employment: 1,400+ people
- Export value: A\$598 million
- Cattle herd: 28.5 million
- Sheep flock: 75 million

Responsibly sourced, independently verified

- AHSLEA members source exclusively from ethical, accredited meatworks certified under Australia's livestock welfare standards — recovering over 8 million cattle hides and 26 million skins annually.
- Guided by a comprehensive sustainability framework that aligns with global best practice in environmental, economic, and social responsibility.
- Independently verified through Leather Working Group (LWG) audits, with many Australian processors achieving Gold-rated status for excellence.



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AUSTRALIAN HIDE, SKIN
& LEATHER EXPORTERS
ASSOCIATION

AHSLEA represents Australia's leading exporters of hides, skins, and leather.

Our sustainability framework shapes the industry's approach to environmental, economic, and social responsibility — addressing growing demands for transparency from regulators and consumers.

Aligned with broader agricultural initiatives, it ensures our industry remains future-focused, accountable, and competitive — fostering a resilient and trusted sector for generations to come.

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