

sheep and lambs on feed

EARLY LAMB CROP



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SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED--DOWN 6 PERCENT

Sheep and lambs on feed for slaughter market in the 7 major feeding States on March 1 totaled 878,000 head, 6 percent less than a year earlier.

In Texas, many lambs that were on fattening pastures January 1 and intended for slaughter have moved to feedlots. These lambs are not included in January-February placements but were included in earlier placements.

Sheep and lambs placed on feed during January and February totaled 268,000 head, down 12 percent from a year earlier. Marketings of fed sheep and lambs during January and February totaled 877,000 head, down 4 percent.

The number on feed in each weight group and the change from March 1, 1973, are as follows: Under 70 pounds - 54,000, down 19,000 head; 70-79 pounds - 82,000, down 22,000 head; 80-89 pounds - 178,000, down 30,000 head; 90-99 pounds - 280,000, down 38,000 head; 100 pounds and over 284,000, up 51,000 head.

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The early lamb crop in Kansas, Texas and California totaled 1,627,000 head, down 11 percent from a year ago. The January 1 inventory of ewes one year old and older for these States was down 3 percent. Texas lambing is reported to be late this year.

Sheep and lambs on feed: Number, weight groups, placements and marketings

Item	Total 7 States			
	1972	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973
	1,000 head			Percent
Sheep and lambs on feed March 1	1,017	936	878	94
Weight groups, March 1				
Under 70 pounds	57	73	54	74
70-79 pounds	106	104	82	79
80-89 pounds	247	208	178	86
90-99 pounds	404	318	280	88
100 pounds and over	203	233	284	122
Sheep and lambs placed on feed, January 1 - February 28 ^{1/}	323	306	268	88
Fed sheep and lambs marketed, January 1 - February 28 ^{1/}	895	913	877	96
Sheep and lambs on feed, January 1	1,589	1,543	1,487	96

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

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Sheep and Lambs on Feed: Number, placements and marketings,
specified dates, 1973-74 1/

State	No. on feed		Placed during		Marketed during		No. on feed		Mar. 1, 1974
	Jan. 1	1974	Jan. & Feb. 2/	1974	Jan. & Feb. 2/	1974	Mar. 1	1974	as % of Mar. 1, 1973
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	Percent
	1,000 head								
California	115	142	13	3	52	75	76	70	92
Colorado	520	510	165	155	355	335	330	330	100
Iowa	165	110	51	38	121	86	95	62	65
Kansas	104	90	2	4	41	34	65	60	92
Nebraska	170	145	14	15	104	90	80	70	88
South Dakota	130	100	28	23	105	77	53	46	87
Texas	339	390	33	30	135	180	237	240	101
Total									
7 States	1,543	1,487	306	268	913	877	936	878	94

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.
2/ Includes sheep and lambs placed on feed after January 1 and marketed before March 1.

Sheep and Lambs on Feed: By weight groups, March 1

State	Under 70 pounds		70-79 pounds		80-89 pounds		90-99 pounds		100 pounds and over	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
	1,000 head									
California	1	1	2	1	6	3	23	35	44	30
Colorado	1	5	7	11	68	40	135	92	119	182
Iowa	9	7	9	9	26	17	37	15	14	14
Kansas	1	2	4	4	21	12	34	30	5	12
Nebraska	12	13	12	9	18	10	24	18	14	20
South Dakota	4	4	8	5	8	7	20	16	13	14
Texas	45	22	62	43	61	89	45	74	24	12
Total										
7 States	73	54	104	82	208	178	318	280	233	284

Number Early Lambs March 1 1/

State	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973
	1,000 head		Percent
California	696	697	100
Kansas	168	150	89
Texas	970	780	80
Total			
3 States	1,834	1,627	89

1/ In Kansas and Texas early lambs living March 1 which were born between October 1 and March 1. In California, early lambs are lambs living March 1 which were born between September 1 and March 1.