

sheep and lambs on feed



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SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED DOWN 14 PERCENT

There were 611,000 sheep and lambs on feed in the 7 feeding States surveyed on March 1, 1976, a reduction of 14 percent from the number being readied for slaughter market a year earlier and 32 percent under the March 1, 1974 mark. The March 1, 1976 total was the lowest since the series started in 1960.

The number of sheep and lambs placed on feed during January and February, at 364,000 head, dropped 3 percent from the same period a year earlier while the January - February marketings declined 2 percent to 787,000 head.

EARLY LAMB CROP - 1976

The early lamb crop in California, Kansas and Texas totaled 1,489,000 head, down 4 percent from a year ago. The January 1 inventory of ewes one year old and older for these States was down 3 percent from a year earlier.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: NUMBER, WEIGHT GROUPS, PLACEMENTS AND MARKETINGS

ITEM	TOTAL 7 STATES			
	1974	1975	1976	1976 AS % OF 1975
SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED, JANUARY 1	1,487	1,141	1,034	91
SHEEP AND LAMBS PLACED ON FEED, JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28 ^{1/}	268	376	364	97
FED SHEEP AND LAMBS MARKETED, JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28 ^{1/}	861	805	787	98
SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED, MARCH 1	894	712	611	86
WEIGHT GROUPS, MARCH 1				
UNDER 70 POUNDS	56	48	48	100
70-79 POUNDS	83	66	62	94
80-89 POUNDS	181	203	105	52
90-99 POUNDS	285	256	192	75
100 POUNDS AND OVER	289	139	204	147

^{1/} INCLUDES SHEEP AND LAMBS PLACED ON FEED AFTER JANUARY 1 AND MARKETED BEFORE MARCH 1.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: NUMBER PLACEMENTS AND MARKETINGS,
SPECIFIED DATES, 1975-76 1/

STATE	NO. ON FEED		PLACED DURING		MARKETED DURING		NO. ON FEED		MAR 1, 1976
	JAN 1		JAN & FEB 2/		JAN & FEB 2/		MAR 1		NO. ON FEED
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	AS % OF MAR 1, 1975
	1,000 HEAD								PERCENT
CALIF	190	182	4	1	112	114	82	69	84
COLO	440	400	165	170	345	320	260	250	96
IOWA	90	65	45	38	60	49	75	54	72
KANS	40	33	3	8	8	13	35	28	80
NEBR	110	100	25	40	75	70	60	70	117
S DAK	67	66	20	10	57	58	30	18	60
TEX	204	188	114	97	148	163	170	122	72
TOTAL									
7 STATES	1,141	1,034	376	364	805	787	712	611	86

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 JAN 1 AND MARKETED BEFORE MAR 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	
	1975		1976		1975		1976		1975	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
	1,000 HEAD									
CALIF	1	1	2	1	19	4	21	30	39	33
COLO	1	3	12	12	86	30	104	85	57	120
IOWA	16	9	11	7	15	10	22	15	11	13
KANS	2	1	1	1	6	4	22	7	4	15
NEBR	12	14	7	7	10	12	15	25	16	12
S DAK	4	1	4	1	9	6	8	4	5	6
TEX	12	19	29	33	58	39	64	26	7	5
TOTAL										
7 STATES	48	48	66	62	203	105	256	192	139	204

EARLY LAMBS CROP MARCH 1 1/

STATE	1974		1975		1976		1976
	1975		1976		1975		AS % OF
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975
	1,000 HEAD						PERCENT
CALIF	675		662		614		93
KANS	150		122		105		86
TEX	730		770		770		100
TOTAL							
3 STATES	1,555		1,554		1,489		96

1/ IN KANS AND TEX EARLY LAMBS LIVING MAR 1 WHICH WERE BORN BETWEEN OCT 1 AND MAR 1. IN CALIF, EARLY LAMBS ARE LAMBS LIVING MAR 1 WHICH WERE BORN BETWEEN SEP 1 AND MAR 1.