

sheep and lambs on feed



November 1, 1971

Seven Selected States

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Sheep and lambs on feed in seven major feeding States on November 1, 1971 are estimated at 1,444,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This reflects a 3-percent drop from the 1,493,000 head on feed a year ago, and continues the down trend of the past decade. Declines in sheep and lambs on feed in Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, and California, more than offset a 14-percent increase in Kansas and a 35-percent boost in Texas. Of the seven State total on feed November 1, an estimated 1,217,000 head were placed during September and October and 227,000 were placed before September 1.

By weight groups, the number of sheep and lambs on feed November 1 and the change from a year earlier are as follows: Under 70 pounds -- 285,000 head, up 56,000; 70-79 pounds -- 403,000 head, down 14,000; 80-89 pounds -- 390,000 head, down 44,000; 90-99 pounds -- 269,000 head, down 46,000; 100 pounds and over -- 97,000 head, down 1,000.

Sheep and lambs on feed: Number, placements and weight groups,
7 States, November 1, 1970 and 1971 ^{1/}

| Item | : 1970 | : 1971 | : 1971 as % : of 1970 |
|---|--------------|--------|--------------------------|
| | : 1,000 head | | : Percent |
| Number on feed November 1 | : 1,493 | 1,444 | 97 |
| Placed on feed before September 1 | : 184 | 227 | 123 |
| Placed on feed during September and October | : 1,309 | 1,217 | 93 |
| Number on feed by weight groups, November 1 | : | : | : |
| Under 70 pounds | : 229 | 285 | 124 |
| 70-79 pounds | : 417 | 403 | 97 |
| 80-89 pounds | : 434 | 390 | 90 |
| 90-99 pounds | : 315 | 269 | 85 |
| 100 pounds and over | : 98 | 97 | 99 |

^{1/} Sheep and lambs on feed are animals being fattened for slaughter market on grain, other concentrates or succulent pastures and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade good or better.

Sheep and Lambs on Feed: Placements and Number,
November 1, 1970-71

| State | Number on Feed November 1 | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|------|---|-------|---------------|-------|-------------------------|
| | Placed on Feed | | | | Total on Feed | | 1971 as % of 1970 |
| | Before September 1 1970 | 1971 | During September and October 1970 | 1971 | 1970 | 1971 | |
| | 1,000 head | | | | | | |
| Iowa | 59 | 46 | 130 | 120 | 189 | 166 | 88 |
| S. Dakota | 21 | 29 | 143 | 132 | 164 | 161 | 98 |
| Nebraska | 18 | 22 | 166 | 151 | 184 | 173 | 94 |
| Kansas | 13 | 19 | 97 | 106 | 110 | 125 | 114 |
| Texas | 27 | 27 | 134 | 190 | 161 | 217 | 135 |
| Colorado | 25 | 50 | 525 | 425 | 550 | 475 | 86 |
| California | 21 | 34 | 114 | 93 | 135 | 127 | 94 |
| Total 7 States: | 184 | 227 | 1,309 | 1,217 | 1,493 | 1,444 | 97 |

Sheep and Lambs on Feed: By weight groups,
November 1, 1970-71

| State | Under 70 pounds | | 70-79 pounds | | 80-89 pounds | | 90-99 pounds | | 100 pounds and over | |
|-----------------|--------------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|------------------------|------|
| | 1970 | 1971 | 1970 | 1971 | 1970 | 1971 | 1970 | 1971 | 1970 | 1971 |
| | 1,000 head | | | | | | | | | |
| Iowa | 26 | 17 | 44 | 46 | 66 | 45 | 40 | 43 | 13 | 15 |
| S. Dak. | 23 | 24 | 38 | 52 | 49 | 56 | 39 | 23 | 15 | 6 |
| Nebr. | 48 | 40 | 40 | 53 | 45 | 38 | 40 | 33 | 11 | 9 |
| Kans. | 33 | 57 | 42 | 46 | 21 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| Texas | 21 | 54 | 51 | 67 | 50 | 76 | 34 | 15 | 5 | 5 |
| Colo. | 66 | 71 | 143 | 114 | 176 | 119 | 121 | 124 | 44 | 47 |
| Calif. | 12 | 22 | 59 | 25 | 27 | 44 | 30 | 23 | 7 | 13 |
| Total 7 States: | 229 | 285 | 417 | 403 | 434 | 390 | 315 | 269 | 98 | 97 |