

sheep and goats



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SHEEP AND LAMBS DOWN 8 PERCENT: The January 1, 1976 inventory of all sheep and lambs is 13.3 million head, a decline of 8 percent during 1975 and 19 percent below January 1, 1974.

Stock sheep at 11.45 million head are 8 percent below a year ago. This decline includes ewes one year old and older, down 7 percent to 9.3 million head; rams and wethers one year old and older at 419,000 head, declined 6 percent. Lambs under one year, including ewes, at 1.3 million head plus wethers and rams at 349,000 head, declined more sharply at 11 and 13 percent, respectively, from January 1, 1975.

LAMB CROP DECLINES 7 PERCENT: The United States lamb crop for 1975 is estimated at 9.8 million head, 7 percent below the 1974 crop. On January 1, 1975 breeding ewes one year old and older were 9 percent below the previous year and ewe lambs under 1 year were down 16 percent.

SHEEP ON FEED DOWN 9 PERCENT: January 1, 1976 sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter in the 26 major sheep feeding States totaled 1,896,000 head, down 9 percent from the same date a year ago and 28 percent below January 1, 1974.

INVENTORY VALUE UP 12 PERCENT: The total value of all sheep and lambs on hand at \$496.5 million dollars compares with \$441.9 million last year. This year's value per head at \$37.20 is up sharply from last year's \$30.40.

GOAT INVENTORY DOWN - VALUE UP: The January 1, 1976 inventory of goats and kids on Texas farms and ranches was 1,050,000 head, a decline of 9 percent from a year earlier. The total inventory value was \$19.95 million with an average value of \$19.00 per head. The January 1, 1975 total value was \$15.18 million with an average value per head of \$13.20.

SHEEP: NUMBER ON FARMS AND RANCHES, BY CLASSES AND VALUE PER HEAD AND TOTAL VALUE, UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 1974-76

CLASS	1974	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF 1975
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS	16,394	14,512	13,346	92
ON FEED	2,650	2,091	1,896	91
STOCK SHEEP	13,744	12,421	11,450	92
LAMBS				
EWE	1,811	1,512	1,348	89
WETHER AND RAM	362	403	349	87
ONE YEAR AND OLDER				
EWES	11,106	10,062	9,334	93
WETHERS AND RAMS	465	444	419	94
NEW CROP LAMBS <u>1/</u>	1,094	1,018	1,070	105
	1974	1975	1976	
	DOLLARS			
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS--VALUE PER HEAD <u>2/</u>	32.70	30.40	37.20	
		1,000 DOLLARS		
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS--TOTAL VALUE <u>2/</u>	535,916	441,864	496,493	

GOATS: INVENTORY, VALUE PER HEAD AND TOTAL VALUE, TEXAS
JANUARY 1, 1974-76

YEAR	NUMBER	VALUE <u>2/</u>	
		PER HEAD	TOTAL
	1,000 HEAD	DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS
1974	1,350	14.50	19,575
1975	1,150	13.20	15,180
1976	1,050	19.00	19,950

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.

2/ BASED ON REPORTER'S ESTIMATES OF AVERAGE PRICE PER HEAD IN THEIR LOCALITIES.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS: NUMBER ON FARMS, TOTAL VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD,
BY STATES, JANUARY 1, 1975-76

STATE	NUMBER		1976	TOTAL VALUE		VALUE PER HEAD	
	1975	1976	AS % OF 1975	1975	1976	1975	1976
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT	1,000 DOLLARS		DOLLARS	
ALA	4.4	3.8	86	92	86	21.00	22.50
ALAS	12.4	7.6	61	614	360	49.50	47.50
ARIZ	510	470	92	15,555	15,510	30.50	33.00
ARK	5.5	5.3	96	157	164	28.50	31.00
CALIF	1,100	1,052	96	44,550	48,918	40.50	46.50
COLO	990	920	93	37,125	42,320	37.50	46.00
CONN	5.5	5.0	91	256	230	46.50	46.00
DEL	1.9	1.8	95	72	69	38.00	38.50
FLA	4.2	4.1	98	124	129	29.50	31.50
GA	3.5	3.3	94	112	114	32.00	34.50
IDAHO	595	536	90	23,205	21,708	39.00	40.50
ILL	229	195	85	6,412	6,435	28.00	33.00
IND	196	180	92	5,586	5,490	28.50	30.50
IOWA	460	385	84	12,880	12,513	28.00	32.50
KANS	200	163	82	5,500	4,890	27.50	30.00
KY	40	33	83	1,120	1,056	28.00	32.00
LA	15	13	87	375	332	25.00	25.50
MAINE	13	12	92	475	438	36.50	36.50
MD	17	18	106	655	693	38.50	38.50
MASS	7.9	8.1	103	367	373	46.50	46.00
MICH	167	148	89	5,010	4,884	30.00	33.00
MINN	390	315	81	10,725	9,450	27.50	30.00
MISS	7.0	5.8	83	154	145	22.00	25.00
MO	194	168	87	4,753	5,208	24.50	31.00
MONT	710	635	89	20,945	25,718	29.50	40.50
NEBR	280	230	82	8,260	7,935	29.50	34.50
NEV	151	153	101	5,663	6,962	37.50	45.50
N H	5.6	5.9	105	238	257	42.50	43.50
N J	10.0	8.6	86	450	396	45.00	46.00
N MEX	578	590	102	14,739	20,650	25.50	35.00
N Y	79	70	89	2,805	2,695	35.50	38.50
N C	11	10	91	292	290	26.50	29.00
N DAK	315	262	83	8,505	8,515	27.00	32.50
OHIO	517	500	97	15,510	16,750	30.00	33.50
OKLA	89	79	89	2,359	2,568	26.50	32.50
OREG	415	410	99	10,660	15,990	26.00	39.00
PA	125	120	96	3,500	3,660	28.00	30.50
R I	2.5	2.5	100	115	115	46.00	46.00
S C	1.4	1.3	93	42	44	30.00	34.00
S DAK	792	686	87	21,780	24,010	27.50	35.00
TENN	19	17	89	542	468	28.50	27.50
TEX	2,688	2,600	97	63,168	81,900	23.50	31.50
UTAH	697	590	85	26,835	25,075	38.50	42.50
VT	6.3	6.0	95	272	261	42.50	43.50
VA	177	163	92	5,753	6,357	32.50	39.00
WASH	92	78	85	3,082	3,081	33.50	39.50
W VA	128	115	90	3,712	3,910	29.00	34.00
WIS	105	96	91	2,888	2,976	27.50	31.00
WYO	1,350	1,265	94	43,875	54,395	32.50	43.00
U S	14,512	13,346	92	441,864	496,493	30.40	37.20

SHEEP AND LAMBS: NUMBER ON FARMS, BY CLASSES, BY STATES, JANUARY 1, 1975-76

STATE	STOCK SHEEP AND LAMBS			SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED			EWE LAMBS	
	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF 1975	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF 1975	1975	1976
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT	1,000 HEAD	
ALA	4.4	3.8	86				.5	.5
ALAS	12.4	7.6	61				1.0	.5
ARIZ	380	360	95	130	110	85	67	44
ARK	5.5	5.3	96				.8	1.0
CALIF	910	870	96	190	182	96	82	82
COLO	550	520	95	440	400	91	56	47
CONN	5.5	5.0	91				.9	.8
DEL	1.9	1.8	95				.3	.1
FLA	4.2	4.1	98				.6	.6
GA	3.5	3.3	94				.4	.4
IDAHO	560	520	93	35	16	46	45	46
ILL	195	170	87	34	25	74	30	26
IND	180	170	94	16	10	63	24	24
IOWA	370	320	86	90	65	72	60	46
KANS	160	130	81	40	33	83	10	8
KY	40	33	83				4	4
LA	15	13	87				2	2
MAINE	13	12	92				2	2
MD	17	18	106				2	2
MASS	7.9	8.1	103				1.2	1.2
MICH	140	120	86	27	28	104	16	16
MINN	300	245	82	90	70	78	39	25
MISS	7.0	5.8	83				1.4	1.0
MO	158	130	82	36	38	106	18	16
MONT	620	560	90	90	75	83	87	77
NEBR	170	130	76	110	100	91	17	12
NEV	138	130	94	13	23	177	18	15
N H	5.6	5.9	105				.9	.9
N J	10.1	8.6	86				1.4	1.2
N MEX	550	567	103	28	23	82	77	79
N Y	71	62	87	8	8	100	10	8
N C	11	10	91				1	1
N DAK	255	205	80	60	57	95	34	25
OHIO	442	420	95	75	80	107	52	46
OKLA	66	66	100	23	13	57	5	5
OREG	355	330	93	60	80	133	41	40
PA	125	120	96				17	17
R I	2.5	2.5	100				.4	.2
S C	1.4	1.3	93				.2	.2
S DAK	725	620	86	67	66	99	73	62
TENN	19	17	89				2	2
TEX	2,484	2,412	97	204	188	92	298	278
UTAH	660	568	86	37	22	59	79	68
VT	6.3	6.0	95				1.0	1.0
VA	177	163	92				26	20
WASH	77	72	94	15	6	40	9	8
W VA	128	115	90				17	15
WIS	92	83	90	13	13	100	13	12
WYO	1,190	1,100	92	160	165	103	168	158
U S	12,421	11,450	92	2,091	1,896	91	1,512	1,348

SHEEP AND LAMBS: NUMBER ON FARMS, BY CLASSES, BY STATES
 JANUARY 1, 1975 - 76, NUMBER OF FARMS, 1974 - 75

STATE	WETHER AND		STOCK SHEEP ONE YEAR				NUMBER OF SHEEP FARMS	
	RAM LAMBS		OLD AND OLDER				1974	1975
	1975	1976	EWES		RAMS & WETHERS			
			1975	1976	1975	1976		
			1,000 HEAD				NUMBER	
ALA	.3	.5	3.4	2.6	.2	.2	200	200
ALAS	1.0	.5	6.0	3.6	4.4	3.0	20	20
ARIZ	13	14	282	286	18	16	320	320
ARK	.4	.6	4.0	3.4	.3	.3	260	260
CALIF	18	17	782	745	28	26	3,600	3,800
COLO	10	7	470	452	14	14	2,700	2,500
CONN	.2	.2	4.1	3.7	.3	.3	240	240
DEL	.1	.1	1.4	1.3	.1	.1	70	60
FLA	.3	.3	3.1	3.0	.2	.2	170	170
GA	.3	.3	2.4	2.2	.4	.4	100	100
IDAHO	4	4	500	460	11	10	2,200	2,000
ILL	7	6	150	131	8	7	11,000	10,000
IND	8	8	140	130	8	8	9,000	8,800
IOWA	4	3	294	260	12	11	16,000	14,000
KANS	8	6	136	112	6	4	2,700	2,500
KY	2	1	32	26	2	2	1,100	1,000
LA	1	1	10	9	2	1	900	850
MAINE	1	1	9	8	1	1	450	450
MD	1	1	13	14	1	1	790	780
MASS	.4	.4	5.8	6.0	.5	.5	350	350
MICH	4	3	116	97	4	4	3,300	3,300
MINN	6	7	246	203	9	10	9,500	9,000
MISS	.5	.4	4.5	4.0	.6	.4	250	200
MO	5	4	131	106	4	4	4,800	4,300
MONT	22	18	490	448	21	17	2,600	2,500
NEBR	6	3	140	110	7	5	3,600	3,500
NEV	1	1	116	111	3	3	260	240
N H	.3	.3	4.1	4.4	.3	.3	260	260
N J	.8	.7	7.0	6.0	.8	.7	560	530
N MEX	11	11	440	454	22	23	1,200	1,200
N Y	4	3	55	49	2	2	2,100	1,900
N C	1	1	8	7	1	1	600	500
N DAK	8	5	205	169	8	6	2,900	2,700
OHIO	15	21	358	336	17	17	14,200	13,500
OKLA	2	3	55	55	4	3	1,700	1,600
OREG	11	10	291	268	12	12	4,200	4,200
PA	7	6	94	91	7	6	4,900	4,900
R I	.2	.2	1.8	2.0	.1	.1	70	70
S C	.1	.1	1.0	.9	.1	.1	90	80
S DAK	20	16	616	527	16	15	6,800	6,500
TENN	1	1	15	13	1	1	850	700
TEX	149	118	1,923	1,900	1/114	1/116	11,000	9,500
UTAH	6	5	558	481	17	14	2,300	2,000
VT	.4	.3	4.6	4.4	.3	.3	350	350
VA	7	10	139	128	5	5	3,700	3,200
WASH	1	1	62	58	5	5	1,600	1,600
W VA	4	4	102	92	5	4	4,300	3,700
WIS	2	2	74	66	3	3	3,300	3,300
WYO	28	22	957	885	37	35	1,800	1,600
U S	403	349	10,062	9,334	444	419	145,260	135,330

1/ 1975--30 WETHERS, 84 RAMS; 1976--22 WETHERS, 94 RAMS.

NEW CROP LAMBS: NUMBER ON FARMS, JANUARY 1, 1975-76 1/

STATE	1975	1976
	1,000 HEAD	
ARIZ	76	96
CALIF	442	422
COLO	3	5
KANS	55	48
KY	10	7
MO	16	12
NEBR	16	12
OHIO	15	23
OKLA	28	22
PENN	11	6
S DAK	14	6
TEX	210	300
VA	36	30
OTHER STATES	86	81
U S TOTAL	1,018	1,070

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 1974-75

STATE	BREEDING EWES 1 YEAR AND OLDER JANUARY 1		LAMB CROP PER 100 EWES 1+ JANUARY 1		LAMB CROP 1/		1975 AS % OF 1974
	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975	
	1,000 HEAD		NUMBER		1,000 HEAD		
ALA	3.4	3.4	88	88	3.0	3.0	100
ALAS	6.0	6.0	33	17	2.0	1.0	50
ARIZ	294	282	79	79	232	223	96
ARK	4.5	4.0	98	100	4.4	4.0	91
CALIF	843	782	89	91	750	712	95
COLO	531	470	102	104	542	490	90
CONN	3.8	4.1	105	102	4.0	4.2	105
DEL	1.5	1.4	107	100	1.6	1.4	88
FLA	3.1	3.1	90	87	2.8	2.7	96
GA	2.6	2.4	77	75	2.0	1.8	90
IDAHO	547	500	118	112	645	560	87
ILL	160	150	110	111	176	166	94
IND	145	140	103	111	150	155	103
IOWA	337	294	108	109	365	320	88
KANS	166	136	108	108	180	147	82
KY	42	32	119	125	50	40	80
LA	11	10	100	90	11	9	82
MAINE	10	9	110	111	11	10	91
MD	13	13	108	115	14	15	107
MASS	5.2	5.8	96	103	5.0	6.0	120
MICH	131	116	109	110	143	128	90
MINN	259	246	117	116	304	285	94
MISS	4.6	4.5	91	84	4.2	3.8	90
MO	149	131	111	111	165	145	88
MONT	559	490	96	96	537	470	88
NEBR	155	140	110	107	170	150	88
NEV	129	116	97	95	125	110	88
N H	3.7	4.1	114	115	4.2	4.7	112
N J	6.2	7.0	115	106	7.1	7.4	104
N MEX	476	440	83	91	395	400	101
N Y	62	55	100	104	62	57	92
N C	9	8	100	100	9	8	89
N DAK	215	205	117	116	251	237	94
OHIO	401	358	100	106	399	380	95
OKLA	68	55	104	109	71	60	85
OREG	308	291	105	103	323	300	93
PA	108	94	107	106	116	100	86
R I	1.9	1.8	63	44	1.2	.8	67
S C	.9	1.0	100	90	.9	.9	100
S DAK	701	616	115	111	806	682	85
TENN	17	15	94	93	16	14	88
TEX	2,136	1,923	70	88	1,500	1,700	113
UTAH	615	558	94	90	578	502	87
VT	5.1	4.6	102	107	5.2	4.9	94
VA	140	139	121	120	170	167	98
WASH	82	62	115	113	94	70	74
W VA	107	102	112	112	120	114	95
WIS	78	74	113	111	88	82	93
WYO	1,049	957	85	80	892	765	86
U S	11,106	10,062	95	98	10,508	9,820	93

1/ LAMB CROP DEFINED AS LAMBS BORN IN THE NATIVE STATES AND LAMBS DOCKED OR BRANDED IN THE WESTERN STATES.
