

lamb crop wool



1975

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LAMB CROP DOWN 6 PERCENT

The 1975 United States lamb crop is estimated at 9.9 million head, down 6 percent from the 1974 crop and 14 percent below 1973, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

The January 1, 1975 number of breeding ewes 1 year old and older totaled 10.1 million head, a decline of 9 percent from a year earlier, while ewe lambs under 1 year were down 16 percent.

The lambing percentage for 1975 (number of lambs saved per 100 ewes 1 year old and older on hand January 1) at 98 compares with 95 in 1974.

WOOL PRODUCTION 10 PERCENT LOWER

Wool shorn and to be shorn in the United States during 1975 is estimated at 119.2 million pounds, grease basis. This is a decline of 10 percent from 1974 and 18 percent below the 1973 crop.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn, estimated at 14.3 million head, is down 11 percent from the number shorn in 1974. The 1975 average fleece weight is 8.31 pounds, compared with 8.24 pounds last year.

LAMB CROP AND WOOL PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, 1973-75

YEAR	BREEDING	LAMBS SAVED:	LAMBS	NUMBER	WEIGHT	WOOL
	EWES 1 YEAR	PER 100				
	OLD AND	EWES	1/	SHORN	FLEECE	
	OLDER	:1 YEAR OLD				
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	:1,000 HEAD	NUMBER	1,000 HEAD	1,000 HEAD	POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
1973	: 12,116	95	11,513	17,598	8.25	145,239
1974	: 11,106	95	10,508	16,142	8.24	132,931
1975	: 10,107	98	9,858	14,347	8.31	119,181

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LAMB CROP: 1974-75

WOOL SHORN 1974-75, BY STATES

STATE	BREEDING EWES 1		LAMBS SAVED PER		LAMBS SAVED 1/		1975 AS %		NUMBER SHEEP SHORN		WEIGHT PER FLEECE		WOOL PRODUCTION	
	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975	OF	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974	1975	1974
	1,000 HEAD	NUMBER	1,000 HEAD	NUMBER	1,000 HEAD	PERCENT	1974	1975	1,000 HEAD	POUNDS	1,000 HEAD	POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
ARIZ	294	79	232	223	96		471	498	7.2	6.5	3,397	3,230		
CALIF	843	89	750	712	95		1,377	1,311	7.8	7.9	10,779	10,389		
COLO	531	102	542	490	90		1,277	1,042	7.8	8.2	9,999	8,499		
IDAHO	547	118	645	560	87		631	564	10.6	10.6	6,713	5,955		
ILL	160	110	176	166	94		235	218	7.2	7.2	1,683	1,560		
IND	145	103	150	155	103		190	180	7.7	7.7	1,466	1,383		
IOWA	337	294	365	320	88		516	463	7.5	7.7	3,882	3,554		
KANS	166	136	160	147	82		268	190	7.9	8.1	2,116	1,543		
MICH	131	116	143	128	90		181	162	8.2	8.3	1,491	1,344		
MINN	259	246	304	285	94		367	342	7.4	7.1	2,734	2,417		
MO	149	131	165	145	88		200	170	7.5	7.0	1,507	1,165		
MONT	559	536	537	510	95		704	672	10.1	9.6	7,143	6,444		
NEBR	155	140	170	150	88		285	248	7.3	7.5	2,087	1,851		
NEV	129	116	125	110	88		143	126	10.3	10.0	1,473	1,260		
N MEX	476	440	395	400	101		610	520	9.9	9.8	6,010	5,120		
N DAK	215	205	251	237	94		284	267	9.3	9.7	2,648	2,578		
ORIG	401	358	399	380	95		523	446	8.1	8.1	4,212	3,593		
OREG	308	291	323	300	93		515	444	7.5	7.7	3,846	3,410		
PA	108	94	116	100	86		120	120	7.0	6.8	840	816		
S DAK	701	616	806	682	85		917	720	9.2	8.6	8,448	6,164		
TEX	2,136	1,923	1,500	1,700	113		3,390	3,080	7.1	7.6	23,900	23,500		
UTAH	615	558	578	502	87		728	575	10.0	10.3	7,255	5,941		
VA	140	139	170	167	98		158	150	6.0	6.1	948	915		
W VA	107	102	120	114	95		125	124	5.8	5.7	725	707		
WYO	1,049	957	892	765	86		1,375	1,230	9.7	9.8	13,385	12,040		
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STATES 4/	445	385	474	410	86		552	485	7.7	7.8	4,244	3,783		
U S TOTAL	11,106	10,107	95	10,508	94		16,142	14,347	8.24	8.31	132,931	119,181		

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.

2/ INCLUDES SHEEP SHORN AT COMMERCIAL FEEDING YARDS.

3/ FOR TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA THE WEIGHT PER FLEECE IS THE AVERAGE PER ANIMAL AND NOT THE AVERAGE PER SHEARING SINCE SOME SHEEP ARE SHORN MORE THAN ONCE EACH YEAR.

4/ STATE ESTIMATES NOT AVAILABLE IN JULY.