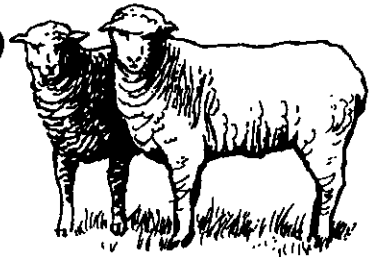


# SHEEP & LAMBS ON FEED



November 1, 1966

7 Selected States

November 15, 1966

Sheep and lambs on feed in 7 major feeding States totaled 1,649,000 head on November 1, 1966, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 14 percent less than the 1,913,000 head on feed in these States November 1, 1965. Numbers were down in each State except Texas. Kansas showed the largest decline with a 38 percent drop from a year earlier, California was down 20 percent, Iowa and South Dakota were each down 15 percent. Colorado was down 13 percent and Nebraska 3 percent. Texas has a 4 percent increase from November 1, 1965.

Of the sheep and lambs on feed on November 1, the number placed during September and October was 1,443,000 head--88 percent of the total--and 206,000 head were placed before September 1. Of the November 1, 1965 number on feed, 1,660,000 head were placed during September and **October** and comprised 87 percent of the total. The number placed on feed before September 1 last year totaled 253,000 head.

## WEIGHT OF SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED

The number of sheep on feed on November 1 in each of the weight groups was less than a year earlier for the 7 major sheep feeding States.

The number on feed weighing less than 60 pounds totaled 121,000 head, down 19 percent from the 150,000 head in this weight group in 1965. A total of 795,000 head weighing 60-79 pounds was on hand this year, compared with 976,000 head on feed in this group a year earlier, a decrease of 18 percent. The 80-99 pound weight group totaled 654,000 head, a decrease of 6 percent from the 698,000 head in this group last year. Those weighing 100 pounds and over totaled 79,000 head, 11 percent less than the 89,000 head on feed a year earlier.

Sheep and lambs on feed in the 7 States weighing less than 60 pounds on November 1 accounted for 7 percent of the total on feed compared with 8 percent last year. The number weighing 60-79 pounds made up 48 percent of the total this year against 51 percent a year earlier. The number weighing 80-99 pounds comprised 40 percent of the total, compared with 36 percent last year. Sheep and lambs on feed weighing 100 pounds and over accounted for 5 percent of the total, the same as last year.

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Sheep and lambs on feed, selected States, November 1, 1965-66

State	Number on feed November 1							
	Placed on feed				Total on feed		1966 as % of 1965	
	Before September 1		During September and October		1965	1966		
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1,000	1,000		
	head	head	head	head	head	head	Percent	
Iowa	66	68	249	200	315	268	85	
S. Dak.	38	36	212	177	250	213	85	
Nebr.	33	10	277	290	310	300	97	
Kans.	15	4	152	100	167	104	62	
Texas	26	17	112	127	138	144	104	
Colo.	20	16	484	420	504	436	87	
Calif.	55	55	174	129	229	184	80	
Total								
7 States	253	206	1,660	1,443	1,913	1,649	86	

Sheep and lambs on feed, by weight groups, November 1

State	Under 60 pounds		60-79 pounds		80-99 pounds		100 pounds and over	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	head	head	head	head	head	head	head	head
Iowa	12	11	159	112	129	133	15	12
S. Dak.	10	7	101	79	104	107	35	20
Nebr.	42	44	193	147	62	104	13	5
Kans.	30	15	96	64	41	22	---	3
Texas	21	14	72	90	43	40	2	---
Colo.	31	22	278	245	187	146	8	23
Calif.	4	8	77	58	132	102	16	16
Total								
7 States	150	121	976	795	698	654	89	79

November 1, 1966 as percent of November 1, 1965

7 States	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
	81	81	94	89