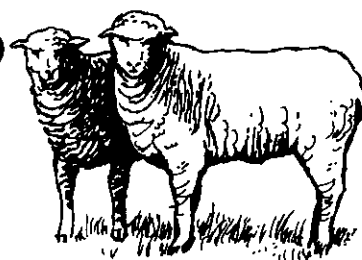


SHEEP & LAMBS ON FEED



January 1, 1967

January 13, 1967

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED DROP 6 PERCENT

Sheep and lambs on feed in 26 States on January 1, 1967 for slaughter market was 6 percent below the number on feed a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Sheep on feed in these 26 States totaled 3,069,000 on January 1, 1967 compared with 3,278,000 on January 1, 1966.

Range and pastures during the fall grazing months were substantially below last year and slightly below average over most of the Great Plains. Snow cover has limited grazing the latter part of December over much of the northern half of the country. Dry weather since wheat emerged has severely limited wheat pasture growth. Farm stocks of major feed grains on January 1, 1967 were 6 percent below a year earlier.

The Denver quotation of choice feeder lambs averaged \$23.75 per 100 pounds for the week ending October 15, 1966, compared with \$23.00 for the corresponding week a year earlier. For the week ending January 7, 1967 the Denver quotation for choice feeder lambs averaged \$23.00, down \$3.65 per 100 pounds from a year earlier and \$.75 below mid-October 1966.

CORN BELT STATES DOWN 11 PERCENT

There were 1,546,000 sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter market in the North Central States on January 1, 1967. This was 11 percent less than the 1,744,000 head on feed a year earlier. Indiana, Missouri, and North Dakota showed an increase while the remaining 9 States declined from last year. Kansas showed a sharp drop of 58 percent resulting from poorer wheat pastures than a year earlier.

Feeder sheep and lamb inshipments into 8 of the Corn Belt States for which data are available totaled 1,122,241 head for the July through November 1966 period. This was 8 percent less than the number of inshipments for the same period in 1965.

WESTERN STATES DOWN 7 PERCENT

Sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter in the 13 Western States on January 1, 1967 totaled 1,268,000 head, down 7 percent from the 1,366,000 head on feed a year earlier. Four States showed increases from the preceding January 1 in the

number of sheep and lambs being fed while 8 States showed decreases. Colorado, the largest sheep and lamb feeding State in the Nation had 475,000 head on feed January 1 this year, down 5 percent from the 500,000 head on feed January 1, 1966. Texas replaced California as the second largest Western sheep and lamb feeding State with 220,000 head on feed, an increase of 85 percent from a year earlier.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED IN 7 MAJOR STATES

There were 1,728,000 sheep and lambs on feed in the 7 major feeding States on January 1, 1967. This is a decrease of 8 percent from the 1,872,000 head on feed a year earlier, but a 3 percent increase over the 1,672,000 head being fed for slaughter in these States on November 1, 1966. These 7 major feeding States accounted for 56 percent of the number on feed in the 26 States on January 1, 1967. Texas showed a sharp increase from a year earlier in the number on feed while the other 6 States showed decreases. Compared with November 1, 1966, Nebraska, Kansas, and California showed fewer sheep on feed January 1, 1967 while the other 4 States showed an increase.

Placements during November and December in the 7 major States totaled 722,000 head, only 1,000 head less than were placed during the same period a year earlier. November-December placements were 42 percent of the January 1, 1967 number on feed.

Marketings of fed sheep and lambs from these 7 States during November and December at 666,000 head were down 13 percent from the 764,000 head marketed during the same period in 1965. Marketings in South Dakota and Kansas were up from a year earlier while in the other 5 States November and December marketings showed moderate to sharp declines.

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, 1967 compared with a year earlier was as follows: under 60 pounds, 33,000 head, down 15 percent; 60-79 pounds, 395,000 head, up 2 percent; 80-99 pounds, 1,117,000 head, down 3 percent; and 100 pounds and over, 183,000 head, down 38 percent.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON WHEAT PASTURE

The major wheat pasture areas in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas were furnishing wheat forage for 54,000 head of sheep and lambs on feed January 1, 1967. This was only one-third the number of sheep and lambs on wheat pasture in this area January 1, 1966. On December 15, 1966 about 24 percent of the seeded wheat in the three State area had sufficient growth to permit grazing and about 12 percent of the fall seeded acreage was being pastured.

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Sheep and Lambs on Feed, January 1, 1966, November 1, 1966
and January 1, 1967 with Comparisons 1/

State and Region	Jan. 1, 1966	Nov. 1, 1966	Jan. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1967 as % of Jan. 1, 1966
	1,000 <u>head</u>	1,000 <u>head</u>	1,000 <u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>
New York	12		13	108
Ohio	136		125	92
Indiana	40		48	120
Illinois	123		118	96
Michigan	68		59	87
Wisconsin	33		31	95
Minnesota	144		135	94
Iowa	345	268	285	83
Missouri	55		60	109
North Dakota	80		95	119
South Dakota	249	224	226	91
Nebraska	294	300	289	98
Kansas	177	104	75	42
North Central	1,744		1,546	89
Oklahoma	37		22	60
Texas	119	144	220	185
Montana	110		125	114
Idaho	98		125	128
Wyoming	120		90	75
Colorado	500	448	475	95
New Mexico	52		52	100
Arizona	130		106	82
Utah	62		34	55
Nevada	17		14	82
Washington	23		20	87
Oregon	66		69	105
California	188	184	158	84
West	1,366	---	1,268	93
7 States <u>2/</u>	1,872	1,672	1,728	92
26 States	3,278	---	3,069	94

1/ 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.

2/ Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, and California.

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

Item	7 States ^{1/}		
	1965	1966	% of 1965
	Number	Number	
	1,000	1,000	
	<u>head</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Sheep and lambs on feed			
November 1	1,913	1,672	87
Sheep and lambs placed on feed			
November 1-December 31 ^{2/}	723	722	100
Sheep and lambs marketed			
November 1-December 31 ^{2/}	764	666	87
	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>% of 1966 ^{1/}</u>
Sheep and lambs on feed			
January 1	1,872	1,728	92

^{1/} 7 States listed in table below.

^{2/} Includes sheep and lambs placed on feed after November 1 and marketed before January 1.

Sheep and Lambs: Placements and marketings 1965-66. ^{1/}

State	Number placed on feed			Number marketed		
	During November	1966	as % of	During November	1966	as % of
	and December	as % of	1965	and December	as % of	1965
	1965	1966	1965	1965	1966	1965
	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	
	<u>head</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>head</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Iowa	206	142	69	176	125	71
South Dakota ..	124	147	119	125	145	116
Nebraska	74	77	104	90	88	98
Kansas	45	18	40	35	47	134
Texas	81	165	204	100	89	89
Colorado	156	140	90	160	113	71
California	37	33	89	78	59	76
Total 7 States	723	722	100	764	666	87

^{1/} 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, 1966, and January 1, 1967

State	Under 60 pounds			60-79 pounds		
	Jan. 1, 1966	Nov. 1, 1966	Jan. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1966	Nov. 1, 1966	Jan. 1, 1967
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Iowa	7	11	5	71	112	70
South Dakota	4	7	4	40	84	44
Nebraska	6	44	3	80	147	76
Kansas	2	15	2	55	64	31
Texas	12	14	11	63	90	81
Colorado	5	23	7	55	251	81
California	3	8	1	22	58	12
Total 7 States	39	122	33	386	806	395

January 1, 1967 as % of January 1, 1966 and November 1, 1966, 7 States 1/

Under 60 pounds		60-79 pounds	
Percent of Jan. 1, 1966	Percent of Nov. 1, 1966	Percent of Jan. 1, 1966	Percent of Nov. 1, 1966
85	27	102	49

1/ 7 States listed in table above.

State	80-99 pounds			100 pounds and over		
	Jan. 1, 1966	Nov. 1, 1966	Jan. 1, 1967	Jan. 1, 1966	Nov. 1, 1966	Jan. 1, 1967
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Iowa	226	133	172	41	12	38
South Dakota	149	112	145	56	21	33
Nebraska	177	104	193	31	5	17
Kansas	87	22	41	33	3	1
Texas	38	40	118	6	---	10
Colorado	350	150	310	90	24	77
California	127	102	138	36	16	7
Total 7 States	1,154	663	1,117	293	81	183

January 1, 1967 as % of January 1, 1966 and November 1, 1966, 7 States 1/

80-99 pounds		100 pounds and over	
Percent of Jan. 1, 1966	Percent of Nov. 1, 1966	Percent of Jan. 1, 1966	Percent of Nov. 1, 1966
97	168	62	226

1/ 7 States listed in table above.

Sheep and Lambs on Feed, selected States, November 1, 1965-66 1/

State	Number on feed November 1						1966 as % of 1965
	Placed on feed						
	Before		During September		Total on feed		
	September 1	September 1	and October	and October	1965	1966	
	1965	1966	1965	1966	1965	1966	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Percent
	head	head	head	head	head	head	
Iowa	66	68	249	200	315	268	85
South Dakota	38	47	212	177	250	224	90
Nebraska	33	10	277	290	310	300	97
Kansas	15	4	152	100	167	104	62
Texas	26	17	112	127	138	144	104
Colorado	20	28	484	420	504	448	89
California	55	55	174	129	229	184	80
Total 7 States	253	229	1,660	1,443	1,913	1,672	87

1/ Revised.

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

State	Under 60	60-79	80-99	100 pounds
	pounds	pounds	pounds	and over
	1965	1965	1965	1965
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	head	head	head	head
Iowa	12	159	129	15
South Dakota	10	101	104	35
Nebraska	42	193	62	13
Kansas	30	96	41	---
Texas	21	72	43	2
Colorado	31	278	187	8
California	4	77	132	16
Total 7 States	150	976	698	89

1/ Revised.

Sheep and Lambs on Feed on Wheat Pasture
in Selected Areas

Area	Jan. 1, 1966	Jan. 1, 1967	1967 as
			percent
			of 1966
	1,000	1,000	Percent
	head	head	
Western Kansas <u>1/</u>	125	41	33
Western Oklahoma <u>2/</u>	31	9	29
Texas Panhandle <u>3/</u>	7	4	57
Area total	163	54	33

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

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

3/ Districts 1N, 2.



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The sheep and lambs on feed estimates for 1961 through 1965 have been revised in conjunction with the 5-year revision program for all sheep and lambs. No data on sheep and lambs on feed were available from the 1964 Census of Agriculture. Information on total sheep and lambs from the 1964 Census, marketing data and other information which became available after the original estimates were made necessitated revising sheep and lambs on feed estimates for some States for all or part of the 1961-65 period.

Revised estimates by States for the years 1961-65 are shown in Statistical Bulletin 387 "Cattle on Feed and Sheep on Feed," U. S. Department of Agriculture, Statistical Reporting Service. This bulletin is available on request.