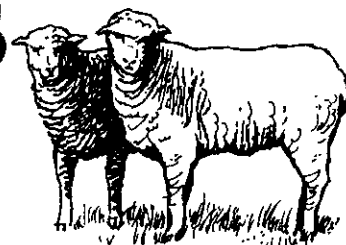


# SHEEP & LAMBS ON FEED



January 1, 1966

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## SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

The number of sheep and lambs on feed on January 1, 1966 in 26 States for slaughter market was up 1 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This year's number on feed is estimated at 3,335,000 compared with 3,291,000 on January 1, 1965.

Range and pastures in most areas of the United States provided ample supplies of feed during the fall months. Generally mild weather prevailed through mid-December, and supplemental feeding requirements were below normal. Wheat pastures in the southern and central Plains provided more forage than a year earlier, but wheat growth was held back by dry weather in November. Farm stocks of feed grains on January 1, 1966 were 12 percent above the previous year and 3 percent above average.

The market price of choice feeder lambs at Denver averaged \$23.00 per 100 pounds for the week ended October 16, 1965, compared with \$20.88 for the week ended October 17, 1964. For the week ended January 1, 1966 the Denver market for choice feeder lambs averaged \$26.15, up \$6.40 per 100 pounds from a year earlier and \$3.15 above mid-October 1965.

## CORN BELT STATES DOWN 4 PERCENT

There were 1,746,000 sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter in the North Central States on January 1, 1966. This was a 4 percent decrease from the 1,818,000 head on feed a year earlier. Kansas showed a sharp increase of 34 percent resulting from better wheat pastures than a year ago. In Indiana, Illinois, and Minnesota the number of sheep on feed was unchanged from a year earlier. All other North Central States showed decreases from a year earlier.

Feeder sheep and lamb shipments into 8 of the Corn Belt States for which data are available totaled 1,218,513 head for the period July through November 1965. This was 16 percent less than the number of inshipments for the same period in 1964.

## WESTERN STATES UP 10 PERCENT

Sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter in the Western States totaled 1,442,000 head on January 1, 1966, up 10 percent from the 1,314,000 head on feed a year earlier. Six States showed increases in the number of sheep being fed, while

5 States were lower. Colorado, the largest sheep and lamb feeding State in the Nation, had 551,000 head on January 1 this year, a 28 percent increase from the 430,000 on feed a year earlier. California, the second largest western feeding State, had 188,000 sheep and lambs on feed, down 24 percent from January 1, 1965.

#### SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED IN 7 MAJOR STATES

Sheep and lambs on feed on January 1, 1966 for slaughter market totaled 1,896,000 head in the 7 major feeding States. This is an increase of 1 percent, or 23,000 head, from the 1,873,000 head on feed January 1, 1965, but 61,000 head less than the November 1, 1965 number on feed. These 7 major feeding States accounted for 57 percent of the number on feed in the 26 States January 1, 1966. Kansas and Colorado were up sharply from a year earlier in number on feed January 1, while the other 5 States were below the previous year's number. Compared with the November 1, 1965 number on feed, Iowa, Kansas, and Colorado showed increases while the other 4 States were down.

Placements in November and December in the 7 major States totaled 709,000 head, 37 percent of the number on feed January 1, 1966. This compares with 599,000 head placed during this period the previous year or 32 percent of the number on feed January 1, 1965.

Marketings of fed sheep and lambs from these 7 States during November and December totaled 770,000 head. This was 7 percent less than the 830,000 head marketed during the corresponding two months of 1964. Marketings in Kansas, Texas, and California were greater than a year earlier. In the other 4 States marketings were less than a year earlier.

#### WEIGHT OF SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED

The weight group breakdown of sheep and lambs on feed in the 7 major States on January 1, 1966 compared with a year earlier was as follows: under 60 pounds, 41,000 head, down 24 percent; 60-79 pounds, 389,000 head, down 18 percent; 80-99 pounds, 1,172,000 head, up 2 percent; and 100 pounds and over, 294,000 head, up 53 percent.

#### SHEEP AND LAMBS ON WHEAT PASTURE

The winter wheat pasture areas in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas were furnishing wheat forage for 147,000 head of sheep and lambs on feed January 1, 1966. This was an increase of 48 percent from the 99,000 head utilizing wheat pastures in these areas on January 1, 1965. Approximately 72 percent of the fall seeded wheat in this area had sufficient growth by December 15, 1965 to permit grazing, and about 48 percent of the acreage was being utilized for pasture.

Sheep and Lambs on Feed, January 1, 1965, November 1, 1965  
and January 1, 1966 with Comparisons <sup>1/</sup>

State and division	Jan. 1, 1965	Nov. 1, 1965	Jan. 1, 1966	Jan. 1, 1966 as % of Jan. 1, 1965
	1,000 <u>head</u>	1,000 <u>head</u>	1,000 <u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>
New York	11	10	10	91
Ohio	131		120	92
Indiana	45		45	100
Illinois	123		123	100
Michigan	77		73	95
Wisconsin	34		33	98
Minnesota	150		150	100
Iowa	390	315	345	88
Missouri	95		75	79
North Dakota	95		89	94
South Dakota	244	250	222	91
Nebraska	302	310	294	97
Kansas	132	167	177	134
North Central	1,818		1,746	96
Oklahoma	20		18	90
Texas	128	138	119	93
Montana	100		110	110
Idaho	123		98	80
Wyoming	103		120	116
Colorado	430	548	551	128
New Mexico	31		52	168
Arizona	111		155	140
Utah	64		62	97
Nevada	12		17	142
Washington	24		23	96
Oregon	69		66	96
California	247	229	188	76
West	1,314	---	1,442	110
7 States	1,873	1,957	1,896	101
26 States	3,291	---	3,335	101

<sup>1/</sup> Sheep and lambs on feed are considered to be animals intended for slaughter that are being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates or are being run on succulent pastures and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade good or better.

Sheep and Lambs: Inventories, marketings and placements  
November 1 to December 31

Item	7 States <sup>1/</sup>		
	1964	:	1965
	Number	:	Number
	head	:	head
		:	% of 1964
Sheep and lambs on feed	1,000	:	1,000
November 1.....	2,104	:	1,957
		:	93
Sheep and lambs placed on feed		:	
November 1-December 31 <sup>2/</sup> .....	599	:	709
		:	118
Sheep and lambs marketed		:	
November 1-December 31 <sup>2/</sup> .....	830	:	770
		:	93
	<u>1965</u>	:	<u>1966</u>
Sheep and lambs on feed		:	<u>% of 1965 <sup>1/</sup></u>
January 1 .....	1,873	:	1,896
		:	101

<sup>1/</sup> 7 States listed in table below.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes sheep and lambs placed on feed after November 1 and marketed before January 1.

Sheep and Lambs: Placements and marketings 1964-65 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Number placed on feed			Number marketed		
	During November	1965	:	During November	1965	:
	and December	as % of	:	and December	as % of	:
	1964	1965	:	1964	1965	:
	1,000	1,000	:	1,000	1,000	:
	head	head	:	head	head	:
		Percent	:		Percent	:
Iowa .....	201	206	:	219	176	:
South Dakota ..	78	96	:	150	124	:
Nebraska .....	63	74	:	101	90	:
Kansas .....	33	45	:	18	35	:
Texas .....	92	81	:	98	100	:
Colorado .....	62	170	:	171	167	:
California .....	70	37	:	73	78	:
Total 7			:			:
States .....	599	709	:	830	770	:
		118	:		93	:

<sup>1/</sup> Includes sheep and lambs placed on feed after November 1 and marketed before January 1.

Sheep and Lambs on Feed by Weight Groups, January 1, and November 1, 1965  
and January 1, 1966

State	Under 60 pounds			60-79 pounds		
	Jan. 1, 1965	Nov. 1, 1965	Jan. 1, 1966	Jan. 1, 1965	Nov. 1, 1965	Jan. 1, 1966
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Iowa	7	12	7	73	159	71
South Dakota	4	10	4	43	101	35
Nebraska	5	42	6	103	193	80
Kansas	6	30	2	55	96	55
Texas	14	21	12	72	72	63
Colorado	10	35	7	82	303	63
California	8	4	3	46	77	22
Total						
7 States	54	154	41	474	1,001	389

January 1, 1966 as % of January 1, 1965 and November 1, 1965

Under 60 pounds		60-79 pounds	
Percent of Jan. 1, 1965	Percent of Nov. 1, 1965	Percent of Jan. 1, 1965	Percent of Nov. 1, 1965
76	27	82	39

State	80-99 pounds			100 pounds and over		
	Jan. 1, 1965	Nov. 1, 1965	Jan. 1, 1966	Jan. 1, 1965	Nov. 1, 1965	Jan. 1, 1966
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Iowa	262	129	226	48	15	41
South Dakota	153	104	132	44	35	51
Nebraska	170	62	177	24	13	31
Kansas	68	41	87	3	---	33
Texas	37	43	38	5	2	6
Colorado	305	201	385	33	9	96
California	158	132	127	35	16	36
Total						
7 States	1,153	712	1,172	192	90	294

January 1, 1966 as % of January 1, 1965 and November 1, 1965

80-99 pounds		100 pounds and over	
Percent of Jan. 1, 1965	Percent of Nov. 1, 1965	Percent of Jan. 1, 1965	Percent of Nov. 1, 1965
102	165	153	327

Sheep and Lambs on Feed on Wheat Pasture  
in Selected Areas

Area	:	Jan. 1, 1965	:	Jan. 1, 1966	:	1966 as percent of 1965
	:	<u>1,000</u> <u>head</u>	:	<u>1,000</u> <u>head</u>	:	<u>Percent</u>
Western Kansas <u>1/</u>	:	78	:	125	:	160
Western Oklahoma <u>2/</u>	:	15	:	15	:	100
Texas Panhandle <u>3/</u>	:	6	:	7	:	117
Area total	:	<u>99</u>	:	<u>147</u>	:	<u>148</u>

1/ Districts 1, 4, 7, 2, 5, 8.

2/ Districts 1, 4, 7, 2, 5.

3/ Districts 1N, 2.



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