

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED

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SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED 3 PERCENT ABOVE LAST YEAR

On January 1, 1980 an estimated 1.62 million sheep and lambs were on feed for the slaughter market in 24 States, 3 percent more than a year earlier but virtually the same as the January 1, 1978 level.

The seven major feeding States had 993 thousand sheep and lambs on feed January 1, 2 percent less than a year earlier. Of this total, 568 thousand were placed on feed before November 1 and 425 thousand placed on feed during November and December. Feeders in the seven major States marketed 465 thousand sheep and lambs during November and December 1979. Marketings for the two months were 20 percent below the like period in 1978.

Of the total number on feed January 1, 1980, in the seven States:

- 5 percent weighed less than 70 pounds.
- 11 percent weighed 70-79 pounds.
- 23 percent weighed 80-89 pounds.
- 33 percent weighed 90-99 pounds.
- 28 percent weighed 100 pounds and over.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: JANUARY 1, 1980, WITH COMPARISONS, SELECTED STATES 1/

STATE	NOV 1			JAN 1			1980/1979
	1977	1978	1979	1978	1979	1980	
	1,000 HEAD						PERCENT
ARIZ	50	77	46	60	85	60	71
CALIF	250	200	185	200	185	175	95
COLO	420	460	420	360	320	360	113
IOWA	80	77	80	70	60	68	113
NEBR	95	93	95	85	75	90	120
TEX	160	140	120	150	165	150	91
WYO	140	125	90	105	120	90	75
TOTAL 7 STATES	1,195	1,172	1,036	1,030	1,010	993	98
IDAHO				11	10	12	120
ILL				17	17	15	88
IND				11	11	10	91
KANS				65	70	80	114
MICH				30	26	28	108
MINN				52	45	47	104
MO				19	14	14	100
MONT				60	20	14	70
NEV				4	7	7	100
N MEX				25	49	65	133
N Y				8	2/	2/	121
N DAK				48	38	46	92
OHIO				60	60	55	107
OKLA				13	14	15	100
OREG				100	110	110	100
S DAK				34	44	68	155
UTAH				21	24	30	125
WASH				6	2/	2/	
WIS				9	10	13	130
OTHER STATES				593	569	629	111
TOTAL SELECTED STATES				1,623	1,579	1,622	103

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2/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: INVENTORY, WEIGHT GROUPS, PLACEMENTS AND MARKETINGS, 7 STATES,
JANUARY 1, 1979-80

ITEM	7 STATES		
	1979	1980	1980/1979
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT
ON FEED, NOV 1 PREVIOUS YEAR	1,172	1,036	88
PLACEMENTS, NOV 1-DEC 31	418	425	102
MARKETED, NOV 1-DEC 31	580	465	80
ON FEED JAN 1	1,010	993	98
WEIGHT GROUPS:			
UNDER 70 POUNDS	48	45	94
70-79 POUNDS	144	112	78
80-89 POUNDS	247	231	94
90-99 POUNDS	353	326	92
100 POUNDS AND OVER	218	279	128

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JANUARY 1, 1978-79

STATE	PLACED ON FEED		MARKETED		TOTAL ON FEED		1980/1979
	DURING NOV AND DEC		DURING NOV AND DEC		JAN 1		
	1978	1979	1978	1979	1979	1980	
	1,000 HEAD						PERCENT
ARIZ	14	22	6	5	85	60	71
CALIF	25	30	40	40	185	175	95
COLO	160	120	300	180	320	360	113
IOWA	28	35	45	47	60	68	113
NEBR	39	50	57	55	75	90	120
TEX	110	140	85	110	165	150	91
WYO	42	28	47	28	120	90	75
TOTAL 7 STATES	418	425	580	465	1,010	993	98

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: BY WEIGHT GROUPS, 7 STATES,
JANUARY 1, 1979-80

STATE	UNDER 70 POUNDS		70-79 POUNDS		80-89 POUNDS		90-99 POUNDS		100 POUNDS AND OVER	
	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980
	1,000 HEAD									
ARIZ	4	3	5	4	4	3	68	48	4	2
CALIF	2	2	29	12	50	47	65	56	39	58
COLO	3	11	45	45	74	79	112	113	86	112
IOWA	5	4	10	7	16	20	15	21	14	16
NEBR	7	8	4	7	19	18	22	25	23	32
TEX	21	15	46	33	50	42	30	39	18	21
WYO	6	2	5	4	34	22	41	24	34	38
TOTAL 7 STATES	48	45	144	112	247	231	353	326	218	279

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: INVENTORY, PLACEMENTS AND WEIGHT GROUPS, 7 STATES,
NOVEMBER 1, 1978 AND 1979 1/

ITEM	1978		1979		1979 AS % OF 1978
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT		
NUMBER ON FEED NOV 1	1,172		1,036		88
PLACED ON FEED BEFORE SEP 1	131		134		102
PLACED ON FEED DURING SEP AND OCT	1,041		902		87
NUMBER ON FEED BY WEIGHT GROUPS, NOV 1					
UNDER 70 POUNDS	150		107		71
70-79 POUNDS	226		233		103
80-89 POUNDS	337		286		85
90-99 POUNDS	291		210		72
100 POUNDS AND OVER	168		200		119

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: INVENTORY AND PLACEMENTS,
NOVEMBER 1, 1978-79

STATE	NUMBER ON FEED NOV 1						1979 AS % OF 1978
	PLACED ON FEED				TOTAL ON FEED		
	BEFORE SEP 1		DURING SEP AND OCT		1978	1979	
	1978	1979	1978	1979			
1,000 HEAD							PERCENT
ARIZ	1	1	76	45	77	46	60
CALIF	33	30	167	155	200	185	93
COLO	15	30	445	390	460	420	91
IOWA	33	37	44	43	77	80	104
NEBR	15	15	78	80	93	95	102
TEX	30	15	110	105	140	120	86
WYO	4	6	121	84	125	90	72
TOTAL 7 STATES	131	134	1,041	902	1,172	1,036	88

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: BY WEIGHT GROUPS,
NOVEMBER 1, 1978-79

STATE	UNDER 70 POUNDS		70-79 POUNDS		80-89 POUNDS		90-99 POUNDS		100 POUNDS AND OVER	
	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979
	1,000 HEAD									
ARIZ	42	29	23	12	4	1	4	1	4	3
CALIF	11	6	15	54	71	54	67	38	36	33
COLO	32	21	83	72	148	109	133	92	64	126
IOWA	10	12	18	18	23	19	17	23	9	8
NEBR	11	10	18	28	34	22	18	23	12	12
TEX	21	18	43	30	31	34	27	25	18	13
WYO	23	11	26	19	26	47	25	8	25	5
TOTAL 7 STATES	150	107	226	233	337	286	291	210	168	200

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