

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED



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SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT

There were 640,000 sheep and lambs on feed in the 7 selected feeding States on March 1, 1977, an increase of 5 percent from the number being readied for slaughter market a year earlier but 10 percent below March 1, 1975. The March 1, 1977 total was the second lowest since the 7 State series started in 1960 and showed the first increase over the previous year since 1972.

Sheep and lambs placed on feed during January - February, at 403,000 head, increased 11 percent from the same period a year earlier while the January-February marketings declined 11 percent to 703,000 head.

EARLY LAMB CROP DOWN 2 PERCENT

The early lamb crop in California, Kansas, and Texas totaled 1,473,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago. The January 1 inventory of ewes one year old and older for these States was also down 2 percent from a year earlier.

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

ITEM	TOTAL 7 STATES			
	1975	1976	1977	1977 AS % OF 1976
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT
SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED, JANUARY 1	1,141	1,034	940	91
SHEEP AND LAMBS PLACED ON FEED, JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28 1/ FED SHEEP AND LAMBS MARKETED, JANUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28 1/	376	364	403	111
SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED, MARCH 1	712	611	640	105
WEIGHT GROUPS, MARCH 1				
UNDER 70 POUNDS	48	48	80	167
70-79 POUNDS	66	62	66	106
80-89 POUNDS	203	105	77	73
90-99 POUNDS	256	192	161	84
100 POUNDS AND OVER	139	204	256	125

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, 1976-77 1/

STATE	NO. ON FEED		PLACED DURING		MARKETED DURING		NO. ON FEED		MAR 1, 1977
	JAN 1		JAN & FEB 2/		JAN & FEB 2/		MAR 1		NO. ON FEED
	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	AS % OF MAR 1, 1976
	1,000 HEAD								PERCENT
CALIF	182	213	1	23	114	153	69	83	120
COLO	400	330	170	195	320	285	250	240	96
IOWA	65	70	38	57	49	47	54	80	148
KANS	33	33	8	8	13	13	28	28	100
NEBR	100	100	40	35	70	70	70	65	93
S DAK	66	34	10	7	58	25	18	16	89
TEX	188	160	97	78	163	110	122	128	105
TOTAL 7 STATES	1,034	940	364	403	787	703	611	640	105

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	
	1976		1977		1976		1977		1976	
	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977	1976	1977
	1,000 HEAD									
CALIF	1	8	1	1	4	2	30	16	33	56
COLO	3	0	12	25	30	23	85	55	120	137
IOWA	9	39	7	4	10	7	15	13	13	17
KANS	1	1	1	2	4	2	7	11	15	12
NEBR	14	16	7	7	12	8	25	16	12	18
S DAK	1	1	1	1	6	3	4	9	6	2
TEX	19	15	33	26	39	32	26	41	5	14
TOTAL 7 STATES	48	80	62	66	105	77	192	161	204	256

EARLY LAMBS CROP MARCH 1 1/

STATE	1975	1976	1977	1977 AS % OF 1976
	1,000 HEAD			
CALIF	662	635	575	91
KANS	122	105	118	112
TEX	770	770	780	101
TOTAL 3 STATES	1,554	1,510	1,473	98

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 AND MAR 1.