

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED



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SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM 1979

The number of sheep and lambs on feed in seven selected States on March 1, 1980 totaled 597 thousand head, down 1 percent from the 604 thousand head on feed a year ago. There were 287 thousand placed on feed during January and February this year, down 6 percent from the 306 thousand placed during the same period of 1979.

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

- 9 percent weighed less than 70 pounds,
- 7 percent weighed 70-79 pounds,
- 14 percent weighed 80-89 pounds,
- 26 percent weighed 90-99 pounds,
- 44 percent weighed 100 pounds and over.

EARLY LAMB CROP UP 1 PERCENT

The early lamb crop in California, Kansas and Texas totaled 1.44 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago. The January 1 inventory of ewes one year old and older for these States was up less than 1 percent.

EARLY LAMB CROP, MARCH 1 1/

STATE	1978	1979	1980	1980 AS % OF 1979
1,000 HEAD				PERCENT
CALIF	652	663	672	101
KANS	105	115	114	99
TEX	600	645	650	101
TOTAL 3 STATES	1,357	1,423	1,436	101

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,
7 STATES, MARCH 1, 1979-80 1/

ITEM	1979		1980		1980/1979 PERCENT
	1,000 HEAD				
ON FEED JAN 1	1,010		993		98
PLACEMENTS, JAN-FEB	306		287		94
MARKETED, JAN-FEB	712		683		96
ON FEED MAR 1	604		597		99
WEIGHT GROUPS:					
UNDER 70 POUNDS	46		56		122
70-79 POUNDS	36		39		108
80-89 POUNDS	87		81		93
90-99 POUNDS	184		157		85
100 POUNDS AND OVER	251		264		105

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

STATE	PLACED ON FEED		MARKETED		TOTAL ON FEED		1980 AS % OF 1979 PERCENT
	DURING JAN		DURING JAN		MAR 1		
	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	
1,000 HEAD							
ARIZ	13	0	61	20	37	40	108
CALIF	1	5	121	100	65	80	123
COLO	130	100	260	270	190	190	100
IOWA	35	44	33	40	62	72	116
NEBR	15	25	45	60	45	55	122
TEX	85	90	100	130	150	110	73
WYO	27	23	92	63	55	50	91
7 STATES	306	287	712	683	604	597	99

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: BY WEIGHT GROUPS,
7 STATES, MARCH 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	0	0	3	0	3	0	22	10	9	30
CALIF	0	0	1	0	3	8	28	15	33	57
COLO	0	2	6	9	30	24	40	64	114	91
IOWA	22	27	6	5	8	7	11	13	15	20
NEBR	14	13	5	7	5	8	7	10	14	17
TEX	9	12	14	17	37	30	72	36	18	15
WYO	1	2	1	1	1	4	4	9	48	34
7 STATES	46	56	36	39	87	81	184	157	251	264

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.