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WOOLLIES ON THEIR WAY

They may look sheepish but they are doing a good job. Australia's number one industry is going full speed ahead. First the shearing as it's called. It cleans the inside surface before the fleece is transferred to the tanning bath. There, an ingenious combination of rollers and filters distributes the chemicals so that every inch of the wool is evenly tanned. Automatic combing machines remove the loose hair and raises and softens the surface. Sanded wheels next give the fleece a smooth and pliable finish. Finally a rotating cage makes the fleeces free from dust. Experts sort and pack the fleeces ready for shipment and here are twenty thousand woollies on their way.