

sheep and lambs on feed



Seven Selected States

November 1, 1973

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Sheep and lambs on feed in seven major feeding States on November 1, 1973 are estimated at 1,394,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is a 10 percent decrease from the 1,556,000 head on feed a year ago. Five of the States had declines varying from 30 percent in Iowa and South Dakota to 8 percent in Nebraska. California increased by 18 percent over a year ago while Texas was virtually unchanged. Of the seven-State total on feed November 1, an estimated 1,191,000 head were placed during September and October and 203,000 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 -- 149,000 head, down 41,000; 70-79 pounds -- 409,000 head, down 19,000; 80-89 pounds -- 415,000 head, down 35,000; 90-99 pounds -- 280,000 head, down 36,000; 100 pounds and over -- 141,000 head, down 31,000.

Sheep and lambs on feed: Number, placements and weight groups
7 States, November 1, 1972 and 1973 1/

Item	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent
Number on feed November 1	1,556	1,394	90
Placed on feed before September 1	306	203	66
Placed on feed during September and October	1,250	1,191	95
Number on feed by weight groups, November 1			
Under 70 pounds	190	149	78
70-79 pounds	428	409	96
80-89 pounds	450	415	92
90-99 pounds	316	280	89
100 pounds and over	172	141	82

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.

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Sheep and Lambs on feed: Placements and Numbers,
November 1, 1972-73

State	Number on Feed November 1							1973 as % of 1972	
	Placed on Feed				Total on Feed		Percent		
	Before		During September		1972	1973			1,000 head
	September 1		and October						
1972	1973	1972	1973						
Iowa	30	31	153	97	183	128	70		
South Dakota	20	25	130	80	150	105	70		
Nebraska	45	50	145	125	190	175	92		
Kansas	11	18	89	72	100	90	90		
Texas	29	12	181	197	210	209	100		
Colorado	126	28	464	502	590	530	90		
California	45	39	88	118	133	157	118		
Total 7 States	306	203	1,250	1,191	1,556	1,394	90		

Sheep and Lambs on Feed: By weight groups,
November 1, 1972-73

State	Under 70		70-79		80-89		90-99		100 pounds	
	pounds		pounds		pounds		pounds		and over	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 head									
Iowa	18	23	60	36	50	32	40	32	15	5
South Dakota	15	13	39	29	50	32	34	22	12	9
Nebraska	34	23	40	28	57	56	46	42	13	26
Kansas	40	8	36	51	20	25	3	4	1	2
Texas	25	31	71	53	78	77	32	42	4	6
Colorado	47	27	153	175	148	148	130	106	112	74
California	11	24	29	37	47	45	31	32	15	19
Total 7 States	190	149	428	409	450	415	316	280	172	141