

SHEEP AND GOATS



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SHEEP AND LAMB NUMBERS DOWN 5 PERCENT: All sheep and lambs on farms January 1, 1977 are estimated at 12.7 million head, 5 percent below a year earlier and down 12 percent from January 1, 1975.

Stock sheep totaled 11.0 million head, 4 percent below January 1, 1976. Ewes one year old or older, accounting for 81 percent of all stock sheep, fell 6 percent to 8.8 million head. Wethers and rams one year old and over, at 359,000 head, declined 15 percent. Lamb numbers, however, increased over the previous year. Ewes under one year rose 4 percent to 1.4 million head, while wether and ram lambs jumped 7 percent to 373,000 head.

LAMB CROP OFF 9 PERCENT: The 1976 U.S. lamb crop totaled slightly under 8.9 million head, 9 percent below the previous year. The supply of breeding ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 1976 was down 7 percent from a year earlier and ewe lambs were down 11 percent. The lambing rate in 1976 at 95 lambs per 100 ewes compares with 98 in 1975 and 95 in 1974.

SHEEP ON FEED DECLINE 8 PERCENT: Sheep and lambs on feed January 1 for slaughter market in the 26 major sheep feeding States amounted to 1.7 million head. This total is 8 percent below a year earlier and 17 percent under the January 1, 1975 mark.

INVENTORY VALUE UP 8 PERCENT: The value of all sheep and lambs on hand January 1, 1977 totaled \$538.7 million compared with \$497.5 million a year earlier. Value per head increased \$5.20 from a year ago to a \$42.40 average for January 1, 1977.

GOAT NUMBERS AND VALUE UP: The Texas inventory of goats and kids on hand at the beginning of 1977 is estimated to be 1.3 million head, 16 percent greater than a year earlier. The inventory value was up sharply, 46 percent, to \$32.5 million compared with the 1976 value of \$22.3 million. The average value per head jumped \$5.10 from a year ago to \$25.00.

SHEEP: NUMBER BY CLASSES, VALUE PER HEAD,
AND TOTAL VALUE, UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 1975-77

CLASS	1975	1976	1977	1977 AS % OF 1976
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS	14,512	13,376	12,710	95
ON FEED	2,091	1,896	1,739	92
STOCK SHEEP	12,421	11,480	10,971	96
LAMBS				
EWE	1,512	1,351	1,400	104
WETHER AND RAM	403	350	373	107
ONE YEAR AND OLDER				
EWES	10,062	9,359	8,839	94
WETHERS AND RAMS	444	420	359	85
NEW CROP LAMBS ^{1/}	1,018	1,070	979	91
	1975	1976	1977	
	DOLLARS			
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS--VALUE PER HEAD ^{2/}	30.40	37.20	42.40	
		1,000 DOLLARS		
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS--TOTAL VALUE ^{2/}	441,864	497,544	538,677	

GOATS: INVENTORY, VALUE PER HEAD AND TOTAL VALUE, TEXAS
JANUARY 1, 1975-77

YEAR	NUMBER	VALUE ^{2/}	
		PER HEAD	TOTAL
	1,000 HEAD	DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS
1975	1,150	13.20	15,180
1976	1,120	19.90	22,288
1977	1,300	25.00	32,500

^{1/} NEW CROP LAMB INVENTORY INCLUDES ALL LAMBS BORN AFTER SEP 30 THE PREVIOUS YEAR THAT ARE ON HAND JAN 1. NEW CROP LAMBS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY ESTIMATES SHOWN ON PAGES OF THIS REPORT.

^{2/} BASED ON REPORTERS' ESTIMATES OF AVERAGE PRICE PER HEAD IN THEIR LOCALITIES.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS: NUMBER, TOTAL VALUE AND VALUE PER HEAD
BY STATES, JANUARY 1, 1976-77

STATE	NUMBER		1977 AS % OF 1976	TOTAL VALUE		VALUE PER HEAD	
	1976	1977		1976	1977	1976	1977
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT	1,000 DOLLARS		DOLLARS	
ALA	3.8	3.6	95	86	86	22.50	24.00
ALAB	7.6	5.5	72	361	288	47.50	52.50
ARIZ	470	464	99	15,510	17,632	33.00	38.00
ARK	5.3	5.1	96	164	168	31.00	33.00
CALIF	1,052	1,038	99	48,918	54,495	46.50	52.50
COLO	920	830	90	42,320	43,160	46.00	52.00
CONN	5.0	5.1	102	230	245	46.00	48.00
DEL	1.8	1.9	106	69	76	38.50	40.00
FLA	4.1	4.5	110	129	151	31.50	33.50
GA	3.3	3.6	109	114	133	34.50	37.00
IDAHO	536	503	94	21,708	21,881	40.50	43.50
ILL	195	180	92	6,435	6,930	33.00	38.50
IND	180	187	104	5,490	6,078	30.50	32.50
IOWA	385	388	101	12,513	13,968	32.50	36.00
KANS	163	173	106	4,890	6,315	30.00	36.50
KY	33	30	91	1,056	1,050	32.00	35.00
LA	13	13	100	332	377	25.50	29.00
MAINE	12	12	100	438	480	36.50	40.00
MD	18	18	100	693	711	38.50	39.50
MASS	8.1	7.5	93	373	364	46.00	48.50
MICH	148	149	101	4,884	5,439	33.00	36.50
MINN	315	275	87	9,450	9,213	30.00	33.50
MISS	5.8	5.4	93	145	140	25.00	26.00
MO	168	142	85	5,208	4,615	31.00	32.50
MONT	635	620	98	25,718	28,210	40.50	45.50
NEBR	230	210	91	7,935	7,875	34.50	37.50
NEV	153	133	87	6,962	6,717	45.50	50.50
NH	5.9	5.6	95	257	255	43.50	45.50
NJ	8.6	8.3	97	396	403	46.00	48.50
N MEX	590	524	89	20,650	21,222	35.00	40.50
NY	70	69	99	2,695	2,933	38.50	42.50
NC	10.0	9.0	90	290	306	29.00	34.00
N DAK	262	262	100	8,515	9,956	32.50	38.00
OHIO	500	445	89	16,750	15,798	33.50	35.50
OKLA	79	72	91	2,568	2,520	32.50	35.00
OREG	410	390	95	15,990	15,990	39.00	41.00
PA	120	100	83	3,660	3,150	30.50	31.50
RI	2.5	2.6	104	115	125	46.00	48.00
SC	1.3	1.3	100	44	44	34.00	34.00
S DAK	716	659	92	25,060	27,019	35.00	41.00
TENN	17	16	94	468	448	27.50	28.00
TEX	2,600	2,520	97	81,900	93,240	31.50	37.00
UTAH	590	580	98	25,075	29,580	42.50	51.00
VT	6.0	6.2	103	261	279	43.50	45.00
VA	163	164	101	6,357	6,806	39.00	41.50
WASH	78	74	95	3,081	3,441	39.50	46.50
W VA	115	120	104	3,910	4,620	34.00	38.50
WIS	96	80	83	2,976	2,800	31.00	35.00
WYO	1,265	1,195	94	54,395	60,945	43.00	51.00
U S	13,376	12,710	95	497,544	538,677	37.20	42.40

SHEEP AND LAMBS: NUMBER BY CLASSES, BY STATES, JANUARY 1, 1976-77

STATE	STOCK SHEEP AND LAMBS			SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED			EWE LAMBS	
	1976	1977	1977 AS % OF 1976	1976	1977	1977 AS % OF 1976	1976	1977
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT	1,000 HEAD	
ALA	3.8	3.6	95				.5	.5
ALAS	7.6	5.5	72				.5	.2
ARIZ	360	348	97	110	116	105	44	40
ARK	5.3	5.1	96				1.0	.8
CALIF	870	825	95	182	213	117	82	75
COLO	520	500	96	400	330	83	47	56
CONN	5.0	5.1	102				.8	.8
DEL	1.8	1.9	106				.3	.3
FLA	4.1	4.5	110				.6	.6
GA	3.3	3.6	109				.4	.7
IDAHO	520	490	94	16	13	81	46	56
ILL	170	162	95	25	18	72	26	24
IND	170	175	103	10	12	120	24	25
IOWA	320	318	99	65	70	108	46	38
KANS	130	140	108	33	33	100	8	13
KY	33	30	91				4	4
LA	13	13	100				2	2
MAINE	12	12	100				2	2
MD	18	18	100				2	2
MASS	8.1	7.5	93				1.2	.9
MICH	120	115	96	28	34	121	16	17
MINN	245	210	86	70	65	93	25	25
MISS	5.8	5.4	93				1.0	.8
MO	130	120	92	38	22	58	16	16
MONT	560	540	96	75	80	107	77	102
NEBR	130	110	85	100	100	100	12	12
NEV	130	120	92	23	13	57	15	16
N H	5.9	5.6	95				.9	.9
N J	8.6	8.3	97				1.2	1.1
N MEX	567	500	88	23	24	104	79	67
N Y	62	60	97	8	9	113	8	8
N C	10.0	9.0	90				1.0	1.0
N DAK	205	200	98	57	62	109	25	29
OHIO	420	380	90	80	65	81	46	46
OKLA	66	59	89	13	13	100	5	5
OREG	330	310	94	80	80	100	40	42
PA	120	100	83				17	15
R I	2.5	2.6	104				.2	.2
S C	1.3	1.3	100				.2	.2
S DAK	650	625	96	66	34	52	65	84
TENN	17	16	94				2	2
TEX	2,412	2,360	98	188	160	85	278	264
UTAH	568	560	99	22	20	91	68	65
VT	6.0	6.2	103				1.0	1.0
VA	163	164	101				20	21
WASH	72	64	89	6	10	167	8	9
W VA	115	120	104				15	17
WIS	83	72	87	13	8	62	12	11
WYO	1,100	1,060	96	165	135	82	158	180
U S	11,480	10,971	96	1,896	1,739	92	1,351	1,400

SHEEP AND LAMBS: NUMBER BY CLASSES, BY STATES, JANUARY 1, 1976-77,
NUMBER OF OPERATIONS WITH SHEEP, 1975-76

STATE	WETHER AND RAM LAMBS		STOCK SHEEP ONE YEAR OLD AND OLDER				OPERATIONS WITH SHEEP	
	1976	1977	EWES		RAMS & WETHERS		1975	1976
			1976	1977	1976	1977		
	1,000 HEAD						NUMBER	
ALA	.5	.5	2.6	2.4	.2	.2	200	190
ALAS	.5	.2	3.6	2.7	3.0	2.4	10	10
ARIZ	14	14	286	283	16	11	320	260
ARK	.6	.5	3.4	3.5	.3	.3	260	250
CALIF	17	16	745	710	26	24	3,800	3,800
COLO	7	6	452	426	14	12	2,500	2,500
CONN	.2	.2	3.7	3.7	.3	.4	240	230
DEL	.1	.1	1.3	1.4	.1	.1	60	60
FLA	.3	.4	3.0	3.1	.2	.4	170	160
GA	.3	.2	2.2	2.3	.4	.4	100	100
IDAHO	4	5	460	420	10	9	1,900	1,800
ILL	6	6	131	125	7	7	10,000	9,500
IND	8	7	130	135	8	8	8,800	8,200
IOWA	3	9	260	260	11	11	14,000	12,500
KANS	6	8	112	115	4	4	2,500	2,500
KY	1	1	26	24	2	1	1,000	800
LA	1	1	9	9	1	1	850	800
MAINE	1	1	8	8	1	1	450	450
MD	1	1	14	14	1	1	780	790
MASS	.4	.2	6.0	6.0	.5	.4	350	350
MICH	3	3	97	91	4	4	3,300	3,000
MINN	7	6	203	173	10	6	9,000	7,500
MISS	.4	.5	4.0	3.7	.4	.4	200	180
MO	4	5	106	95	4	4	4,300	3,700
MONT	18	14	448	410	17	14	2,500	2,400
NEBR	3	3	110	91	5	4	3,500	3,200
NEV	1	1	111	100	3	3	240	240
N H	.3	.3	4.4	4.1	.3	.3	260	260
N J	.7	.6	6.0	6.0	.7	.6	530	530
N MEX	11	10	454	400	23	23	1,200	1,300
N Y	3	3	49	47	2	2	2,000	2,200
N C	1.0	.8	7.0	6.5	1.0	.7	500	500
N DAK	5	7	169	158	6	6	2,700	2,300
OHIO	21	19	336	302	17	13	13,500	13,000
OKLA	3	2	55	49	3	3	1,600	1,700
ORIG	10	10	268	247	12	11	4,300	4,300
PA	6	5	91	75	6	5	4,900	4,800
R I	.2	.2	2.0	2.1	.1	.1	70	70
S C	.1	.1	.9	.9	.1	.1	80	70
S DAK	17	16	552	510	16	15	6,200	5,800
TENN	1	1	13	12	1	1	700	600
TEX	118	144	1,900	1,865	1/116	1/87	9,500	9,000
UTAH	5	6	481	475	14	14	2,000	2,000
VT	.3	.5	4.4	4.4	.3	.3	350	350
VA	10	9	128	129	5	5	3,200	3,000
WASH	1	1	58	50	5	4	1,600	1,600
W VA	4	5	92	94	4	4	3,700	3,200
WIS	2	2	66	57	3	2	3,300	2,900
WYO	22	21	885	827	35	32	1,600	1,500
U S	350	373	9,359	8,839	420	359	135,120	126,450

1/ 1976--22 WETHERS, 94 RAMS: 1977--14 WETHERS, 73 RAMS.

NEW CROP LAMBS: NUMBER, JANUARY 1, 1976-77 ^{1/}

STATE	1976	1977	1977 AS % OF 1976
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT
ARIZ	96	93	97
CALIF	422	393	93
COLO	5	6	120
KANS	48	60	125
KY	7	8	114
MO	12	11	92
NEBR	12	13	108
OHIO	23	23	100
OKLA	22	18	82
PA	6	8	133
S DAK	6	11	183
TEX	300	200	67
VA	30	36	120
OTHER STATES	81	99	122
U S TOTAL	1,070	979	91

^{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 OTHER PAGES OF THIS REPORT.

LAMB CROP 1975-76

STATE	BREEDING EWES 1 YEAR AND OLDER JANUARY 1		LAMB CROP PER 100 EWES 1+ JANUARY 1		LAMB CROP 1/		1976 AS % OF 1975
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	
	1,000 HEAD		NUMBER		1,000 HEAD		
ALA	3.4	2.6	88	100	3.0	2.6	87
ALAS	6.0	3.6	17	11	1.0	.4	40
ARIZ	282	286	79	71	223	203	91
ARK	4.0	3.4	100	106	4.0	3.6	90
CALIF	782	745	91	91	712	675	95
COLO	470	452	104	103	490	465	95
CONN	4.1	3.7	102	119	4.2	4.4	105
DEL	1.4	1.3	100	115	1.4	1.5	107
FLA	3.1	3.0	87	93	2.7	2.8	104
GA	2.4	2.2	75	73	1.8	1.6	89
IDAHO	500	460	112	115	560	529	94
ILL	150	131	111	113	166	148	89
IND	140	130	111	112	155	146	94
IOWA	294	260	109	112	320	290	91
KANS	136	112	108	107	147	120	82
KY	32	26	125	131	40	34	85
LA	10	9	90	89	9	8	89
MAINE	9	8	111	113	10	9	90
MD	13	14	115	114	15	16	107
MASS	5.8	6.0	103	113	6.0	6.8	113
MICH	116	97	110	110	128	107	84
MINN	246	203	116	117	285	237	83
MISS	4.5	4.0	84	93	3.8	3.7	97
MO	131	106	111	115	145	122	84
MONT	490	448	96	94	470	420	89
NEBR	140	110	107	109	150	120	80
NEV	116	111	95	92	110	102	93
N H	4.1	4.4	115	100	4.7	4.4	94
N J	7.0	6.0	106	113	7.4	6.8	92
N MEX	440	454	91	76	400	345	86
N Y	55	49	104	108	57	53	93
N C	8.0	7.0	100	106	8.0	7.4	93
N DAK	205	169	116	114	237	192	81
OHIO	358	336	106	104	380	350	92
OKLA	55	55	109	104	60	57	95
OREG	291	268	103	112	300	300	100
PA	94	91	106	105	100	96	96
R I	1.8	2.0	44	70	.8	1.4	175
S C	1.0	.9	90	89	.9	.8	89
S DAK	616	552	111	124	682	684	100
TENN	15	13	93	92	14	12	86
TEX	1,923	1,900	88	74	1,700	1,400	82
UTAH	558	481	90	90	502	433	86
VT	4.6	4.4	107	118	4.9	5.2	106
VA	139	128	120	123	167	157	94
WASH	62	58	113	121	70	70	100
W VA	102	92	112	112	114	103	90
WIS	74	66	111	114	82	75	91
WYO	957	885	80	86	765	765	100
U S	10,062	9,359	98	95	9,820	8,896	91

1/ LAMB CROP: LAMBS BORN IN THE NATIVE STATES PLUS LAMBS DOCKED OR BRANDED IN THE WESTERN STATES FOR THE PERIOD OCT 1 - SEP 30.

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