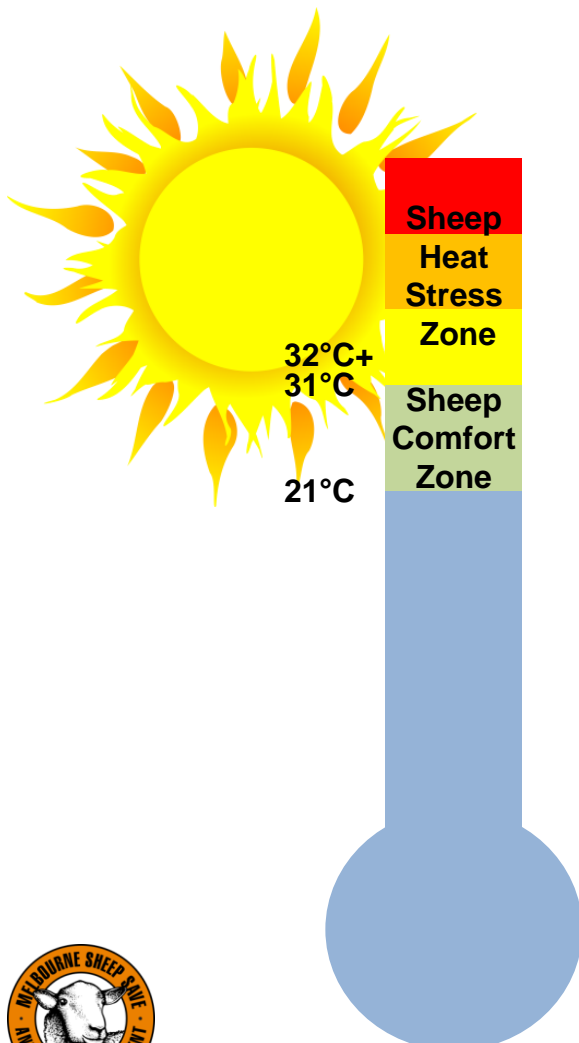


# Heat Stress in Sheep

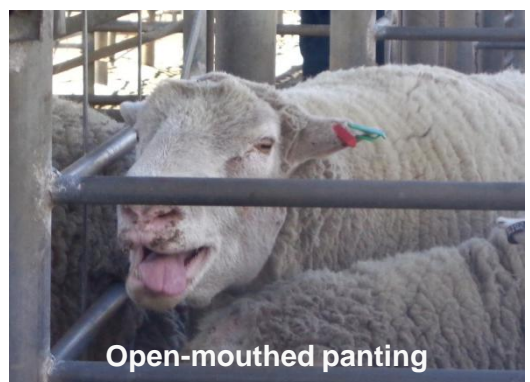


Sheep are undeniably adversely affected by the high temperature extremes in Australia and can suffer heat stroke and death as a result. Agriculture Victoria recommends sheep receive shelter from this in its guidelines, however there is no legal requirement to do so. Many farms provide little or no shelter so, as a result, millions of sheep are at the mercy of the extreme heat that is part of the Australian summer.



## Sheep heat stress characteristics

- ❖ Increased respiration and heart rate
- ❖ Crowding around water
- ❖ Hanging of head
- ❖ Open-mouthed panting
- ❖ General weakness and lethargy
- ❖ Aimless walking



Credit: Animal Abuse at Australian Saleyards

