

# sheep and lambs on feed



November 1, 1972

Seven Selected States

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Sheep and lambs on feed in seven major feeding States on November 1, 1972 are estimated at 1,556,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is a 2 percent increase from the 1,519,000 head on feed a year ago. Increases in sheep and lambs on feed in Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, and California more than offset declines of 20 percent in Kansas, 7 percent in South Dakota, and 3 percent in Texas. Of the seven-State total on feed November 1, an estimated 1,227,000 head were placed during September and October and 329,000 were placed before September 1.

The number on feed by weight groups and the changes from a year earlier are as follows: Under 70 pounds -- 190,000 head, down 106,000; 70-79 pounds -- 428,000 head, up 7,000; 80-89 pounds -- 450,000 head, up 41,000; 90-99 pounds -- 316,000 head, up 28,000; 100 pounds and over -- 172,000 head, up 67,000.

Sheep and lambs on feed: Number, placements and weight groups  
7 States, November 1, 1971 and 1972 <sup>1/</sup>

Item	1971	1972	1972 as % of 1971
	1,000 head		Percent
Number on feed November 1	1,519	1,556	102
Placed on feed before September 1	237	329	139
Placed on feed during September and October	1,282	1,227	96
Number on feed by weight groups, November 1			
Under 70 pounds	296	190	64
70-79 pounds	421	428	102
80-89 pounds	409	450	110
90-99 pounds	288	316	110
100 pounds and over	105	172	164

<sup>1/</sup> 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, 1971-72

State	Number on Feed November 1						
	Placed on Feed				Total on Feed		1972
	Before		During September				as % of
	September 1		and October		1971	1972	1971
	1971	1972	1971	1972			
1,000 head							Percent
Iowa	46	59	120	124	166	183	110
South Dakota	29	20	132	130	161	150	93
Nebraska	22	45	151	145	173	190	110
Kansas	19	11	106	89	125	100	80
Texas	27	29	190	181	217	210	97
Colorado	60	120	490	470	550	590	107
California	34	45	93	88	127	133	105
Total 7 States	237	329	1,282	1,227	1,519	1,556	102

Sheep and Lambs on Feed: By weight groups,  
November 1, 1971-72

State	Under 70		70-79		80-89		90-99	:100 pounds	
	pounds		pounds		pounds		pounds	: and over	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971:1972
1,000 head									
Iowa	17	18	46	60	45	50	43	40	15 15
South Dakota	24	15	52	39	56	50	23	34	6 12
Nebraska	40	34	53	40	38	57	33	46	9 13
Kansas	57	40	46	36	12	20	8	3	2 1
Texas	54	25	67	71	76	78	15	32	5 4
Colorado	82	47	132	153	138	148	143	130	55 112
California	22	11	25	29	44	47	23	31	13 15
Total 7 States	296	190	421	428	409	450	288	316	105 172