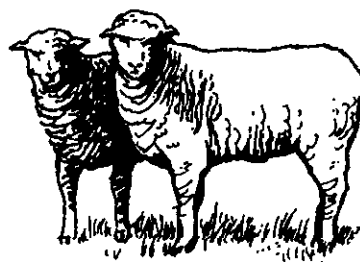


# WOOL



SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION 1964

July 27, 1964

## WOOL PRODUCTION DECLINES 6 PERCENT

Wool shorn and to be shorn in 1964 is estimated at 224,295,000 pounds, grease basis, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Wool production at this level is 6 percent below the 238,180,000 pounds produced in 1963. This year's shorn wool production is equivalent to 100,933,000 pounds clean basis, compared with 107,181,000 pounds clean basis for 1963.

The total number of sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1964, estimated at 26,492,000 head, is 5 percent below the number shorn in 1963. The estimated weight per fleece is 8.47 pounds, compared with 8.55 pounds a year earlier. Estimates for Alaska are included in the United States total shorn wool production.

## WESTERN STATES CLIP DOWN 6 PERCENT

In the 13 Western sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota, and Texas) shorn wool is estimated at 165,887,000 pounds grease basis--6 percent below the 1963 clip of 176,076,000 pounds. Wool production in 1964 is lower in 10 of these 13 Western States compared with 1963.

Sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1964, at 18,972,000 head, are 4 percent less than in 1963. The average fleece weight for the 13 Western States at 8.74 pounds in 1964 is below last year's 8.91 pounds.

Texas, the leading sheep and wool State, expects a wool crop of 42,652,000 pounds, a 10 percent decline from the 47,618,000 pounds produced in 1963. Fewer head shorn and to be shorn and a lower average fleece weight accounts for the lower production. Wool production in Wyoming, the second leading wool producing State, is down 6 percent from 1963.

## NATIVE STATES PRODUCTION DECREASES 6 PERCENT

A wool clip of 58,247,000 pounds is expected in 1964 in the 35 Native or "fleece" wool States (excludes 13 Western States and Alaska). This is down 6 percent from the 61,937,000 pounds produced in 1963. The smaller production for 1964 is entirely the result of a 7 percent decline in the number of sheep shorn. The average weight per fleece in these 35 States, at 7.76 pounds, is slightly heavier than the 7.67 pounds produced in 1963.

Compared with last year, 27 of the Native sheep States show a decline in production, 3 States are unchanged and 5 States expect a larger wool clip than was produced in 1963.

Wool shorn 1963 and 1964, by States

State	Number sheep shorn 1/			Weight per fleece 2/			Wool production		
	5-year	1963	1964	5-year	1963	1964	5-year	1963	1964
	average			average			average		
	1958-62			1958-62			1958-62		
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000	1,000	1,000
	head	head	head				pounds	pounds	pounds
Maine	32	32	29	7.0	6.9	7.0	221	221	203
N.H.	7	6	6	6.8	6.8	6.6	47	41	40
Vt.	11	10	8	7.3	7.4	7.1	77	74	57
Mass.	11	11	10	7.1	7.1	7.2	78	78	72
R.I.	2	2	2	6.8	6.5	6.6	14	13	13
Conn.	6	7	7	6.9	6.7	6.8	43	47	48
N.Y.	134	115	117	7.6	7.7	7.9	1,013	882	922
N.J.	13	13	12	7.2	7.1	7.5	95	92	90
Pa.	225	201	193	7.3	7.4	7.4	1,653	1,487	1,428
Ohio	1,034	799	728	8.1	8.4	8.6	8,322	6,732	6,254
Ind.	435	373	338	7.6	7.7	7.9	3,309	2,865	2,682
Ill.	610	612	510	7.6	7.4	7.5	4,610	4,505	3,849
Mich.	358	315	304	8.3	8.3	8.6	2,971	2,627	2,608
Wis.	205	179	179	7.9	7.8	8.0	1,627	1,390	1,440
Minn.	814	761	695	7.9	7.8	7.8	6,405	5,938	5,438
Iowa	1,402	1,115	1,076	7.4	7.6	7.8	10,484	8,520	8,412
Mo.	725	520	501	7.6	7.7	7.9	5,480	3,992	3,949
N.Dak.	602	542	482	9.5	9.5	9.5	5,739	5,165	4,594
S.Dak.	1,548	1,505	1,441	9.4	9.2	9.3	14,556	13,820	13,433
Nebr.	662	571	617	7.2	7.7	7.3	4,763	4,395	4,504
Kans.	621	601	557	8.0	7.9	8.1	4,954	4,759	4,524
Del.	5	5	5	6.5	6.8	6.8	32	34	34
Md.	33	28	26	6.7	6.8	6.6	223	190	172
Va.	288	246	234	5.8	5.7	5.7	1,658	1,402	1,334
W.Va.	254	219	196	5.5	5.6	5.6	1,396	1,226	1,098
N.C.	48	38	32	6.1	6.1	6.0	288	232	192
S.C.	10	8	7	6.6	6.4	7.3	69	51	51
Ga.	26	12	10	6.7	6.0	6.2	173	72	62
Fla.	6	5	5	4.8	4.5	5.0	28	22	25
Ky.	477	260	214	6.9	7.0	6.9	3,288	1,820	1,477
Tenn.	225	140	106	5.6	5.7	5.3	1,268	798	562
Ala.	30	15	12	5.9	6.0	5.6	174	90	67
Miss.	61	37	28	5.3	5.0	5.2	323	185	146
Ark.	44	32	29	6.6	6.7	6.3	292	214	183
La.	82	68	61	4.5	4.4	4.5	370	299	274
Okla.	213	180	170	7.8	8.2	8.5	1,669	1,479	1,443
Texas	6,023	5,947	5,591	8.1	8.0	7.6	48,534	47,618	42,652
Mont.	1,564	1,395	1,397	10.2	10.2	9.8	16,017	14,254	13,733
Idaho	1,037	970	896	10.1	10.2	10.0	10,545	9,887	8,984
Wyo.	2,073	2,063	2,014	10.4	10.6	10.2	21,574	21,882	20,515
Colo.	1,552	1,609	1,481	9.1	9.3	9.5	14,125	15,007	14,110
N.Mex.	1,125	1,073	1,035	9.2	9.5	9.3	10,381	10,157	9,581
Ariz.	457	507	502	7.2	7.2	7.5	3,260	3,638	3,774
Utah	1,196	1,150	1,139	9.9	10.0	10.0	11,781	11,445	11,340
Nev.	310	253	250	9.2	9.5	9.6	2,834	2,398	2,394
Wash.	308	293	292	9.2	9.2	9.3	2,836	2,689	2,702
Oreg.	881	822	750	8.2	8.0	7.8	7,221	6,559	5,871
Calif.	2,506	2,172	2,184	7.6	7.7	7.7	19,014	16,722	16,798
Total 48	30,290	27,837	26,478	8.45	8.55	8.46	255,834	238,013	224,134
Alaska	---	14	14	---	11.9	11.5	---	167	161
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	---	27,851	26,492	---	8.52	8.47	---	238,180	224,295

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.

2/ 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.