

SHEEP AND GOATS

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SHEEP AND LAMB NUMBERS in the United States on January 1, 1978 totaled nearly 12.4 million head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This was 3 percent below a year earlier and down 7 percent from January 1, 1976. THE JANUARY 1, 1978 INVENTORY VALUE of all sheep and lambs climbed to \$638.5 million from \$541.3 million on January 1, 1977, as the average value per head rose to a record high of \$51.50 this year from \$42.40 a year earlier.

The inventory included 10.8 million stock sheep, down 2 percent from January 1, 1977. Ewes one year old and older, accounting for 80 percent of all stock sheep, decreased 3 percent to 8.6 million head. Wethers and rams one year old and over accounted for 372,000 head, up 3 percent from a year earlier. Ewe lambs, at 1.5 million head, were up 6 percent while wether and ram lambs fell 15 percent to 324,000 head.

The January 1, 1978 estimate for Nebraska includes sheep from Wyoming, Utah and Colorado that are being wintered in Nebraska.

The 1977 LAMB CROP of 8.6 million head was 3 percent below the previous year. Breeding ewes one year old and older on January 1, 1977 were down 5 percent from a year earlier but ewe lambs were up 5 percent. The 1977 lambing rate was 97 lambs per 100 ewes, compared with 95 in 1976 and 98 in 1975.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED January 1 for slaughter market in the 26 major feeding States totaled 1.6 million head, down 7 percent from the preceding year and down 14 percent from the January 1, 1976 level.

VALUE OF GOATS in the Texas inventory was estimated at 44 million dollars, 26 percent above a year earlier. The January 1, 1978 number, at nearly 1.4 million, declined 3 percent from January 1, 1977. Value per head increased \$7.50 during the year to reach \$32.50 on January 1, 1978.

SHEEP: NUMBER BY CLASSES, VALUE PER HEAD
AND TOTAL VALUE, UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 1976-78

CLASS	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS	13,311	12,766	12,387	97
ON FEED	1,884	1,731	1,613	93
STOCK SHEEP	11,427	11,035	10,774	98
LAMBS				
EWE	1,345	1,407	1,492	106
WETHER AND RAM	350	380	324	85
ONE YEAR AND OLDER				
EWES	9,314	8,886	8,586	97
WETHERS AND RAMS	418	362	372	100
NEW CROP LAMBS ^{1/}	1,104	1,012	974	96
	1976	1977	1978	
	DOLLARS			
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS--VALUE PER HEAD ^{2/}	37.30	42.40	51.50	
		1,000 DOLLARS		
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS--TOTAL VALUE ^{2/}	496,291	541,345	638,509	

UNITED STATES BALANCE SHEET ^{1/} ^{2/}
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS
1975-78

ITEM	1975	1976	1977
JANUARY 1 INVENTORY	14,515	13,311	12,766
LAMB CROP AND IMPORTS	9,860	8,893	8,614
TOTAL SUPPLY	24,375	22,204	21,380
SLAUGHTER	8,057	6,915	6,549
DEATHS AND EXPORTS	2,822	2,473	2,320
TOTAL DISAPPEARANCE	10,879	9,388	8,869
RESIDUAL	(185)	(50)	(124)
JANUARY 1 INVENTORY (END OF YEAR)	13,311	12,766	12,387

^{1/} EXCLUDES HAWAII. ^{2/} FINAL 1975, 1976 AND PRELIMINARY 1977 ESTIMATES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN MEAT ANIMALS, PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME, APRIL 1978.

GOATS: INVENTORY, VALUE PER HEAD AND TOTAL VALUE, TEXAS
JANUARY 1, 1976-78

YEAR	NUMBER	VALUE ^{2/}	
		PER HEAD	TOTAL
	1,000 HEAD	DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS
1976	1,270	19.90	25,273
1977	1,400	25.00	35,000
1978	1,355	32.50	44,038

^{1/} NEW CROP LAMB INVENTORY INCLUDES ALL LAMBS BORN AFTER SEPT 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, 1976-78

STATE	NUMBER			1978 AS % OF 1977	TOTAL VALUE			VALUE PER HEAD		
	1976	1977	1978		1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT	1,000 DOLLARS			DOLLARS		
ALA	3.8	3.6	3.7	103	86	86	98	22.50	24.00	26.50
ALAS	7.6	6.5	6	92	361	202	246	47.50	31.00	41.00
ARIZ	470	490	438	89	15,510	18,375	18,834	33.00	37.50	43.00
ARK	5.3	5.1	4.9	96	164	168	179	31.00	33.00	36.50
CALIF	1,130	1,113	1,115	100	52,545	58,433	69,688	46.50	52.50	62.50
COLO	920	830	810	98	42,320	43,160	47,790	46.00	52.00	59.00
CONN	5	5.4	5.1	94	230	269	265	46.00	48.00	50.00
DEL	1.8	1.9	1.7	89	69	76	88	38.50	40.00	51.50
FLA	4.1	4.5	4	89	129	151	142	31.50	33.50	35.50
GA	3.3	3.7	3.2	86	114	137	122	34.50	37.00	38.00
IDAHO	536	503	536	107	21,708	21,881	32,696	40.50	43.50	61.00
ILL	195	180	184	102	6,435	6,930	7,268	33.00	38.50	39.50
IND	180	187	176	94	5,490	6,078	6,336	30.50	32.50	36.00
IOWA	385	388	370	95	12,513	13,968	15,355	32.50	36.00	41.50
KANS	165	173	195	113	5,033	6,315	10,433	30.50	36.50	53.50
KY	33	30	28	93	1,056	1,050	1,162	32.00	35.00	41.50
LA	13	13	13	100	322	377	416	25.50	29.00	32.00
MAINE	11	11	12	109	402	440	522	36.50	40.00	43.50
MD	18	18	19	106	693	711	979	38.50	39.50	51.50
MASS	7.2	6.7	6.8	101	331	322	364	46.00	48.00	53.50
MICH	138	149	138	93	4,554	5,439	5,727	33.00	36.50	41.50
MINN	315	275	255	93	9,450	9,213	10,200	30.00	33.50	40.00
MISS	5.8	5.4	4.5	83	145	140	140	25.00	26.00	31.00
MO	154	134	131	98	4,774	4,355	5,306	31.00	32.50	40.50
MONT	595	570	530	93	24,098	25,935	30,210	40.50	45.50	57.00
NEBR	210	190	237	125	7,245	7,030	11,613	34.50	37.00	49.00
NEV	153	133	114	86	6,962	6,717	6,384	45.50	50.50	56.00
N H	6.6	6.5	6.5	100	287	296	315	43.50	45.50	48.50
N J	8.6	8.3	8.3	100	396	403	444	46.00	48.50	53.50
N MEX	590	560	571	102	20,650	22,680	27,123	35.00	40.50	47.50
N Y	70	69	66	96	2,695	2,933	3,135	38.50	42.50	47.50
N C	10	9	9	100	290	306	324	29.00	34.00	36.00
N DAK	231	236	213	90	7,508	8,968	10,757	32.50	38.00	50.50
OHIO	455	445	370	83	15,243	15,798	16,095	33.50	35.50	43.50
OKLA	79	72	81	113	2,568	2,520	3,524	32.50	35.00	43.50
OREG	420	395	410	104	16,380	16,195	20,090	39.00	41.00	49.00
PA	120	100	80	80	3,660	3,150	2,920	30.50	31.50	36.50
R I	2.5	2.1	2	95	115	101	100	46.00	48.00	50.00
S C	1.3	1.3	1.3	100	44	44	56	34.00	34.00	43.00
S DAK	716	659	704	107	25,060	27,019	40,480	35.00	41.00	57.50
TENN	19	17	15	88	523	468	443	27.50	27.50	29.50
TEX	2,600	2,520	2,460	98	81,900	93,240	111,930	31.50	37.00	45.50
UTAH	590	580	491	85	25,075	29,580	30,442	42.50	51.00	62.00
VT	6.9	7.1	7.4	104	300	320	359	43.50	45.00	48.50
VA	163	164	172	105	6,357	6,806	8,084	39.00	41.50	47.00
WASH	78	74	62	84	3,081	3,441	3,193	39.50	46.50	51.50
W VA	115	125	120	96	3,910	4,813	5,460	34.00	38.50	45.50
WIS	96	80	82	103	2,976	2,800	3,772	31.00	35.00	46.00
WYO	1,268	1,206	1,115	92	54,524	61,506	66,900	43.00	51.00	60.00
U S	13,311	12,766	12,387	97	496,291	541,345	638,509	37.30	42.40	51.50

SHEEP AND LAMBS: NUMBER BY CLASSES, BY STATES, JANUARY 1, 1976-78

STATE	STOCK SHEEP AND LAMBS				SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED				EWE LAMBS		
	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977	1976	1977	1978
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT		1,000 HEAD		PERCENT		1,000 HEAD		
ALA	3.8	3.6	3.7	103					.5	.5	.5
ALAS	7.6	6.5	6	92					.5	.3	.5
ARIZ	360	374	378	101	110	116	60	52	44	45	50
ARK	5.3	5.1	4.9	96					1	.8	.8
CALIF	948	900	915	102	182	213	200	94	89	82	88
COLO	520	500	450	90	400	330	360	109	47	56	53
CONN	5	5.4	5.1	94					.8	.8	.7
DEL	1.8	1.9	1.7	89					.3	.3	.3
FLA	4.1	4.5	4	89					.6	.6	.6
GA	3.3	3.7	3.2	86					.4	.7	.4
IDAHO	520	490	525	107	16	13	11	85	46	56	83
ILL	170	162	167	103	25	18	17	94	26	24	23
IND	170	175	165	94	10	12	11	92	24	25	22
IOWA	320	318	300	94	65	70	70	100	46	38	39
KANS	130	140	140	100	35	33	55	167	8	13	12
KY	33	30	28	93					4	4	4
LA	13	13	13	100					2	2	2
MAINE	11	11	12	109					2	2	2
MD	18	18	19	106					2	2	3
MASS	7.2	6.7	6.8	101					1.1	1	1.1
MICH	110	115	108	94	28	34	30	88	14	17	13
MINN	245	210	203	97	70	65	52	80	25	25	30
MISS	5.8	5.4	4.5	83					1	.8	.7
MO	119	115	112	97	35	19	19	100	15	16	15
MONT	520	490	470	96	75	80	60	75	72	94	88
NEBR	120	100	152	152	90	90	85	94	11	11	15
NEV	130	120	110	92	23	13	4	31	15	16	15
N H	6.6	6.5	6.5	100					1	1	1
N J	8.6	8.3	8.3	100					1.2	1.1	1.1
N MEX	567	536	546	102	23	24	25	104	79	72	76
N Y	62	60	58	97	8	9	8	89	8	8	8
N C	10	9	9	100					1	1	1
N DAK	178	174	165	95	53	62	48	77	24	25	28
OHIO	382	380	310	82	73	65	60	92	42	46	37
OKLA	66	59	68	115	13	13	13	100	5	5	7
OREG	330	310	310	100	90	85	100	118	40	42	42
PA	120	100	80	80					17	15	10
R I	2.5	2.1	2	95					.2	.2	.2
S C	1.3	1.3	1.3	100					.2	.2	.2
S DAK	650	625	670	107	66	34	34	100	65	84	113
TENN	19	17	15	88					2	2	2
TEX	2,412	2,360	2,310	98	188	160	150	94	278	264	310
UTAH	568	560	470	84	22	20	21	105	68	65	53
VT	6.9	7.1	7.4	104					1.1	1.1	1.1
VA	163	164	172	105					20	21	22
WASH	72	64	56	88	6	10	6	60	8	9	9
W VA	115	125	120	96					15	17	16
WIS	83	72	73	101	13	8	9	113	12	11	12
WYO	1,103	1,071	1,010	94	165	135	105	78	159	183	180
U S	11,427	11,035	10,774	98	1,884	1,731	1,613	93	1,345	1,407	1,492

SHEEP AND LAMBS: NUMBER BY CLASSES, BY STATES, JANUARY 1, 1976-78
NUMBER OF OPERATIONS WITH SHEEP, 1976-78

STATE	WETHER AND RAM LAMBS			STOCK SHEEP ONE YEAR OLD AND OLDER						OPERATIONS WITH SHEEP		
	1976	1977	1978	EWES			RAMS & WETHERS			1975	1976	1977
				1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978			
				1,000 HEAD						NUMBER		
ALA	.5	.5	.5	2.6	2.4	2.5	.2	.2	.2	200	190	190
ALAS	.5	.3	.5	3.6	3.1	2.9	3	2.8	2.1	10	10	10
ARIZ	14	16	20	286	300	296	16	13	12	320	260	280
ARK	.6	.5	.4	3.4	3.5	3.4	.3	.3	.3	260	250	260
CALIF	19	21	20	811	770	780	29	27	27	3,800	4,100	4,500
COLO	7	6	6	452	426	380	14	12	11	2,500	2,500	2,400
CONN	.2	.2	.2	3.7	4	3.9	.3	.4	.3	270	270	270
DEL	.1	.1	.1	1.3	1.4	1.2	.1	.1	.1	50	50	50
FLA	.3	.4	.4	3	3.1	2.7	.2	.4	.3	170	160	160
GA	.3	.2	.2	2.2	2.4	2.3	.4	.4	.3	140	130	130
IDAHO	4	5	6	460	420	425	10	9	11	1,900	1,800	1,900
ILL	6	6	7	131	125	129	7	7	8	8,000	7,500	7,500
IND	8	7	6	130	135	130	8	8	7	8,400	7,700	6,700
IOWA	3	9	10	260	260	240	11	11	11	14,000	12,500	11,000
KANS	6	8	6	112	115	117	4	4	5	2,500	2,500	2,500
KY	1	1	1	26	24	22	2	1	1	1,000	800	700
LA	1	1	1	9	9	9	1	1	1	850	800	800
MAINE	1	1	1	7	7	8	1	1	1	570	570	580
MD	1	1	1	14	14	14	1	1	1	780	790	780
MASS	.4	.4	.5	5.3	4.9	4.7	.4	.4	.5	440	440	440
MICH	3	3	3	89	91	88	4	4	4	3,300	3,000	2,800
MINN	7	6	6	203	173	160	10	6	7	8,300	7,500	7,500
MISS	.4	.5	.4	4	3.7	3.1	.4	.4	.3	200	180	160
MO	4	5	5	97	90	88	3	4	4	3,700	3,500	3,400
MONT	17	13	13	416	371	356	15	12	13	2,400	2,300	2,100
NEBR	4	3	4	100	83	129	5	3	4	3,200	3,000	2,800
NEV	1	1	1	111	100	92	3	3	2	290	280	270
N H	.3	.3	.3	4.9	4.8	4.8	.4	.4	.4	390	390	390
N J	.7	.6	.6	6	6	6	.7	.6	.6	530	540	550
N MEX	11	11	9	454	429	437	23	24	24	1,200	1,300	1,400
N Y	3	3	3	49	47	45	2	2	2	2,100	2,200	2,200
N C	1	.8	.7	7	6.5	6.6	1	.7	.7	500	500	400
N DAK	5	6	5	143	138	126	6	5	6	2,300	2,000	2,100
OHIO	19	19	11	306	302	253	15	13	9	11,000	11,000	10,500
OKLA	3	2	3	55	49	55	3	3	3	1,600	1,700	1,800
OREG	10	10	8	268	247	250	12	11	10	4,500	4,400	4,300
PA	6	5	5	91	75	60	6	5	5	4,900	4,800	4,800
R I	.2	.2	.1	2	1.6	1.6	.1	.1	.1	120	120	120
S C	.1	.1	.1	.9	.9	.9	.1	.1	.1	80	70	60
S DAK	17	16	19	552	510	523	16	15	15	6,200	5,800	6,000
TENN	1	1	1	15	13	11	1	1	1	750	700	750
TEX	118	144	95	1,900	1,865	1,800	1/116	1/87	1/105	9,500	9,000	9,000
UTAH	5	6	5	481	475	401	14	14	11	2,500	2,400	2,300
VT	.4	.6	.3	5.1	5.1	5.6	.3	.3	.4	430	430	430
VA	10	9	9	128	129	136	5	5	5	3,200	3,000	3,000
WASH	1	1	2	58	50	42	5	4	3	1,700	1,700	1,500
W VA	4	5	6	92	99	94	4	4	4	3,700	3,400	3,500
WIS	2	2	1	66	57	58	3	2	2	3,300	2,900	3,000
WYO	22	21	20	887	835	780	35	32	30	1,700	1,500	1,400
U S	350	380	324	9,314	8,886	8,586	418	362	372	129,750	122,930	119,680

1/ TOTAL INCLUDES 94,000 RAMS AND 22,000 WETHERS FOR 1976; 73,000 RAMS AND 14,000 WETHERS FOR 1977; 80,000 RAMS AND 25,000 WETHERS FOR 1978.

NEW CROP LAMBS: NUMBER, JANUARY 1, 1976-78 1/

STATE	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT
ARIZ	96	93	90	97
CALIF	459	427	460	108
COLO	5	6	5	83
KANS	48	60	45	75
KY	7	8	4	50
MO	11	11	12	109
NEBR	11	12	13	108
OHIO	21	23	16	70
OKLA	22	18	20	111
PA	6	8	5	63
S DAK	6	11	19	173
TEX	300	200	180	90
VA	30	36	25	69
OTHER STATES	82	99	80	81
U S TOTAL	1,104	1,012	974	96

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 1975-77

STATE	BREEDING EWES 1 YEAR AND OLDER JAN 1			LAMB CROP PER 100 EWES 1+ JAN 1			LAMB CROP 1/			1977 AS
	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	1975	1976	1977	% OF
	1,000 HEAD			NUMBER			1,000 HEAD			1976
ALA	3.4	2.6	2.4	88	100	108	3	2.6	2.6	100
ALAS	6	3.6	3.1	17	11	32	1	.4	1	250
ARIZ	282	286	300	79	71	67	223	203	200	99
ARK	4	3.4	3.5	100	106	123	4	3.6	4.3	119
CALIF	878	811	770	91	91	91	799	738	700	95
COLO	470	452	426	104	103	106	490	465	452	97
CONN	4.1	3.7	4	105	119	110	4.3	4.4	4.4	100
DEL	1.2	1.3	1.4	108	108	93	1.3	1.4	1.3	93
FLA	3.1	3	3.1	87	93	81	2.7	2.8	2.5	89
GA	2.4	2.2	2.4	75	73	71	1.8	1.6	1.7	106
IDAHO	500	460	420	112	115	117	560	529	491	93
ILL	150	131	125	111	113	125	166	148	139	94
IND	134	130	135	112	112	114	150	146	154	105
IOWA	294	260	260	109	112	112	320	290	292	101
KANS	136	112	115	108	107	110	147	120	126	105
KY	32	26	24	125	131	117	40	34	28	82
LA	10	9	9	90	89	100	9	8	9	113
MAINE	8	7	7	110	110	114	8.8	7.7	8	104
MD	13	14	14	115	114	107	15	16	15	94
MASS	5.1	5.3	4.9	108	106	116	5.5	5.6	5.7	102
MICH	98	89	91	110	111	113	108	99	103	104
MINN	246	203	173	116	117	124	285	237	214	90
MISS	4.5	4	3.7	84	93	95	3.8	3.7	3.5	95
MO	117	97	90	111	115	123	130	112	111	99
MONT	462	416	371	102	101	101	471	420	375	89
NEBR	132	100	83	108	110	120	143	110	100	91
NEV	116	111	100	95	92	96	110	102	96	94
N H	4.9	4.9	4.8	108	106	115	5.3	5.2	5.5	106
N J	7	6	6	106	113	113	7.4	6.8	6.8	100
N MEX	440	454	429	91	76	75	400	345	322	93
N Y	55	49	47	104	108	111	57	53	52	98
N C	8	7	6.5	100	106	105	8	7.4	6.8	92
N DAK	173	143	138	116	114	123	201	163	170	104
OHIO	327	306	302	106	104	107	347	318	324	102
OKLA	55	55	49	109	104	110	60	57	54	95
OREG	302	268	247	109	119	113	329	319	279	87
PA	94	91	75	106	105	104	100	96	78	81
R I	1.8	2	1.6	61	55	81	1.1	1.1	1.3	118
S C	1	.9	.9	90	89	89	.9	.8	.8	100
S DAK	616	552	510	111	124	128	682	684	653	95
TENN	17	15	13	94	93	92	16	14	12	86
TEX	1,944	1,900	1,865	88	74	78	1,710	1,400	1,450	104
UTAH	558	481	475	90	90	90	502	433	428	99
VT	4.8	5.1	5.1	119	118	122	5.7	6	6.2	103
VA	139	128	129	120	123	120	167	157	155	99
WASH	62	58	50	113	121	106	70	70	53	76
W VA	102	92	99	112	112	112	114	103	111	108
WIS	74	66	57	111	114	139	82	75	79	105
WYO	986	887	835	80	86	86	789	763	718	94
U S	10,083	9,314	8,886	98	95	97	9,857	8,888	8,605	97

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