

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED



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November 1, 1976

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

There were 1,147,000 sheep and lambs on feed in the 7 major feeding States surveyed on November 1, 1976, an increase of 3 percent from the number being readied for slaughter market a year earlier but 11 percent below the November 1, 1974 mark. The November 1, 1976 total was the second lowest since the 7 State series started in 1960 and showed the first increase over the previous year since 1971.

Six States registered increased over a year earlier -- varying from 6 percent in California and Iowa to 14 percent in South Dakota. Texas indicated a decline of 24 percent.

Of the seven-State total on feed November 1, an estimated 204,000 were placed before September 1 and the remaining 943,000 were placed during September and October.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: NUMBER, PLACEMENTS AND WEIGHT GROUPS
7 STATES, NOVEMBER 1, 1974, 1975, AND 1976 1/

ITEM	1974	1975	1976	1976 AS %
	1,000 HEAD			OF 1975 PERCENT
NUMBER ON FEED NOV 1	1,285	1,115	1,147	103
PLACED ON FEED BEFORE SEP 1	197	177	204	115
PLACED ON FEED DURING SEP AND OCT	1,088	938	943	101
NUMBER ON FEED BY WEIGHT GROUPS, NOV 1				
UNDER 70 POUNDS	153	107	84	79
70-79 POUNDS	326	258	310	120
80-89 POUNDS	376	346	315	91
90-99 POUNDS	315	258	262	102
100 POUNDS AND OVER	115	146	176	121

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: PLACEMENTS AND NUMBERS
NOVEMBER 1, 1975-76

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED NOV 1						1976 AS % OF 1975 PERCENT
	PLACED ON FEED				TOTAL ON FEED		
	BEFORE SEP 1		DURING SEP AND OCT		1975	1976	
	1975	1975	1975	1976			
1,000 HEAD							
CALIF	77	75	168	185	245	260	106
COLO	10	15	410	435	420	450	107
IOWA	40	38	50	57	90	95	106
KANS	8	4	32	41	40	45	113
NEBR	20	15	80	95	100	110	110
S DAK	7	9	43	48	50	57	114
TEX	15	48	155	82	170	130	76
TOTAL 7 STATES	177	204	938	943	1,115	1,147	103

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: BY WEIGHT GROUPS,
NOVEMBER 1, 1975-76

STATE	UNDER 70 POUNDS		70-79 POUNDS		80-89 POUNDS		90-99 POUNDS		100 POUNDS AND OVER	
	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976	1975	1976
	1,000 HEAD									
CALIF	15	8	44	44	90	96	37	76	59	36
COLO	29	27	118	148	117	95	101	95	55	85
IOWA	13	11	22	20	27	31	20	25	8	8
KANS	13	4	8	35	11	3	7	2	1	1
NEBR	11	9	16	23	29	29	27	28	17	21
S DAK	4	8	9	8	23	14	11	16	3	11
TEX	22	17	41	32	49	47	55	20	3	14
TOTAL 7 STATES	107	84	258	310	346	315	258	262	146	176

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.