

SHEEP AND GOATS



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SHEEP AND LAMB NUMBERS in the United States on January 1, 1979 totaled 12.2 million head, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

This is down 1 percent from the 12.3 million head on farms a year earlier and the smallest inventory since records were begun in 1867. The inventory value of all sheep and lambs January 1, 1979 jumped 38 percent from a year ago to \$876 million. The average value per head rose to a record high \$71.70 compared with \$51.50 last year.

The inventory included 10.7 million stock sheep, 1 percent below January 1, 1978. Ewes one year old and older, accounting for 77 percent of all stock sheep, were down 3 percent, while ewe lamb numbers increased 12 percent. Wether and ram lambs increased 13 percent.

THE 1978 LAMB CROP of 8.02 million head was 7 percent below the previous year. Breeding ewes one year old and older on January 1, 1978 were down 4 percent from a year earlier but ewe lambs were up 6 percent. The 1978 lambing rate was 94 lambs per 100 ewes, compared with 97 in 1977 and 95 in 1976.

Sheep and lambs on feed January 1, 1979 for slaughter market in the 24 major feeding States totaled 1.57 million head, down 3 percent from the preceding year.

GOAT NUMBERS in Texas totaled 1.36 million head on January 1, 1979, up fractionally from last year. Total value at \$61.2 million was up 39 percent. Value per head increased \$12.50 to \$45.00

All sheep estimates in Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Rhode Island, and South Carolina were discontinued beginning with this report. In addition, Sheep and Lambs on Feed estimates were discontinued in New York and Washington.

SHEEP: NUMBER BY CLASSES, VALUE PER HEAD, AND TOTAL VALUE,
UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 1977-79

CLASS	1977	1978	1979	1979/1978
				PERCENT
		1,000 HEAD		
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS	12,766	12,348	12,224	99
ON FEED	1,731	1,623	1,567	97
STOCK SHEEP	11,035	10,725	10,657	99
LAMBS				
EWES	1,407	1,489	1,667	112
WETHERS AND RAMS	380	326	369	113
ONE YEAR OLD AND OLDER				
EWES	8,886	8,540	8,243	97
WETHERS AND RAMS	362	370	378	102
NEW CROP LAMBS <u>1/</u>	1,012	977	991	101
		DOLLARS		
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS - VALUE PER HEAD <u>2/</u>	42.40	51.50	71.70	139
		1,000 DOLLARS		
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS - TOTAL VALUE <u>2/</u>	541,458	636,088	876,240	138

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

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

UNITED STATES BALANCE SHEET 1/
ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS 1976-78

ITEM	1976	1977	1978
JAN 1 INVENTORY	13,311	12,766	12,348
LAMB CROP AND IMPORTS	8,893	8,615	8,031
TOTAL SUPPLY	22,204	21,381	20,379
SLAUGHTER	6,915	6,555	5,572
DEATHS AND EXPORTS	2,473	2,296	2,114
TOTAL DISAPPEARANCE	9,388	8,851	7,686
RESIDUAL	(50)	(182)	(469)
JAN 1 INVENTORY (END OF YEAR)	12,766	12,348	12,224

1/ FINAL 1976, 1977, AND PRELIMINARY 1978 ESTIMATES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN MEAT ANIMALS, PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME, APRIL, 1979.

GOATS: INVENTORY, VALUE PER HEAD, AND TOTAL VALUE, TEXAS
JANUARY 1, 1977-79

YEAR	NUMBER	VALUE <u>1/</u>	
		PER HEAD	TOTAL
	1,000 HEAD	DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS
1977	1,400	25.00	35,000
1978	1,355	32.50	44,038
1979	1,360	45.00	61,200

1/ BASED ON REPORTERS' ESTIMATES OF AVERAGE PRICE PER HEAD IN THEIR LOCALITIES.

ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS: NUMBER, VALUE PER HEAD, AND TOTAL VALUE
BY STATES, JANUARY 1, 1977-79

STATE	ALL SHEEP AND LAMBS				VALUE PER HEAD			TOTAL VALUE		
	1977	1978	1979	1979/ 1978	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT	DOLLARS			1,000 DOLLARS		
ALA	3.6	3.7	1/		24.00	26.50	1/	86	98	1/
ALAS	6.5	6.2	5.5	89	50.00	60.00	78.50	325	372	432
ARIZ	490	438	465	106	37.50	43.00	57.50	18,375	18,834	26,738
ARK	5.1	4.9	1/		33.00	36.50	1/	168	179	1/
CALIF	1,113	1,115	1,150	103	52.50	62.50	80.00	58,433	69,688	92,000
COLO	830	810	795	98	52.00	59.00	79.00	43,160	47,790	62,805
CONN	5.4	5.1	5.1	100	48.00	50.00	62.50	259	255	319
DEL	1.9	1.7	1/		40.00	51.50	1/	76	88	1/
FLA	4.5	4	1/		33.50	35.50	1/	151	142	1/
GA	3.7	3.2	1/		37.00	38.00	1/	137	122	1/
IDAHO	503	481	466	97	43.50	61.00	93.00	21,881	29,341	43,338
ILL	180	184	184	100	38.50	39.50	68.00	6,930	7,268	12,512
IND	187	176	171	97	32.50	36.00	46.00	6,078	6,336	7,866
IOWA	388	370	380	103	36.00	41.50	68.50	13,968	15,355	26,030
KANS	173	205	208	101	36.50	53.50	67.00	6,315	10,968	13,936
KY	30	28	22	79	35.00	41.50	52.50	1,050	1,162	1,155
LA	13	13	13	100	29.00	32.00	37.00	377	416	481
MAINE	11	12	12	100	40.00	43.50	54.00	440	522	648
MD	18	19	19	100	39.50	51.50	56.00	711	979	1,064
MASS	6.7	6.8	6.7	99	48.00	53.50	63.00	322	364	422
MICH	149	138	121	88	36.50	41.50	55.00	5,439	5,727	6,655
MINN	275	255	255	100	33.50	40.00	56.00	9,213	10,200	14,280
MISS	5.4	4.5	1/		26.00	31.00	1/	140	140	1/
MO	134	131	126	96	32.50	40.50	50.50	4,355	5,306	6,363
MONT	570	530	475	90	45.50	57.00	89.00	25,935	30,210	42,275
NEBR	190	237	175	74	37.00	49.00	65.00	7,030	11,613	11,375
NEV	133	114	114	100	50.50	56.00	80.00	6,717	6,384	9,120
N H	6.5	7.0	6.9	99	45.50	48.00	57.50	296	336	397
N J	8.3	9.2	9.6	104	48.50	53.00	61.50	403	488	590
N MEX	560	571	604	106	40.50	47.50	68.00	22,680	27,123	41,072
N Y	69	66	63	95	42.50	47.50	58.00	2,933	3,135	3,654
N C	9	9	7	78	34.00	36.00	44.50	306	324	312
N DAK	236	213	198	93	38.00	50.50	77.50	8,968	10,757	15,345
OHIO	445	370	350	95	35.50	43.50	52.50	15,798	16,095	18,375
OKLA	72	81	89	110	35.00	43.50	56.00	2,520	3,524	4,984
OREG	395	410	460	112	41.00	49.00	73.50	16,195	20,090	33,810
PA	100	80	75	94	31.50	36.50	46.50	3,150	2,920	3,488
R I	2.1	2.0	1/		48.00	50.00	1/	101	100	1/
S C	1.3	1.3	1/		34.00	43.00	1/	44	56	1/
S DAK	659	704	740	105	41.00	57.50	83.00	27,019	40,480	61,420
TENN	17	15	13	87	27.50	29.50	37.50	468	443	488
TEX	2,520	2,460	2,415	98	37.00	45.50	63.00	93,240	111,930	152,145
UTAH	580	491	486	99	51.00	62.00	84.00	29,580	30,442	40,824
VT	7.1	7.9	8	101	45.00	48.00	57.00	320	379	456
VA	164	172	160	93	41.50	47.00	54.50	6,806	8,084	8,720
WASH	74	62	56	90	46.50	51.50	68.00	3,441	3,193	3,808
W VA	125	123	115	94	38.50	46.00	52.00	4,813	5,658	5,980
WIS	80	82	95	116	35.00	46.00	64.00	2,800	3,772	6,080
WYO	1,206	1,115	1,105	99	51.00	60.00	85.50	61,506	66,900	94,478
U S	12,766.1	12,347.5	12,223.8	99	42.40	51.50	71.70	541,458	636,088	876,240

1/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: NUMBER BY CLASSES, BY STATES, JANUARY 1, 1977-79

STATE	STOCK SHEEP - ONE YEAR OLD AND OLDER						STOCK SHEEP - LAMBS					
	EWES			RAMS AND WETHERS			EWES			RAMS AND WETHERS		
	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979	1977	1978	1979
	1,000 HEAD											
ALA	2.4	2.5	1/	.2	.2	1/	.5	.5	1/	.5	.5	1/
ALAS	3.1	3	2.9	2.8	2.2	1.7	.3	.5	.5	.3	.5	.4
ARIZ	300	296	288	13	12	11	45	50	48	16	20	33
ARK	3.5	3.4	1/	.3	.3	1/	.8	.8	1/	.5	.4	1/
CALIF	770	780	838	27	27	26	82	88	85	21	20	16
COLD	426	380	393	12	11	12	56	53	64	6	6	6
CONN	4	3.9	3.8	.4	.3	.3	.8	.7	.8	.2	.2	.2
DEL	1.4	1.2	1/	.1	.1	1/	.3	.3	1/	.1	.1	1/
FLA	3.1	2.7	T/	.4	.3	T/	.6	.6	T/	.4	.4	T/
GA	2.4	2.3	T/	.4	.3	T/	.7	.4	T/	.2	.2	T/
IDAHO	420	376	369	9	8	8	56	79	73	5	7	6
ILL	125	129	127	7	8	7	24	23	25	6	7	8
IND	135	130	124	8	7	7	25	22	23	7	6	6
IOWA	260	240	220	11	11	15	38	39	64	9	10	21
KANS	115	117	125	4	5	5	13	12	13	8	6	7
KY	24	22	18	1	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	1
LA	9	9	9	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
MAINE	7	8	8	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
MD	14	14	14	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	1
MASS	4.9	4.7	4.9	.4	.5	.5	1	1.1	1	.4	.5	.3
MICH	91	88	75	4	4	3	17	13	14	3	3	3
MINN	173	160	160	6	7	4	25	30	38	6	6	8
MISS	3.7	3.1	1/	.4	.3	1/	.8	.7	1/	.5	.4	1/
MO	90	88	83	4	4	4	16	15	19	5	5	6
MONT	371	356	324	12	13	11	94	88	111	13	13	9
NEBR	83	129	76	3	4	3	11	15	17	3	4	4
NEV	100	92	89	3	2	2	16	15	15	1	1	1
N H	4.8	5	4.8	.4	.4	.4	1	1.3	1.3	.3	.3	.4
N J	6	6.7	6.9	.6	.6	.6	1.1	1.2	1.3	.6	.7	.8
N MEX	429	437	432	24	24	23	72	76	92	11	9	8
N Y	47	45	42	2	2	2	8	8	10	3	3	9
N C	6.5	6.6	5	.7	.7	.6	1	1	.9	.8	.7	.5
N DAK	138	126	115	5	6	5	25	28	32	6	5	8
OHIO	302	253	236	13	9	8	46	37	36	19	11	10
OKLA	49	55	57	3	3	3	5	7	12	2	3	3
OREG	247	250	260	11	10	11	42	42	68	10	8	11
PA	75	60	55	5	5	5	15	10	11	5	5	4
R I	1.6	1.6	1/	.1	.1	1/	.2	.2	1/	.2	.1	1/
S C	.9	.9	T/	.1	.1	T/	.2	.2	T/	.1	.1	T/
S DAK	510	523	534	15	15	17	84	113	124	16	19	21
TENN	13	11	9	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1
TEX	1,865	1,800	1,667	2/ 87	2/ 105	2/ 120	264	310	355	144	95	108
UTAH	475	401	388	14	11	10	65	53	59	6	5	5
VT	5.1	5.6	5.6	.3	.4	.4	1.1	1.3	1.4	.6	.6	.6
VA	129	136	125	5	5	5	21	22	21	9	9	9
WASH	50	42	39	4	3	3	9	9	11	1	2	3
W VA	99	96	88	4	5	5	17	16	16	5	6	6
WIS	57	58	63	2	2	3	11	12	17	2	1	2
WYO	835	780	759	32	30	30	183	180	176	21	20	20
U S	8,886.4	8,540.2	8,242.9	361.6	369.8	377.5	1,407.4	1,488.8	1,667.2	379.7	325.7	369.2

1/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED. 2/ TOTAL INCLUDES 73,000 RAMS AND 14,000 WETHERS FOR 1977, 80,000 RAMS AND 25,000 WETHERS FOR 1978, AND 88,000 RAMS AND 32,000 WETHERS FOR 1979.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: NUMBER BY CLASSES, BY STATES, JANUARY 1, 1977-79
OPERATIONS WITH SHEEP, 1976-78

STATE	STOCK SHEEP AND LAMBS - TOTAL				SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED				OPERATIONS WITH SHEEP		
	1977	1978	1979	1979/1978	1977	1978	1979	1979/1978	1976	1977	1978
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT		1,000 HEAD		PERCENT		NUMBER		
ALA	3.6	3.7	1/						190	190	1/
ALAS	6.5	6.2	5.5	89					10	10	10
ARIZ	374	378	380	101	116	60	85	142	260	280	280
ARK	5.1	4.9	1/						250	260	1/
CALIF	900	915	965	105	213	200	185	93	4,100	4,300	4,000
COLO	500	450	475	106	330	360	320	89	2,500	2,400	2,300
CONN	5.4	5.1	5.1	100					270	270	270
DEL	1.9	1.7	1/						50	50	1/
FLA	4.5	4	1/						160	160	1/
GA	3.7	3.2	1/						130	130	1/
IDAHO	490	470	456	97	13	11	10	91	1,800	1,900	1,900
ILL	162	167	167	100	18	17	17	100	7,500	7,500	7,000
IND	175	165	160	97	12	11	11	100	7,700	6,700	6,300
IOWA	318	300	320	107	70	70	60	86	12,500	11,000	12,000
KANS	140	140	150	107	33	65	58	89	2,500	2,500	2,500
KY	30	28	22	79					800	700	600
LA	13	13	13	100					800	750	750
MAINE	11	12	12	100					570	580	580
MD	18	19	19	100					790	780	780
MASS	6.7	6.8	6.7	99					440	440	450
MICH	115	108	95	88	34	30	26	87	3,000	2,500	2,000
MINN	210	203	210	103	65	52	45	87	7,500	7,500	8,000
MISS	5.4	4.5	1/						180	160	1/
MO	115	112	112	100	19	19	14	74	3,500	3,400	3,400
MONT	490	470	455	97	80	60	20	33	2,300	2,100	2,000
NEBR	100	152	100	66	90	85	75	88	3,000	2,800	2,800
NEV	120	110	107	97	13	4	7	175	280	270	270
N H	6.5	7	6.9	99					390	390	400
N J	8.3	9.2	9.6	104					540	600	630
N MEX	536	546	555	102	24	25	49	196	1,300	1,400	1,400
N Y	60	58	63	109	9	8	1/		2,200	2,100	2,200
N C	9	9	7	78					500	400	400
N DAK	174	165	160	97	62	48	38	79	2,000	2,100	2,100
OHIO	380	310	290	94	65	60	60	100	11,000	10,000	9,000
OKLA	59	68	75	110	13	13	14	108	1,700	1,800	2,000
OREG	310	310	350	113	85	100	110	110	4,400	4,400	4,400
PA	100	80	75	94					4,800	4,800	4,800
R I	2.1	2	1/						120	120	1/
S C	1.3	1.3	1/						70	60	1/
S DAK	625	670	696	104	34	34	44	129	5,800	6,000	6,500
TENN	17	15	13	87					700	750	700
TEX	2,360	2,310	2,250	97	160	150	165	110	9,000	9,000	9,000
UTAH	560	470	462	98	20	21	24	114	2,400	2,300	2,300
VT	7.1	7.9	8	101					430	430	440
VA	164	172	160	93					3,000	3,000	3,000
WASH	64	56	56	100	10	6	1/		1,700	1,200	1,000
W VA	125	123	115	94					3,400	3,500	3,400
WIS	72	73	85	116	8	9	10	111	2,900	3,000	3,200
WYO	1,071	1,070	985	98	135	105	120	114	1,500	1,400	1,300
U S	11,035.1	10,724.5	10,656.8	99	1,731	1,623	1,567	97	122,930	118,380	116,360

1/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED.

NEW CROP LAMBS: NUMBER, JANUARY 1, 1977-79 1/

STATE	1977	1978	1979	1979/1978
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT
ARIZ	93	90	63	70
CALIF	427	460	506	110
COLO	6	5	6	120
KANS	60	45	45	100
KY	8	4	5	125
MO	11	12	10	83
NEBR	12	13	12	92
OHIO	23	16	13	81
OKLA	18	20	20	100
PA	8	5	7	140
S DAK	11	19	9	47
TEX	200	180	175	97
VA	36	25	22	88
OTHER STATES	99	83	98	118
U S	1,012	977	991	101

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LAMB CROP 1976-78

STATE	BREEDING EWES 1 YEAR AND OLDER JANUARY 1			LAMB CROP PER 100 EWES 1+ JANUARY 1			LAMB CROP 1/			1978 AS
	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	1976	1977	1978	% OF 1977
	1,000 HEAD			NUMBER			1,000 HEAD			PERCENT
ALA	2.6	2.4	2.5	100	108	2/	2.6	2.6	2/	
ALAS	3.6	3.1	3	11	32	30	.6	1	.9	90
ARIZ	286	300	296	71	67	72	203	200	213	107
ARK	3.4	3.5	3.4	106	123	2/	3.6	4.3	2/	
CALIF	811	770	780	91	91	89	738	700	694	99
COLO	452	426	380	103	106	113	465	452	429	95
CONN	3.7	4	3.9	119	110	115	4.4	4.4	4.5	102
DEL	1.3	1.4	1.2	108	93	2/	1.4	1.3	2/	
FLA	3	3.1	2.7	93	81	2/	2.8	2.5	2/	
GA	2.2	2.4	2.3	73	71	2/	1.5	1.7	2/	
IDAHO	460	420	376	115	117	112	529	491	421	86
ILL	131	125	129	113	111	109	148	139	141	101
IND	130	135	130	112	114	113	146	154	147	95
IOWA	260	260	240	112	112	108	290	292	259	89
KANS	112	115	117	107	110	106	120	126	124	98
KY	26	24	22	131	117	109	34	28	24	86
LA	9	9	9	89	100	89	8	9	8	89
MAINE	7	7	8	110	114	113	7.7	8	9	113
MD	14	14	14	114	107	121	16	15	17	113
MASS	5.3	4.9	4.7	106	116	113	5.6	5.7	5.3	93
MICH	89	91	88	111	113	113	99	103	103	100
MINN	203	173	160	117	124	125	237	214	200	93
MISS	4	3.7	3.1	93	95	2/	3.7	3.5	2/	
MO	97	90	88	115	123	120	112	111	106	95
MONT	416	371	356	101	101	98	420	375	349	93
NEBR	100	83	129	110	120	85	110	100	110	110
NEV	111	100	92	92	96	96	102	96	88	92
N H	4.9	4.8	5	106	119	122	5.2	5.7	6.1	107
N J	6	6	6.7	113	122	116	6.8	7.3	7.8	107
N MEX	454	429	437	76	75	74	345	322	323	100
N Y	49	47	45	108	111	111	53	52	50	96
N C	7	6.5	6.6	106	105	97	7.4	6.8	6.4	94
N DAK	143	138	126	114	123	121	163	170	152	89
OHIO	306	302	253	104	107	104	318	324	264	81
OKLA	55	49	55	104	110	109	57	54	60	111
OREG	268	247	250	119	113	115	319	279	288	103
PA	91	75	60	105	104	103	96	78	62	79
R I	2	1.6	1.6	55	81	2/	1.1	1.3	2/	
S C	.9	.9	.9	89	89	2/	.8	.8	2/	
S DAK	552	510	523	124	128	128	684	653	668	102
TENN	15	13	11	93	92	100	14	12	11	92
TEX	1,900	1,865	1,800	74	78	69	1,400	1,450	1,242	86
UTAH	481	475	401	90	90	94	433	428	377	88
VT	5.1	5.1	5.6	118	122	120	6	6.2	6.7	108
VA	128	129	136	123	120	118	157	155	160	103
WASH	58	50	42	121	106	119	70	53	50	94
W VA	92	99	96	112	112	113	103	111	108	97
WIS	66	57	58	114	139	134	75	79	78	99
WYO	887	835	780	86	86	83	763	718	647	90
U S	9,314.0	8,886.4	8,540.2	95	97	94	8,888.3	8,606.1	8,019.7	93

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.
 2/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED.

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