

# WOOL



SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION 1969

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## WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 6 PERCENT

Wool shorn and to be shorn in the United States during 1969 is estimated at 166,605,000 pounds, grease basis, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 6 percent below the 1968 production of 177,767,000 pounds. The 1969 production is equivalent to 79,471,000 pounds, clean basis, compared with 84,795,000 pounds in 1968, based on a conversion factor of 47.7 percent.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn during 1969 is estimated at 19,608,000 head, a 5 percent decrease from the 20,726,000 head shorn in 1968. The 1969 average weight per fleece is 8.50 pounds compared with 8.58 pounds last year.

## WESTERN STATES

Shorn wool production in the Western Sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota, and Texas) is estimated at 124,966,000 pounds, 7 percent below the 1968 clip of 133,757,000 pounds. Wool production is smaller in all Western States except Arizona.

Sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1969 are estimated at 14,384,000 head, 5 percent less than the 15,216,000 head shorn in 1968. The average fleece weight is 8.69 pounds, compared with 8.79 pounds in 1968.

Texas, the leading wool producing State, expects a total clip of 30,736,000 pounds, 8 percent less than the 1968 production of 33,363,000 pounds. Texas sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn, at 4,180,000 head, is 5 percent smaller, and the average fleece weight of 7.4 pounds is 0.1 pound lighter than in 1968. Wyoming, the second ranking wool producing State, expects a production of 17,487,000 pounds, 2 percent smaller than the 17,836,000 pounds produced in 1968. Wool production in California, the third ranking State, is expected to total 12,356,000 pounds, 8 percent below a year earlier.

## NATIVE STATES

A wool clip of 41,372,000 pounds is estimated in the 35 Native or "fleece" wool States (excluding 13 Western States and Alaska). This is 5 percent less than the 43,746,000 pounds shorn in 1968. The smaller 1969 clip results from a 5 percent decline in the number of sheep and lambs shorn. The average fleece weight is 7.95 pounds, slightly less than the 7.97 pounds in 1968.

Wool shorn 1967-1969, by States

| State     | Number sheep shorn 1/ |        |        | Weight per fleece 2/ |      |      | Wool Production    |         |         |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------|--------|----------------------|------|------|--------------------|---------|---------|
|           | 1967                  | 1968   | 1969   | 1967                 | 1968 | 1969 | 1967               | 1968    | 1969    |
|           | -- 1,000 head --      |        |        | -- Pounds --         |      |      | -- 1,000 pounds -- |         |         |
| Maine     | 18                    | 17     | 16     | 7.5                  | 7.4  | 7.3  | 135                | 126     | 117     |
| N. H.     | 4.8                   | 5.2    | 5.3    | 7.1                  | 7.1  | 7.0  | 34                 | 37      | 37      |
| Vt.       | 6.8                   | 6.5    | 5.8    | 8.2                  | 8.1  | 8.1  | 56                 | 53      | 47      |
| Mass.     | 9.5                   | 9.3    | 10     | 7.3                  | 7.0  | 7.0  | 69                 | 65      | 70      |
| R. I.     | 1.8                   | 1.7    | 1.8    | 7.2                  | 7.3  | 7.0  | 13                 | 12      | 13      |
| Conn.     | 4.8                   | 5.1    | 5.2    | 7.3                  | 7.2  | 7.2  | 35                 | 37      | 37      |
| N. Y.     | 90                    | 91     | 85     | 8.1                  | 8.0  | 8.0  | 725                | 728     | 678     |
| N. J.     | 8.6                   | 8.0    | 7.7    | 7.4                  | 7.8  | 7.8  | 64                 | 62      | 60      |
| Pa.       | 162                   | 158    | 156    | 7.5                  | 7.4  | 7.7  | 1,215              | 1,169   | 1,201   |
| Ohio      | 692                   | 684    | 671    | 8.8                  | 8.6  | 8.5  | 6,106              | 5,899   | 5,730   |
| Ind.      | 273                   | 262    | 245    | 8.0                  | 8.0  | 7.7  | 2,176              | 2,095   | 1,897   |
| Ill.      | 363                   | 384    | 370    | 7.9                  | 7.4  | 7.3  | 2,854              | 2,826   | 2,714   |
| Mich.     | 255                   | 253    | 248    | 8.6                  | 8.5  | 8.4  | 2,193              | 2,149   | 2,083   |
| Wis.      | 146                   | 141    | 136    | 8.1                  | 8.1  | 8.1  | 1,188              | 1,145   | 1,108   |
| Minn.     | 592                   | 503    | 456    | 8.0                  | 8.1  | 8.2  | 4,722              | 4,053   | 3,757   |
| Iowa      | 855                   | 840    | 840    | 8.1                  | 8.0  | 8.0  | 6,927              | 6,720   | 6,762   |
| Mo.       | 328                   | 294    | 269    | 8.1                  | 8.0  | 8.0  | 2,672              | 2,354   | 2,151   |
| N. Dak.   | 354                   | 338    | 317    | 9.8                  | 9.7  | 9.7  | 3,483              | 3,280   | 3,077   |
| S. Dak.   | 1,214                 | 1,144  | 1,079  | 9.5                  | 9.7  | 9.4  | 11,537             | 11,141  | 10,160  |
| Nebr.     | 392                   | 368    | 344    | 8.0                  | 7.7  | 7.7  | 3,150              | 2,840   | 2,690   |
| Kans.     | 394                   | 373    | 330    | 8.4                  | 8.5  | 8.1  | 3,322              | 3,182   | 2,682   |
| Del.      | 2.4                   | 1.9    | 1.8    | 7.1                  | 6.8  | 7.0  | 17                 | 13      | 13      |
| Md.       | 17                    | 17     | 17     | 7.1                  | 6.9  | 7.1  | 121                | 117     | 121     |
| Va.       | 196                   | 197    | 181    | 6.2                  | 6.3  | 6.2  | 1,218              | 1,241   | 1,122   |
| W. Va.    | 164                   | 165    | 158    | 5.9                  | 5.9  | 5.9  | 968                | 973     | 932     |
| N. C.     | 19                    | 18     | 17     | 7.0                  | 6.5  | 6.9  | 133                | 117     | 117     |
| S. C.     | 2.4                   | 1.8    | 1.5    | 7.1                  | 6.7  | 6.5  | 17                 | 12      | 10      |
| Ga.       | 5.5                   | 5.4    | 5.0    | 6.3                  | 6.7  | 6.4  | 35                 | 36      | 32      |
| Fla.      | 5.1                   | 5.5    | 5.3    | 6.5                  | 6.1  | 5.7  | 33                 | 34      | 30      |
| Ky.       | 135                   | 115    | 95     | 7.2                  | 7.3  | 7.2  | 972                | 840     | 684     |
| Tenn.     | 60                    | 48     | 41     | 5.8                  | 5.8  | 5.9  | 348                | 278     | 242     |
| Ala.      | 7.0                   | 6.2    | 5.7    | 6.0                  | 6.0  | 6.1  | 42                 | 37      | 35      |
| Miss.     | 18                    | 17     | 15     | 5.0                  | 4.9  | 4.8  | 90                 | 83      | 72      |
| Ark.      | 8.7                   | 7.7    | 6.7    | 7.1                  | 7.0  | 7.2  | 62                 | 54      | 48      |
| La.       | 28                    | 26     | 23     | 4.7                  | 5.0  | 4.8  | 132                | 130     | 110     |
| Okla.     | 121                   | 113    | 109    | 8.4                  | 8.4  | 8.6  | 1,017              | 949     | 933     |
| Texas     | 4,993                 | 4,419  | 4,180  | 7.4                  | 7.5  | 7.4  | 36,998             | 33,363  | 30,736  |
| Mont.     | 1,134                 | 1,075  | 1,008  | 9.9                  | 10.1 | 9.7  | 11,277             | 10,848  | 9,783   |
| Idaho     | 696                   | 712    | 670    | 10.6                 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 7,346              | 7,679   | 7,112   |
| Wyo.      | 1,768                 | 1,748  | 1,697  | 10.8                 | 10.2 | 10.3 | 19,020             | 17,836  | 17,487  |
| Colo.     | 1,271                 | 1,182  | 1,064  | 9.0                  | 8.8  | 9.3  | 11,501             | 10,455  | 9,878   |
| N. Mex.   | 884                   | 806    | 786    | 9.6                  | 9.1  | 9.1  | 8,462              | 7,374   | 7,180   |
| Ariz.     | 482                   | 433    | 477    | 7.2                  | 7.6  | 7.5  | 3,480              | 3,292   | 3,584   |
| Utah      | 1,009                 | 1,013  | 969    | 10.1                 | 10.1 | 9.7  | 10,232             | 10,197  | 9,398   |
| Nev.      | 212                   | 209    | 190    | 9.8                  | 10.0 | 9.6  | 2,082              | 2,090   | 1,824   |
| Wash.     | 164                   | 157    | 143    | 9.2                  | 9.1  | 9.4  | 1,517              | 1,435   | 1,338   |
| Oreg.     | 577                   | 568    | 525    | 8.3                  | 8.1  | 7.9  | 4,800              | 4,618   | 4,130   |
| Calif.    | 1,858                 | 1,750  | 1,596  | 7.6                  | 7.7  | 7.7  | 14,077             | 13,429  | 12,356  |
| 48 States | 22,001                | 20,703 | 19,585 | 8.58                 | 8.57 | 8.49 | 188,673            | 177,503 | 166,338 |
| Alaska    | 21                    | 23     | 23     | 11.7                 | 11.5 | 11.6 | 246                | 264     | 267     |
| Hawaii    | ---                   | ---    | ---    | ---                  | ---  | ---  | ---                | ---     | ---     |
| U. S.     | 22,022                | 20,726 | 19,608 | 8.58                 | 8.58 | 8.50 | 188,919            | 177,767 | 166,605 |

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.