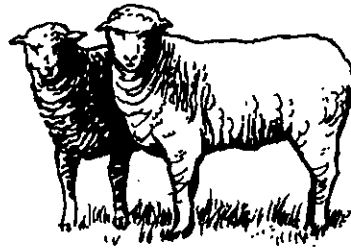


# WOOL



SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION 1966

July 26, 1966

## WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 1 PERCENT

Wool shorn and to be shorn during 1966 in the United States is estimated at 211,248,000 pounds, grease basis, according to the Crop Reporting Board. At this level, wool production is 1 percent smaller than the 213,569,000 pounds produced in 1965. The 1966 production is equivalent to 100,765,000 pounds, clean basis, compared with 101,872,000 pounds for 1965, based on a conversion factor of 47.7 percent.

The total number of sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn during 1966 is estimated at 24,873,000 head. This number is 1 percent smaller than the 25,082,000 head shorn in 1965. The average fleece weight is 8.49 pounds compared with 8.51 last year.

## SLIGHT INCREASE IN WESTERN CLIP

Shorn wool production in the 13 Western sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota, and Texas) is estimated at 158,290,000 pounds compared with the 1965 clip of 157,707,000 pounds. Wool production is higher in 4 of the 13 States.

Sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1966 at 18,118,000 head are slightly above the 18,074,000 head shorn in 1965. The average fleece weight is 8.74 pounds compared with the 1965 average of 8.73 pounds.

Texas, the leading wool producing State, expects a wool clip of 45,594,000 pounds, a 4 percent increase from the 43,941,000 pounds produced in 1965. The number shorn and to be shorn, at 5,755,000 head, is 6 percent larger than in 1965, while the average fleece weight of 7.9 pounds is 2 percent lighter. Wyoming, the second ranking wool producing State, expects a production of 20,528,000 pounds in 1966, an increase of 7 percent. Total number shorn is only slightly larger than in 1965 but average fleece weights at 10.5 pounds are 7 percent heavier. Estimated wool production in California, the third largest producer, is down 4 percent from 1965. The number shorn is 1 percent larger but fleece weights are down 4 percent.

## PRODUCTION IN NATIVE STATES DOWN 5 PERCENT

A wool clip of 52,738,000 pounds is expected in the 35 Native or "fleece" wool States (excludes 13 Western States and Alaska). This is a 5 percent smaller clip than the 55,653,000 pounds shorn in 1965. The smaller production results from a 4 percent decline in the number shorn and a 2 percent reduction in average fleece weights.

Compared with last year, 31 of the 35 Native sheep States show a decline in production, 2 States are unchanged, and 2 expect a larger wool clip than was produced in 1965.

Wool shorn 1965 and 1966, by States

State	Number sheep shorn 1/			Weight per fleece 2/			Wool production		
	5 year	1965	1966	5 year	1965	1966	5 year	1965	1966
	average			average			average		
	1960-64			1960-64			1960-64		
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	1,000	1,000	1,000
	head	head	head				pounds	pounds	pounds
Maine	31	25	21	6.9	7.2	7.5	217	180	158
N.H.	6	6	5	6.7	7.0	7.2	43	42	36
Vt.	10	9	9	7.4	8.1	8.0	74	73	72
Mass.	11	10	10	7.0	7.0	7.0	75	70	70
R.I.	2	2	2	6.7	6.8	7.2	13	14	14
Conn.	6	7	6	6.8	7.2	7.4	44	50	44
N.Y.	122	113	101	7.7	8.1	8.1	938	914	821
N.J.	13	11	11	7.1	7.6	7.5	92	84	82
Pa.	212	197	193	7.3	7.6	7.5	1,549	1,497	1,448
Ohio	882	710	705	8.3	8.8	8.7	7,281	6,231	6,109
Ind.	398	353	333	7.7	7.9	7.9	3,089	2,787	2,627
Ill.	607	548	501	7.5	7.7	7.4	4,521	4,207	3,701
Mich.	331	277	269	8.4	8.8	8.6	2,777	2,436	2,304
Wis.	189	158	151	7.9	8.1	8.0	1,488	1,284	1,208
Minn.	794	665	642	7.9	7.9	7.9	6,234	5,282	5,044
Iowa	1,278	1,093	1,015	7.5	7.9	7.7	9,570	8,667	7,773
Mo.	601	446	381	7.7	8.1	7.9	4,611	3,627	3,018
N.Dak.	562	443	422	9.6	9.7	9.3	5,386	4,290	3,923
S.Dak.	1,564	1,395	1,371	9.3	8.9	8.8	14,614	12,440	12,048
Nebr.	629	467	469	7.5	8.0	7.8	4,661	3,759	3,674
Kans.	612	440	537	8.0	8.2	8.3	4,918	3,589	4,446
Del.	5	4	3	6.6	7.3	7.5	30	29	22
Md.	29	25	22	6.7	7.2	7.6	196	180	168
Va.	262	214	212	5.8	6.0	6.0	1,508	1,284	1,274
W.Va.	232	187	179	5.5	5.8	5.8	1,282	1,085	1,043
N.C.	42	29	28	6.1	6.4	6.2	255	186	174
S.C.	9	6	6	6.6	6.7	7.0	56	40	42
Ga.	16	9	8	6.5	6.1	6.2	107	55	50
Fla.	5	4	3	4.3	5.0	4.5	23	20	14
Ky.	343	187	168	6.9	7.4	7.3	2,354	1,384	1,226
Tenn.	166	90	80	5.5	5.6	5.6	916	504	448
Ala.	20	9	8	5.9	6.0	5.8	120	54	46
Miss.	44	21	20	5.3	5.2	5.4	234	109	108
Ark.	36	20	16	6.7	6.7	6.7	240	134	107
La.	72	50	48	4.5	4.3	4.3	323	215	206
Okla.	194	155	152	7.9	8.3	8.1	1,520	1,291	1,238
Texas	6,111	5,420	5,755	7.9	8.1	7.9	48,574	43,941	45,594
Mont.	1,483	1,264	1,215	10.2	9.6	9.5	15,100	12,190	11,596
Idaho	995	905	874	10.2	9.8	10.2	10,172	8,839	8,888
Wyo.	2,071	1,946	1,950	10.4	9.8	10.5	21,549	19,123	20,528
Colo.	1,587	1,250	1,290	9.2	9.1	9.3	14,504	11,410	11,958
N.Mex.	1,095	922	896	9.3	9.4	9.4	10,197	8,669	8,380
Ariz.	496	588	526	7.2	7.1	7.2	3,549	4,199	3,775
Utah	1,178	1,178	1,105	9.9	9.5	9.8	11,716	11,147	10,839
Nev.	275	231	226	9.3	9.5	9.5	2,553	2,189	2,139
Wash.	306	269	244	9.2	9.3	9.2	2,813	2,511	2,246
Oreg.	844	693	639	8.0	7.7	8.1	6,762	5,317	5,196
Calif.	2,318	2,013	2,027	7.8	7.8	7.5	18,105	15,732	15,103
48 States	29,096	25,064	24,854	8.48	8.51	8.49	246,954	213,360	211,028
Alaska	---	18	19	---	11.6	11.6	---	209	220
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	---	25,082	24,873	---	8.51	8.49	---	213,569	211,248

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.