

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED



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SEVEN SELECTED STATES March 1, 1978

On March 1, 1978, the 7 selected feeding States had 659,000 sheep and lambs on feed, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Of this total, an estimated ~~302,000 were placed after January 1 but before February 28. There were 673,000~~ marketed during the same time period.

For the 5 States comparable with last year, the number on feed March 1, at 576,000 head was down 3 percent from the previous year.

EARLY LAMB CROP

The early lamb crop in California, Kansas and Texas totaled 1,330,000 head, down 14 percent from a year ago. The January 1 inventory of ewes one year old and older for these States was down 2 percent. Lambing in Texas is later than usual this year.

EARLY LAMBS CROP MARCH 1 ^{1/}

STATE	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT
CALIF	694	660	625	95
KANS	105	110	105	95
TEX	770	780	600	77
TOTAL 3 STATES	1,569	1,550	1,330	86

^{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.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: INVENTORY, WEIGHT GROUPS, PLACEMENTS AND MARKETINGS
5 STATES AND 7 STATES, JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 1, 1976-78

ITEM	5 STATES					7 STATES
	1976	1977	1978	1978 AS % OF 1977	1978	
	1,000 HEAD					
ON FEED, JAN 1	925	863	865	100	1,030	
PLACEMENTS, JAN 1-FEB 28 ^{1/}	341	388	291	75	302	
MARKETED, JAN 1-FEB 28 ^{1/}	706	660	580	88	673	
ON FEED, MAR 1						
WEIGHT GROUPS, MAR 1						
UNDER 70 POUNDS	560	591	576	97	659	
70-79 POUNDS	45	77	64	83	66	
80-89 POUNDS	60	62	38	61	41	
90-99 POUNDS	94	71	111	156	122	
100 POUNDS AND OVER	179	140	177	126	202	
	182	241	186	77	228	

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

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND INVENTORIES
MARCH 1, 1977-78 ^{2/}

STATE	PLACED ON FEED		MARKETED		TOTAL ON FEED		1978 AS % OF 1977
	DURING JAN AND FEB 3/		DURING JAN AND FEB 3/		MAR 1		
	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978	
	1,000 HEAD						PERCENT
ARIZ	NA		NA	27	NA	33	NA
CALIF	23	3	153	118	83	85	102
COLO	195	130	285	270	240	220	92
IOWA	57	53	47	47	80	76	95
NEBR	35	25	65	55	60	55	92
TEX	78	80	110	90	128	140	109
WYO	NA	11	NA	66	NA	50	NA

^{2/} 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. ^{3/} SHEEP AND LAMBS PLACED ON FEED AFTER JANUARY 1 AND MARKETED BEFORE MARCH 1.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: BY WEIGHT GROUPS,
MARCH 1, 1977-78

STATE	UNDER 70 POUNDS		70-79 POUNDS		80-89 POUNDS		90-99 POUNDS		100 POUNDS AND OVER	
	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978	1977	1978
	1,000 HEAD									
ARIZ	NA		NA	1	NA	3	NA	5	NA	24
CALIF	8	1	1	1	2	7	16	18	56	58
COLO			25	11	23	35	55	79	137	95
IOWA	39	36	4	6	7	9	13	17	17	8
NEBR	15	16	6	6	7	8	15	14	17	11
TEX	15	11	26	14	32	52	41	49	14	14
WYO	NA	2	NA	2	NA	8	NA	20	NA	18