

sheep and goats



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SHEEP AND LAMBS: The inventory of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 1974 is 16.5 million head, a decline of 7 percent during 1973.

Stock sheep numbers were down 7 percent and totaled nearly 13.9 million as 1974 started. This decline included ewes one year old and older down 7 percent at 11.2 million head; rams and wethers one year old and older down 3 percent at 470,000; ewe lambs under one year down 3 percent at 1.8 million; and wethers and ram lambs number 367,000 up 3 percent.

The 26 principal sheep feeding States have nearly 2.7 million on feed for slaughter market, down 7 percent from a year earlier.

The total value of all sheep and lambs at \$32.70 per head was \$541 million. This compares with a value of \$26.40 per head for a total of \$468 million for January 1, 1973.

The inventory of goats and kids on Texas farms and ranches was 1,350,000, a decrease of 16 percent over a year earlier. Total value was 19.6 million with an average value of \$14.50 per head. Previous years' values were \$14.2 million total value and \$8.90 average value per head.

The 1973 United States lamb crop is estimated at 11.5 million head, 8 percent less than the 1972 crop. On January 1, 1973 breeding ewes one year old and older were 6 percent below the previous year and ewe lambs under 1 year were down 4 percent.

Sheep: Number on farms and ranches, by classes and value per head and total value, United States, January 1, 1973-74

Class	1973	1974	1974 as %
	1,000 head		of 1973
All Sheep and Lambs	17,724	16,545	93
On feed	2,872	2,660	93
Stock Sheep	14,852	13,885	93
Lambs			
Ewe	1,896	1,833	97
Wether and Ram	355	367	103
One year and older			
Ewes	12,116	11,215	93
Rams & Wethers	484	470	97
	1973	1974	
		Dollars	
All Sheep and Lambs--Value per head <u>1/</u>	26.40		32.70
		1,000 dollars	
All Sheep and Lambs--Total Value <u>1/</u>	467,914		540,651

1/ Based on reporter's estimates of average price per head in their localities.

Goats: Inventory, value per head and total value, Texas
January 1, 1973-74

Year	Number	Value	
		Per head	Total
	1,000 head	Dollars	1,000 dollars
1973	1,600	8.90	14,240
1974	1,350	14.50	19,575

All Sheep and Lambs: Number on farms, total value, and value per head,
by States, January 1, 1973-74

State	Number		1974 as % of 1973	Total value		Value per head	
	1973	1974		1973	1974	1973	1974
	1,000 head		percent	1,000 dollars		dollars	
Alabama	5	4.6	92	98	108	19.50	23.50
Alaska	16	14	88	488	707	30.50	50.50
Arizona	502	497	99	11,797	13,916	23.50	28.00
Arkansas	6	6	100	117	153	19.50	25.50
California	1,071	1,122	105	34,808	44,880	32.50	40.00
Colorado	1,204	1,150	96	39,130	46,575	32.50	40.50
Delaware	1.9	2	105	41	63	21.50	31.50
Florida	4.5	4.3	96	88	105	19.50	24.50
Georgia	3	3.8	127	59	122	19.50	32.00
Idaho	707	665	94	22,624	25,935	32.00	39.00
Illinois	275	252	92	6,050	7,182	22.00	28.50
Indiana	235	202	86	5,170	5,757	22.00	28.50
Iowa	660	531	80	16,170	15,665	24.50	29.50
Kansas	325	290	89	7,963	8,700	24.50	30.00
Kentucky	62	50	81	1,395	1,350	22.50	27.00
Louisiana	20	18	90	360	423	18.00	23.50
Maryland	19	18	95	428	567	22.50	31.50
Michigan	221	202	91	5,636	6,464	25.50	32.00
Minnesota	445	415	93	10,903	12,658	24.50	30.50
Mississippi	8	7.5	94	148	191	18.50	25.50
Missouri	215	224	104	4,730	6,048	22.00	27.00
Montana	955	794	83	22,629	26,996	28.50	34.00
Nebraska	370	330	89	9,620	10,725	26.00	32.50
Nevada	180	173	96	5,729	7,093	33.00	41.00
New Jersey	9.7	8.5	88	286	357	29.50	42.00
New Mexico	743	708	95	18,947	21,594	25.50	30.50
New York	98	87	89	2,646	3,045	27.00	35.00
North Carolina	12	12	100	258	312	21.50	26.00
North Dakota	396	375	95	10,890	12,375	27.50	33.00
Ohio	623	582	93	15,264	17,460	24.50	30.00
Oklahoma	120	104	87	3,060	2,964	25.50	28.50
Oregon	474	485	102	13,272	15,520	28.00	32.00
Pennsylvania	144	144	100	2,952	4,392	20.50	30.50
South Carolina	1.3	1.2	92	27	37	21.00	30.50
South Dakota	1,161	976	84	33,089	32,696	28.50	33.50
Tennessee	26	21	81	533	525	20.50	25.00
Texas	3,214	3,200	100	64,280	83,200	20.00	26.00
Utah	905	782	86	29,413	30,889	32.50	39.50
Virginia	175	175	100	4,638	5,600	26.50	32.00
Washington	129	117	91	3,548	4,212	27.50	36.00
West Virginia	142	136	96	3,479	4,216	24.50	31.00
Wisconsin	124	112	90	2,976	3,192	24.00	28.50
Wyoming	1,678	1,505	90	51,179	54,180	30.50	36.00
New England ^{1/}	38.3	39	102	996	1,502	26.00	38.50
U.S. Total	17,724	16,545	93	467,914	540,651	26.40	32.70

^{1/} Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Sheep and Lambs: Number on farms, by classes by States, January 1, 1973-74

State	Stock Sheep and Lambs			Sheep and Lambs on Feed			Ewe Lambs	
	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973	1973	1974
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head	
Alabama	5	4.6	92				.6	.6
Alaska	16	14	88				1	1
Arizona	392	401	102	110	96	87	67	70
Arkansas	6	6	100				.8	.8
California	956	980	103	115	142	123	87	88
Colorado	684	640	94	520	510	98	65	72
Delaware	1.9	2	105				.3	.3
Florida	4.5	4.3	96				.7	.6
Georgia	3	3.8	127				.4	.4
Idaho	631	606	96	76	59	78	69	58
Illinois	230	210	91	45	42	93	36	33
Indiana	210	185	88	25	17	68	28	24
Iowa	495	421	85	165	110	67	64	65
Kansas	221	200	90	104	90	87	16	16
Kentucky	62	50	81				4	4
Louisiana	20	18	90				3	3
Maryland	19	18	95				3	3
Michigan	170	162	95	51	40	78	22	21
Minnesota	330	320	97	115	95	83	42	45
Mississippi	8	7.5	94				1.3	1.2
Missouri	175	180	103	40	44	110	20	21
Montana	835	710	85	120	84	70	145	114
Nebraska	200	185	93	170	145	85	18	17
Nevada	161	150	93	19	23	121	26	21
New Jersey	9.7	8.5	88				1.5	1.2
New Mexico	692	605	95	51	52	102	121	112
New York	85	75	88	13	12	92	10	9
North Carolina	12	12	100				1	1
North Dakota	286	265	93	110	110	100	37	36
Ohio	519	491	95	104	91	88	60	58
Oklahoma	80	80	100	40	24	60	6	6
Oregon	385	375	97	89	110	124	47	45
Pennsylvania	144	144	100				20	20
South Carolina	1.3	1.2	92				.2	.1
South Dakota	1,031	876	85	130	100	77	145	127
Tennessee	26	21	81				3	2
Texas	2,875	2,810	98	339	390	115	335	371
Utah	820	722	88	85	60	71	77	83
Virginia	175	175	100				23	23
Washington	106	102	96	23	15	65	14	13
West Virginia	142	136	96				18	18
Wisconsin	109	98	90	15	14	93	14	13
Wyoming	1,480	1,320	89	198	185	93	238	209
New England 1/	38.3	39	102				5.5	5.4
United States								
Total	14,852	13,885	93	2,872	2,660	93	1,896	1,833

Sheep and Lambs: Number on farms by classes, by States,
January 1, 1973-74. Number on farms, 1972-73.

State	Wether and Ram Lambs		Stock Sheep one year old and older				Number of Sheep Farms	
	1973	1974	Ewes		Rams and wethers		1972	1973
			1,000 head				Number	
Alabama	.3	.3	3.7	3.4	.4	.3	240	220
Alaska	1	1	7	6	7	6	20	20
Arizona	12	12	294	301	19	18	320	300
Arkansas	.3	.4	4.6	4.5	.3	.3	260	260
California	14	18	831	843	24	31	4,600	4,000
Colorado	8	13	594	540	17	15	2,900	2,700
Delaware	.1	.1	1.4	1.5	.1	.1	70	70
Florida	.5	.4	3.1	3.1	.2	.2	190	190
Georgia	.1	.3	2.3	2.6	.2	.5	140	120
Idaho	4	5	547	531	11	12	2,400	2,300
Illinois	8	8	176	160	10	9	11,500	11,000
Indiana	10	9	165	145	7	7	9,400	9,000
Iowa	5	5	410	337	16	14	18,000	17,300
Kansas	10	10	187	166	8	8	3,300	3,100
Kentucky	3	2	52	42	3	2	1,400	1,200
Louisiana	2	2	13	11	2	2	1,100	1,000
Maryland	1	1	14	13	1	1	840	800
Michigan	5	5	138	131	5	5	3,600	3,400
Minnesota	4	6	274	259	10	10	10,000	9,500
Mississippi	.7	.9	5.4	4.6	.6	.8	350	300
Missouri	5	5	145	149	5	5	5,500	5,000
Montana	12	19	657	559	21	18	3,000	2,900
Nebraska	4	6	170	155	8	7	4,100	3,900
Nevada	1	1	131	125	3	3	280	270
New Jersey	.5	.5	7	6.2	.7	.6	560	560
New Mexico	21	17	523	503	27	24	1,300	1,300
New York	3	2	69	62	3	2	2,200	2,000
North Carolina	1	1	9	9	1	1	650	600
North Dakota	7	7	235	215	7	7	3,100	3,100
Ohio	16	15	426	401	17	17	15,300	14,500
Oklahoma	2	2	68	63	4	4	1,800	1,700
Oregon	9	9	315	308	14	13	4,400	4,300
Pennsylvania	8	8	103	108	3	8	5,000	4,900
South Carolina	.1	.1	.9	.9	.1	.1	110	100
South Dakota	11	22	845	701	30	26	7,800	7,300
Tennessee	1	1	21	17	1	1	1,300	1,000
Texas	124	107	2,310	2,223	1/106	1/109	13,500	12,500
Utah	9	5	713	615	21	19	3,000	2,600
Virginia	6	7	141	140	5	5	4,100	4,000
Washington	1	1	85	82	6	6	1,600	1,600
West Virginia	4	5	115	107	5	6	4,400	4,300
Wisconsin	3	3	88	78	4	4	3,800	3,500
Wyoming	15	22	1,184	1,049	43	40	2,200	2,100
New England	2.3	2.2	28	29	2.5	2.4	1,700	1,640
United States	355	367	12,116	11,215	484	470	161,330	152,450

1/ 1973 -- 23 wethers, 83 Rams; 1974 -- 25 wethers, 84 Rams.

New Crop Lambs: Number on farms, January 1, 1973-74 1/

State	1973	1974
		1,000 head
Arizona	80	81
California	400	417
Colorado	6	10
Kansas	110	83
Kentucky	15	13
Missouri	17	18
Nebraska	25	16
Ohio	17	16
Oklahoma	31	29
Pennsylvania	10	13
South Dakota	13	10
Texas	345	280
Virginia	36	35
Other States	113	93
U. S. Total	1,218	1,114

1/ New Crop Lamb inventory includes all lambs born after September 30 the previous year that are on hand January 1. New Crop Lambs are not included in the Sheep and Lamb Inventory estimates shown on pages of this report.

Lamb Crop: 1972-73

State	Breeding ewes 1 year and older January 1		Lambs saved per 100 ewes 1+ January 1 1/		Lambs saved 1/		1973 as % of 1972
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	
	1,000 head		Number		1,000 head		Percent
Ala.	3.9	3.7	90	89	3.5	3.3	94
Alaska	9	7	22	29	2	2	100
Ariz.	311	294	79	79	245	232	95
Ark.	5.4	4.6	100	111	5.4	5.1	94
Calif.	885	831	92	94	814	780	96
Colo.	611	594	100	99	611	590	97
Del.	1.3	1.4	100	100	1.3	1.4	108
Fla.	3.5	3.1	86	94	3.0	2.9	97
Georgia	3.4	2.3	88	87	3.0	2.0	67
Idaho	580	547	111	109	644	596	93
Ill.	182	176	109	109	199	191	96
Ind.	174	165	110	109	192	180	94
Iowa	456	410	105	105	479	431	90
Kans.	198	187	106	107	209	200	96
Ky	66	52	111	115	73	60	82
La.	15	13	67	77	10	10	100
Md.	15	14	107	100	16	14	88
Mich.	144	138	107	110	154	152	99
Minn.	297	274	112	115	333	316	95
Miss.	6.4	5.4	92	91	5.9	4.9	83
Mo.	153	145	107	118	164	171	104
Mont.	697	657	96	95	669	625	93
Nebr.	174	170	106	97	184	165	90
Nev.	143	131	92	97	132	127	96
N. J.	7.2	7	110	100	7.9	7.0	89
N. Mex.	510	523	85	78	435	410	94
N. Y.	71	69	101	101	72	70	97
N. C.	10	9	100	100	10	9	90
N. Dak.	251	235	112	114	280	269	96
Ohio	456	426	105	102	480	433	90
Okla.	76	68	104	106	79	72	91
Oreg.	345	315	99	104	342	328	96
Pa.	113	108	98	103	111	111	100
S. C.	.9	.9	89	100	.8	.9	113
S. Dak.	845	845	106	105	896	887	99
Tenn.	26	21	92	95	24	20	83
Texas	2,530	2,310	91	85	2,302	1,964	85
Utah	758	713	94	89	713	635	89
Va.	144	141	120	120	173	169	98
Wash.	88	85	116	114	102	97	95
W. Va.	130	115	110	112	143	129	90
Wis.	95	88	114	114	108	100	93
Wyo.	1,282	1,184	84	77	1,077	912	85
New England	29	28	101	103	29.4	28.7	98
U. S. Total	12,901	12,116	97	95	12,537	11,513	92

1/ Lambs saved defined as lambs living July 1, or sold before July 1 in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

