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## Total Sheep and Lamb Inventory Up 2 Percent

**All sheep and lamb inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 6.23 million head, up 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004. The inventory began increasing in 2005 and has shown two consecutive year to year increases for the first time since 1987 and 1988.

**Breeding sheep inventory** increased to 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.66 million head, were 2 percent above last year.

**Market sheep and lambs** on January 1, 2006, totaled 1.59 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 35 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings.

**The 2005 lamb crop** of 4.13 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004. The 2005 lambing rate was 115 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from 2004.

**Shorn wool production** in the United States during 2005 was 37.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2004. The average price paid for wool sold in 2005 was \$0.71 per pound for a total value of 26.3 million dollars, down 12 percent from 29.9 million dollars in 2004.

## Total Goat and Kid Inventory Up 4 Percent

**All goat inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. **Breeding goat inventory** totaled 2.35 million head up 4 percent from 2005. **All market goats and kids** totaled 471,800 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2006 **meat and all other goats** totaled 2.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. **Milk goat** inventory increased 1 percent to 288,000 head while **angora goats** were down 1 percent totaling 278,000 head. The 2005 **kid crop** totaled 1.84 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2004.

**Mohair production** in the United States during 2005 was 1.82 million pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 273,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.7 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$2.78 per pound with a value of 5.1 million dollars.

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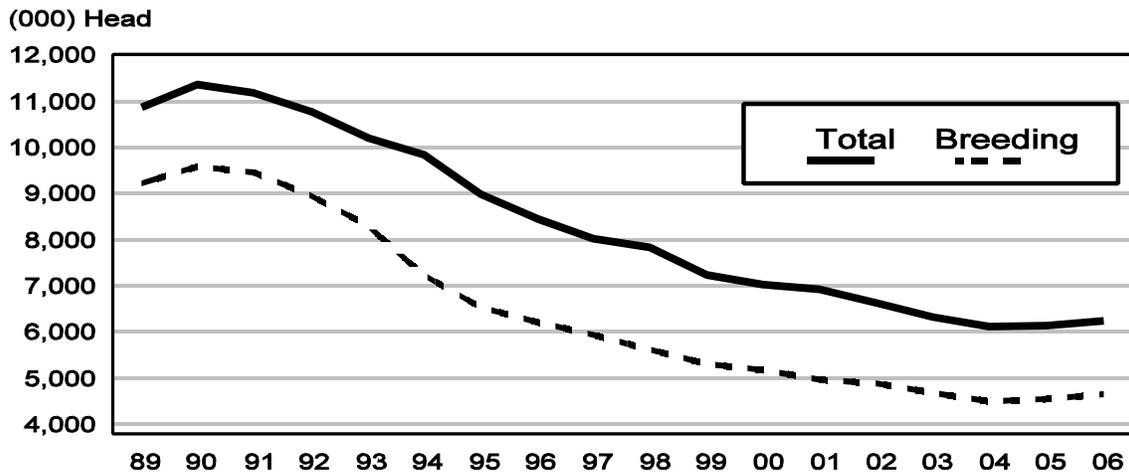
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**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, United States,  
January 1, 2004-2006<sup>1</sup>**

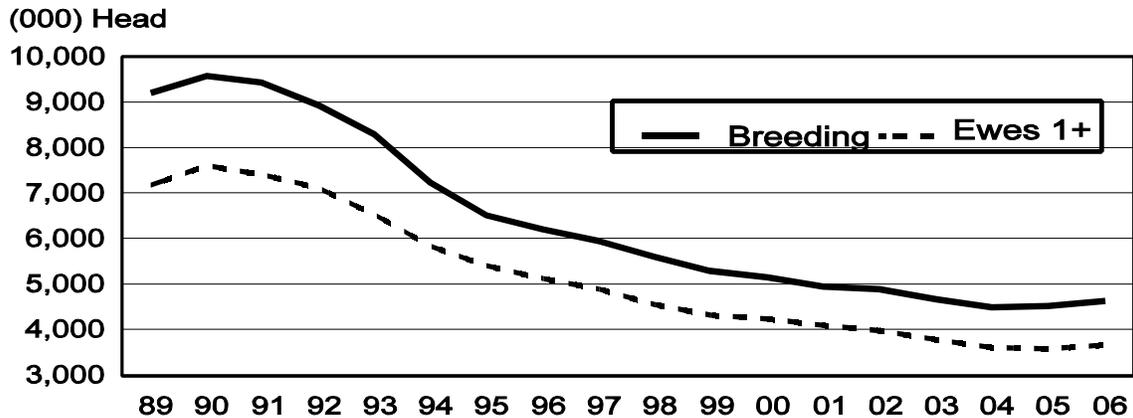
Class	2004	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	6,105	6,135	6,230	102
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,499	4,533	4,639	102
Replacement Lambs - Under One Year Old	702	771	786	102
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,610	3,573	3,657	102
Rams - One Year Old and Older	188	190	196	103
Market	1,606	1,602	1,591	99

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding.

**Sheep and Lambs  
United States, 1989-2006**



**Total Breeding and Ewes 1+  
United States, 1989-2006**

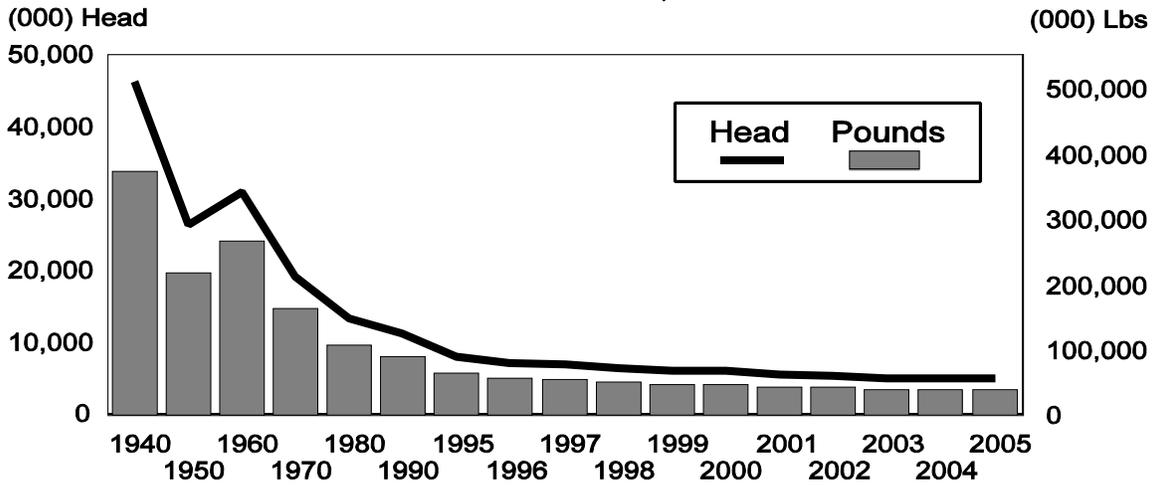


**Wool: Production, Price, and Value, United States, 2003-2005**

Year	Sheep Shorn <sup>1</sup>	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2003	5,074	7.55	38,299	0.73	28,126
2004	5,073	7.42	37,622	0.80	29,921
2005	5,072	7.34	37,232	0.71	26,272

<sup>1</sup> Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.

**Sheep & Lambs Shorn & Wool Production  
United States, 1940-2005**



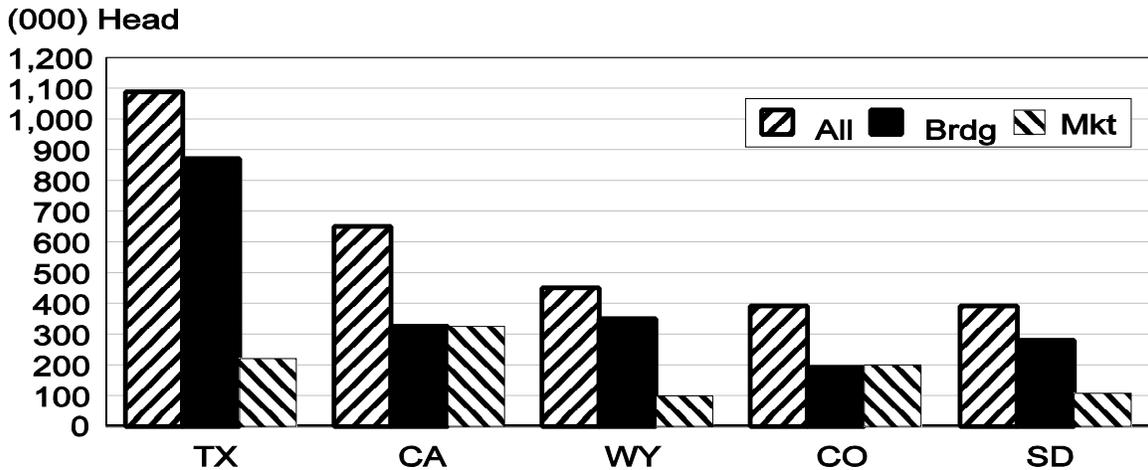
**All Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class,  
State, and United States, January 1, 2005-2006**

State	All Sheep and Lambs			Total Breeding		Total Market	
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AZ	100.0	105.0	105	60.0	70.0	40.0	35.0
CA	670.0	650.0	97	325.0	325.0	345.0	325.0
CO	365.0	390.0	107	170.0	190.0	195.0	200.0
ID	270.0	260.0	96	225.0	220.0	45.0	40.0
IL	69.0	69.0	100	56.0	61.0	13.0	8.0
IN	50.0	50.0	100	44.0	46.0	6.0	4.0
IA	245.0	235.0	96	175.0	170.0	70.0	65.0
KS	106.0	95.0	90	65.0	60.0	41.0	35.0
KY	32.0	35.0	109	26.0	29.0	6.0	6.0
MD	23.0	22.0	96	17.5	16.0	5.5	6.0
MI	83.0	88.0	106	59.0	66.0	24.0	22.0
MN	145.0	155.0	107	100.0	110.0	45.0	45.0
MO	65.0	75.0	115	57.5	65.5	7.5	9.5
MT	305.0	295.0	97	280.0	270.0	25.0	25.0
NE	97.0	106.0	109	75.0	80.0	22.0	26.0
NV	70.0	74.0	106	66.0	64.0	4.0	10.0
N ENG <sup>1</sup>	45.5	47.0	103	39.0	40.5	6.5	6.5
NM	145.0	155.0	107	120.0	130.0	25.0	25.0
NY	75.0	70.0	93	58.0	54.0	17.0	16.0
NC	20.0	18.0	90	17.0	14.0	3.0	4.0
ND	105.0	104.0	99	81.0	76.0	24.0	28.0
OH	142.0	141.0	99	122.0	117.0	20.0	24.0
OK	70.0	80.0	114	55.0	62.0	15.0	18.0
OR	225.0	220.0	98	145.0	145.0	80.0	75.0
PA	100.0	110.0	110	83.0	94.0	17.0	16.0
SD	375.0	385.0	103	285.0	280.0	90.0	105.0
TN	23.0	27.0	117	20.0	22.0	3.0	5.0
TX	1,070.0	1,090.0	102	840.0	870.0	230.0	220.0
UT	270.0	280.0	104	245.0	260.0	25.0	20.0
VA	61.0	67.0	110	46.0	51.0	15.0	16.0
WA	46.0	50.0	109	41.0	41.0	5.0	9.0
WV	31.0	32.0	103	29.0	27.0	2.0	5.0
WI	85.0	89.0	105	69.0	72.0	16.0	17.0
WY	450.0	450.0	100	350.0	350.0	100.0	100.0
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	101.5	111.0	109	87.0	91.0	14.5	20.0
US	6,135.0	6,230.0	102	4,533.0	4,639.0	1,602.0	1,591.0

<sup>1</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

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**Total Inventory, January 1, 2006  
Top Five Sheep & Lamb Producing States**



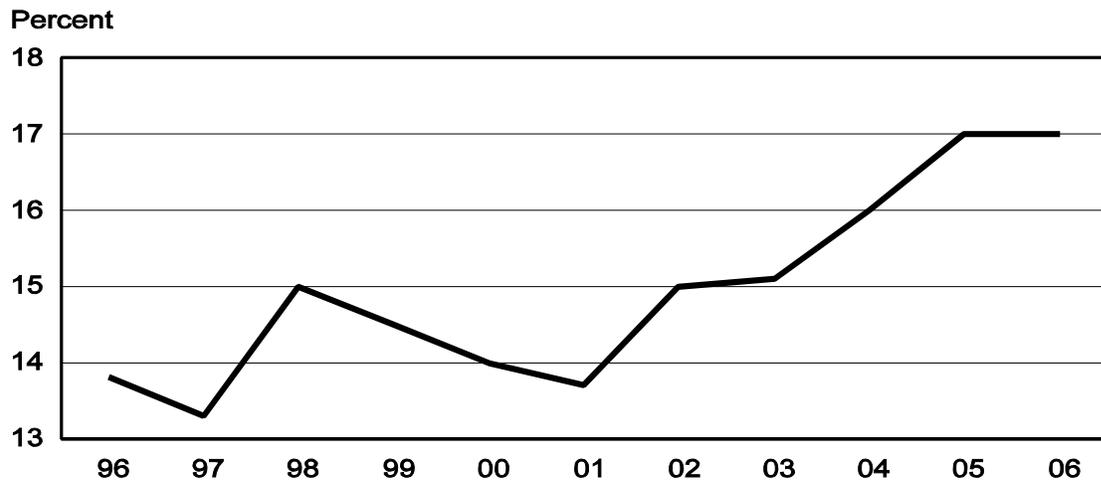
**Breeding Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, State,  
and United States, January 1, 2005-2006**

State	Breeding Sheep-One Year Old & Older				Replacement Lambs		Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs	
	Ewes		Rams		2005	2006	2005	2006
	2005	2006	2005	2006				
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AZ	50.0	57.0	3.0	4.0	7.0	9.0	60.0	70.0
CA	275.0	270.0	10.0	10.0	40.0	45.0	325.0	325.0
CO	135.0	148.0	5.0	6.0	30.0	36.0	170.0	190.0
ID	182.0	178.0	5.0	5.0	38.0	37.0	225.0	220.0
IL	43.0	48.0	3.0	3.0	10.0	10.0	56.0	61.0
IN	33.0	33.0	2.5	2.0	8.5	11.0	44.0	46.0
IA	142.0	132.0	7.0	7.0	26.0	31.0	175.0	170.0
KS	54.0	50.0	3.0	2.5	8.0	7.5	65.0	60.0
KY	18.0	22.5	2.5	1.5	5.5	5.0	26.0	29.0
MD	14.0	12.5	1.5	1.0	2.0	2.5	17.5	16.0
MI	45.0	46.0	2.0	3.0	12.0	17.0	59.0	66.0
MN	80.0	85.0	5.0	5.0	15.0	20.0	100.0	110.0
MO	47.0	52.0	2.5	3.5	8.0	10.0	57.5	65.5
MT	215.0	208.0	7.0	7.0	58.0	55.0	280.0	270.0
NE	62.0	65.0	3.0	3.0	10.0	12.0	75.0	80.0
NV	54.0	51.0	2.0	2.0	10.0	11.0	66.0	64.0
N ENG <sup>1</sup>	29.0	30.5	2.5	2.5	7.5	7.5	39.0	40.5
NM	97.0	102.0	6.0	6.0	17.0	22.0	120.0	130.0
NY	43.0	41.0	3.0	3.0	12.0	10.0	58.0	54.0
NC	12.5	10.0	1.0	1.0	3.5	3.0	17.0	14.0
ND	63.0	59.0	2.0	2.0	16.0	15.0	81.0	76.0
OH	92.0	89.0	6.0	6.0	24.0	22.0	122.0	117.0
OK	41.0	46.0	3.0	4.0	11.0	12.0	55.0	62.0
OR	107.0	114.0	8.0	6.0	30.0	25.0	145.0	145.0
PA	63.0	73.0	5.0	6.0	15.0	15.0	83.0	94.0
SD	230.0	230.0	8.0	8.0	47.0	42.0	285.0	280.0
TN	14.0	15.0	1.5	2.0	4.5	5.0	20.0	22.0
TX	650.0	690.0	45.0	45.0	145.0	135.0	840.0	870.0
UT	200.0	210.0	8.0	11.0	37.0	39.0	245.0	260.0
VA	35.0	37.0	3.0	4.0	8.0	10.0	46.0	51.0
WA	32.0	33.0	2.0	2.0	7.0	6.0	41.0	41.0
WV	23.0	22.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	29.0	27.0
WI	52.0	54.0	3.0	3.0	14.0	15.0	69.0	72.0
WY	278.0	278.0	10.0	10.0	62.0	62.0	350.0	350.0
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	62.0	65.5	8.0	8.0	17.0	17.5	87.0	91.0
US	3,572.5	3,657.0	190.0	196.0	770.5	786.0	4,533.0	4,639.0

<sup>1</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>2</sup> Other States include AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, MS, NJ, and SC.

**Replacement Lambs, Percent of All Breeding Sheep 1996-2006  
United States**



**Lamb Crop: Per 100 Ewes 1+, Number and Percent of Previous Year, by State, and United States, 2004-2005**

State	Breeding Ewes 1 Year & Older Jan 1		Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+ Jan 1		Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup>		
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	48.0	50.0	83	84	40.0	42.0	105
CA	275.0	275.0	95	91	260.0	250.0	96
CO	139.0	135.0	119	130	165.0	175.0	106
ID	184.0	182.0	130	121	240.0	220.0	92
IL	40.0	43.0	145	144	58.0	62.0	107
IN	34.0	33.0	132	127	45.0	42.0	93
IA	147.0	142.0	146	144	215.0	205.0	95
KS	53.0	54.0	134	113	71.0	61.0	86
KY	16.0	18.0	138	128	22.0	23.0	105
MD	15.0	14.0	110	111	16.5	15.5	94
MI	43.0	45.0	128	131	55.0	59.0	107
MN	80.0	80.0	169	175	135.0	140.0	104
MO	45.0	47.0	133	143	60.0	67.0	112
MT	220.0	215.0	123	128	270.0	275.0	102
NE	67.0	62.0	125	142	84.0	88.0	105
NV	52.0	54.0	108	100	56.0	54.0	96
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	28.0	29.0	125	124	35.0	36.0	103
NM	108.0	97.0	79	93	85.0	90.0	106
NY	41.0	43.0	129	119	53.0	51.0	96
NC	12.5	12.5	124	100	15.5	12.5	81
ND	59.0	63.0	149	135	88.0	85.0	97
OH	94.0	92.0	128	124	120.0	114.0	95
OK	45.0	41.0	116	132	52.0	54.0	104
OR	112.0	107.0	129	140	145.0	150.0	103
PA	58.0	63.0	145	140	84.0	88.0	105
SD	240.0	230.0	121	126	290.0	290.0	100
TN	14.0	14.0	107	114	15.0	16.0	107
TX	675.0	650.0	77	86	520.0	560.0	108
UT	195.0	200.0	126	120	245.0	240.0	98
VA	34.0	35.0	138	140	47.0	49.0	104
WA	32.0	32.0	166	166	53.0	53.0	100
WV	25.0	23.0	116	122	29.0	28.0	97
WI	52.0	52.0	142	142	74.0	74.0	100
WY	270.0	278.0	111	108	300.0	300.0	100
Oth Sts <sup>3</sup>	57.0	62.0	93	90	53.0	56.0	106
US	3,609.5	3,572.5	113	115	4,096.0	4,125.0	101

<sup>1</sup> Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>3</sup> Other States include AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, MS, NJ, and SC.

**Market Sheep and Lambs: Number by Weight Group, State,  
and United States, January 1, 2005**

State	Market Lambs					Market Sheep	Total Market Sheep and Lambs
	Under 65 Pounds	65 to 84 Pounds	85 to 105 Pounds	Over 105 Pounds	Total		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>						
AZ	15.0	6.0	9.0	8.0	38.0	2.0	40.0
CA	155.0	60.0	65.0	55.0	335.0	10.0	345.0
CO	2.0	6.0	39.0	147.0	194.0	1.0	195.0
ID	4.0	1.0	8.0	31.0	44.0	1.0	45.0
IL	3.5	1.5	1.5	3.5	10.0	3.0	13.0
IN	3.2	0.4	0.9	0.7	5.2	0.8	6.0
IA	8.0	9.0	21.0	30.0	68.0	2.0	70.0
KS	13.5	3.0	13.5	5.0	35.0	6.0	41.0
KY	3.0	0.8	0.5	0.2	4.5	1.5	6.0
MD	1.7	1.0	0.7	0.5	3.9	1.6	5.5
MI	6.0	4.0	4.0	9.0	23.0	1.0	24.0
MN	9.0	11.0	13.0	11.0	44.0	1.0	45.0
MO	2.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	6.5	1.0	7.5
MT	2.0	3.0	12.0	5.0	22.0	3.0	25.0
NE	3.5	2.5	5.0	10.0	21.0	1.0	22.0
NV		1.0	2.0	1.0	4.0		4.0
N ENG <sup>1</sup>	2.3	2.0	1.0	0.3	5.6	0.9	6.5
NM	7.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	23.0	2.0	25.0
NY	10.0	3.5	1.0	1.0	15.5	1.5	17.0
NC	1.6	0.5	0.4	0.1	2.6	0.4	3.0
ND	3.0	4.0	7.0	9.0	23.0	1.0	24.0
OH	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	18.0	2.0	20.0
OK	6.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	14.0	1.0	15.0
OR	10.0	10.0	33.0	24.0	77.0	3.0	80.0
PA	6.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	13.0	4.0	17.0
SD	10.0	7.0	18.0	53.0	88.0	2.0	90.0
TN	1.8	0.6	0.2	0.2	2.8	0.2	3.0
TX	100.0	40.0	50.0	30.0	220.0	10.0	230.0
UT	2.0	2.0	10.0	9.0	23.0	2.0	25.0
VA	4.9	1.9	5.5	1.7	14.0	1.0	15.0
WA	2.0	1.0	1.4	0.4	4.8	0.2	5.0
WV	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.0		2.0
WI	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	14.0	2.0	16.0
WY	1.0	6.0	36.0	56.0	99.0	1.0	100.0
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	5.7	2.5	1.3	1.0	10.5	4.0	14.5
US	413.2	214.7	381.9	518.1	1,527.9	74.1	1,602.0

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State	Market Lambs					Market Sheep	Total Market Sheep and Lambs
	Under 65 Pounds	65 to 84 Pounds	85 to 105 Pounds	Over 105 Pounds	Total		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>						
AZ	14.0	4.0	9.0	6.0	33.0	2.0	35.0
CA	150.0	50.0	60.0	55.0	315.0	10.0	325.0
CO	3.0	9.0	40.0	145.0	197.0	3.0	200.0
ID	5.0	1.0	6.0	27.0	39.0	1.0	40.0
IL	3.5	1.0	1.5	1.0	7.0	1.0	8.0
IN	2.0	0.4	0.7	0.4	3.5	0.5	4.0
IA	9.0	9.0	22.0	23.0	63.0	2.0	65.0
KS	12.5	3.5	6.0	7.0	29.0	6.0	35.0
KY	3.2	0.7	0.8	0.3	5.0	1.0	6.0
MD	2.8	0.8	0.3	0.1	4.0	2.0	6.0
MI	3.0	2.0	7.0	9.0	21.0	1.0	22.0
MN	11.0	9.0	14.0	10.0	44.0	1.0	45.0
MO	3.0	2.0	1.5	2.5	9.0	0.5	9.5
MT	1.0	4.0	11.0	3.0	19.0	6.0	25.0
NE	4.0	2.0	7.0	11.0	24.0	2.0	26.0
NV	2.0	1.0	3.0	4.0	10.0		10.0
N ENG <sup>1</sup>	1.8	1.1	1.2	0.6	4.7	1.8	6.5
NM	4.0	7.0	9.0	3.0	23.0	2.0	25.0
NY	9.0	3.5	1.0	1.0	14.5	1.5	16.0
NC	2.2	0.8	0.4	0.1	3.5	0.5	4.0
ND	4.5	5.0	8.0	9.5	27.0	1.0	28.0
OH	8.0	6.0	7.0	2.0	23.0	1.0	24.0
OK	8.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	16.0	2.0	18.0
OR	10.0	11.0	28.0	25.0	74.0	1.0	75.0
PA	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	14.0	2.0	16.0
SD	11.0	8.0	21.0	62.0	102.0	3.0	105.0
TN	2.3	1.1	0.9	0.5	4.8	0.2	5.0
TX	95.0	40.0	45.0	30.0	210.0	10.0	220.0
UT	2.0	2.5	6.0	7.5	18.0	2.0	20.0
VA	6.0	3.5	3.5	2.0	15.0	1.0	16.0
WA	2.5	1.0	0.1	4.9	8.5	0.5	9.0
WV	2.0	1.0	1.5	0.5	5.0		5.0
WI	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	15.0	2.0	17.0
WY	1.0	7.0	29.0	62.0	99.0	1.0	100.0
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	9.0	2.5	2.0	2.0	15.5	4.5	20.0
US	416.3	210.4	362.4	525.9	1,515.0	76.0	1,591.0

<sup>1</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>2</sup> Other States include AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, MS, NJ, and SC.

**Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight per Fleece,  
and Production by State, and United States, 2004-2005**

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight per Fleece		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
AZ	90.0	95.0	6.4	5.9	580	560
CA	480.0	500.0	7.1	7.0	3,400	3,500
CO	390.0	420.0	6.6	6.3	2,570	2,650
ID	225.0	210.0	9.4	9.0	2,125	1,890
IL	60.0	57.0	6.8	6.8	405	385
IN	43.0	42.0	6.4	6.4	275	270
IA	230.0	220.0	6.0	5.8	1,370	1,270
KS	66.0	63.0	7.3	6.8	485	430
KY	20.0	18.0	6.8	6.7	135	120
MD	15.0	17.0	6.9	7.0	103	119
MI	76.0	81.0	5.8	5.9	440	480
MN	140.0	150.0	6.5	6.5	910	970
MO	61.0	67.0	6.1	6.5	375	435
MT	267.0	260.0	9.3	9.6	2,472	2,490
NE	83.0	85.0	7.2	7.1	600	600
NV	55.0	54.0	9.3	9.3	510	500
N ENG <sup>1</sup>	40.0	41.0	7.1	7.1	284	293
NM	140.0	155.0	7.3	7.4	1,020	1,150
NY	53.0	49.0	6.7	6.7	356	330
NC	10.0	7.0	6.4	6.1	64	43
ND	82.0	78.0	9.1	8.8	745	690
OH	140.0	133.0	6.5	6.0	903	800
OK	50.0	45.0	6.2	6.0	310	270
OR	173.0	190.0	6.3	6.3	1,090	1,190
PA	68.0	71.0	6.5	6.5	440	460
SD	345.0	330.0	7.6	7.8	2,610	2,582
TN	16.0	17.0	6.2	6.2	99	105
TX	810.0	800.0	6.9	6.9	5,600	5,550
UT	245.0	235.0	9.2	9.3	2,250	2,180
VA	36.0	37.0	6.3	6.0	226	223
WA	40.0	40.0	8.2	8.1	326	324
WV	24.0	23.0	5.6	5.8	134	133
WI	70.0	67.0	7.1	7.3	500	490
WY	390.0	380.0	9.3	9.3	3,640	3,530
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	40.0	35.0	6.8	6.3	270	220
US	5,073.0	5,072.0	7.4	7.3	37,622	37,232

<sup>1</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>2</sup> Other States include AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, MS, NJ, and SC.

**Wool: Price and Value by State and United States, 2004-2005**

State	Price per Pound		Value <sup>1</sup>	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AZ	0.30	0.30	174	168
CA	0.82	0.70	2,788	2,450
CO	0.85	0.63	2,185	1,670
ID	0.88	0.75	1,870	1,418
IL	0.26	0.35	105	135
IN	0.21	0.17	58	46
IA	0.34	0.27	466	343
KS	0.57	0.40	276	172
KY	0.31	0.50	42	60
MD	0.41	0.56	42	67
MI	0.45	0.39	198	187
MN	0.37	0.38	337	369
MO	0.40	0.37	150	161
MT	1.17	0.98	2,892	2,440
NE	0.43	0.40	258	240
NV	0.94	0.87	479	435
N ENG <sup>2</sup>	0.45	0.45	128	132
NM	1.00	1.20	1,020	1,380
NY	0.21	0.19	75	63
NC	0.38	0.49	24	21
ND	0.75	0.60	559	414
OH	0.34	0.28	307	224
OK	0.50	0.40	155	108
OR	0.65	0.64	709	762
PA	0.27	0.27	119	124
SD	0.72	0.60	1,879	1,549
TN	0.53	0.47	52	49
TX	1.02	0.96	5,712	5,328
UT	0.83	0.71	1,868	1,548
VA	0.40	0.42	90	94
WA	0.80	0.68	261	220
WV	0.43	0.48	58	64
WI	0.30	0.30	150	147
WY	1.17	1.00	4,259	3,530
Oth Sts <sup>3</sup>	0.65	0.70	176	154
US <sup>4</sup>	0.80	0.71	29,921	26,272

<sup>1</sup> Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is the summation of State values.

<sup>2</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>3</sup> Other States include AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, MS, NJ, and SC.

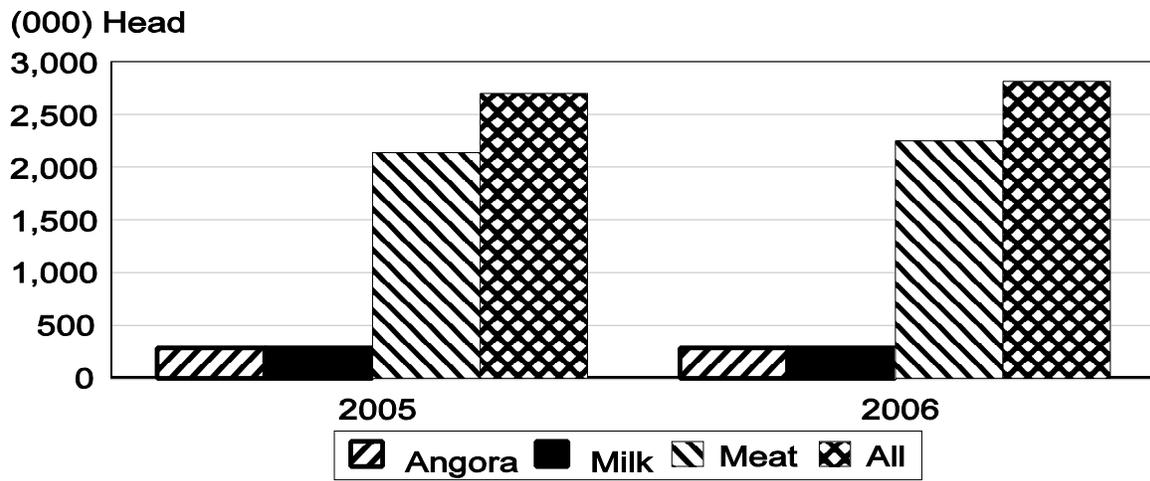
<sup>4</sup> U.S. Value may not add due to rounding.

**Goats: Number by Class, United States, January 1, 2005-2006**

Item	Total	Breeding	Market	Kid Crop <sup>1</sup>
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
2005				
Angora	280,000	243,600	36,400	
Milk	285,000	256,500	28,500	
Meat	2,150,000	1,762,700	387,300	
All	2,715,000	2,262,800	452,200	1,761,000
2006				
Angora	278,000	241,500	36,500	148,100
Milk	288,000	259,700	28,300	199,500
Meat	2,260,000	1,853,000	407,000	1,488,100
All	2,826,000	2,354,200	471,800	1,835,700

<sup>1</sup> Kid Crop for 2005 refers to kids born in 2004. Kid Crop for 2006 refers to kids born in 2005.

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**Angora Goats: Number by Class,  
State and United States, 2005-2006**

State	2005		2006	
	<i>Head</i>		<i>Head</i>	
AZ		26,000		25,500
CA		3,000		3,000
CO		1,000		1,000
GA		1,000		1,000
MI		1,000		1,000
MN		1,000		1,000
MO		1,600		1,700
NE		1,050		1,150
N ENG <sup>1</sup>		1,300		1,100
NM		10,000		10,000
NY				1,000
OH		1,200		
OK		1,000		1,000
OR		2,300		2,000
TX		210,000		210,000
WA		1,000		1,000
WI				1,000
Oth Sts <sup>2,3,4</sup>		17,550		15,550
US		280,000		278,000

<sup>1</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>2</sup> Other States include AL, AK, AR, DE, FL, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MD, MS, MT, NV, NJ, NC, ND, PA, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WV, and WY.

<sup>3</sup> NY and WI are included in Other States for 2005.

<sup>4</sup> OH is included in Other States for 2006.

**Mohair: Production, Price, and Value by Selected States,  
United States, 2004-2005**

State	Goats Clipped		Average Clip per Goat		Production		Price per Pound		Value <sup>1</sup>	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
AZ	25,000	25,000	5.0	4.8	125	120	1.10	1.10	138	132
CA	2,500	3,000	8.0	9.0	20	27	1.70	3.00	34	81
NM	10,000	10,000	6.4	7.0	64	70	1.10	3.25	70	228
TX	210,000	210,000	7.7	7.0	1,620	1,470	2.10	3.00	3,402	4,410
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	25,000	25,000	5.0	5.4	125	135	1.50	1.65	188	223
US	272,500	273,000	7.2	6.7	1,954	1,822	1.96	2.78	3,832	5,074

<sup>1</sup> Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of State values.

<sup>2</sup> Other States include AL, AK, AR, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, and WY.

**Milk Goats: Number by Class,  
State and United States, 2005-2006**

State	2005	2006
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
AL	2,000	1,800
AZ	1,000	1,000
AR	4,700	4,700
CA	30,000	31,000
CO	7,000	7,000
FL	3,500	2,900
GA	2,000	2,000
ID	2,700	2,800
IL	4,700	5,510
IN	8,800	8,650
IA	13,000	15,000
KS	3,500	3,410
KY	5,550	5,300
LA	1,050	1,100
MD	3,300	3,300
MI	7,500	8,000
MN	5,800	6,000
MS	1,500	1,050
MO	8,600	9,900
MT	3,000	2,780
NE	3,000	2,600
NV	2,000	2,200
N ENG <sup>1</sup>	11,300	11,400
NJ	1,700	1,500
NM	4,500	4,000
NY	13,000	12,800
NC	7,000	4,000
OH	9,500	10,700
OK	9,000	10,000
OR	6,900	7,000
PA	11,000	10,200
SC	3,000	3,500
SD	1,500	
TN	6,200	6,200
TX	30,000	30,000
UT	3,100	2,700
VA	2,800	3,200
WA	7,500	7,200
WV	1,200	1,400
WI	28,000	30,000
WY	2,100	1,600
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	1,500	2,600
US	285,000	288,000

<sup>1</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>2</sup> Other States include AK, DE, HI, and ND for 2005. SD is included in Other States total for 2006.

**Meat and Other Goats: Number by Class,  
State and United States, 2005-2006**

State	2005	2006
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
AL	40,000	43,000
AZ	4,000	4,000
AR	27,000	29,000
CA	75,000	80,000
CO	22,000	24,000
FL	51,500	55,000
GA	88,500	95,000
HI	5,300	5,500
ID	5,400	5,900
IL	12,000	12,600
IN	23,800	25,000
IA	17,500	19,000
KS	22,000	23,000
KY	63,500	68,000
LA	12,500	12,800
MD	9,450	10,000
MI	9,200	10,000
MN	9,400	10,000
MS	24,500	24,000
MO	60,000	64,000
MT	8,300	9,000
NE	13,000	14,000
NV	3,300	3,400
N ENG <sup>1</sup>	10,000	9,500
NJ	9,100	9,900
NM	13,000	14,000
NY	19,000	20,000
NC	59,000	60,000
ND	2,350	2,500
OH	29,000	28,000
OK	73,000	74,000
OR	20,000	19,500
PA	35,200	37,000
SC	41,000	44,000
SD	6,500	7,000
TN	98,000	103,000
TX	1,030,000	1,080,000
UT	6,100	6,600
VA	38,000	41,000
WA	21,000	23,000
WV	17,500	19,000
WI	9,800	10,300
WY	3,800	4,000
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	1,500	1,500
US	2,150,000	2,260,000

<sup>1</sup> N ENG includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

<sup>2</sup> Other States include AK and DE.

## Reliability of January 1 Sheep, Lamb, and Goat Estimates

**Survey Procedures:** A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep and goat producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. About 23,000 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 83 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.

**Estimation Procedures:** These sheep and goat estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board. National and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness and with estimates from past years. A projected balance sheet for calendar year 2005 was also used. The balance sheet begins with the previous inventory estimate, adds estimates of births and imports, and subtracts estimates of slaughter, exports and deaths. This indicated ending inventory level is compared with the Agricultural Statistics Board estimate for reasonableness.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve the current estimate. Previous year estimates are subject to revision when current estimates are made. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the Department of Agriculture's five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

**Reliability:** Since all operations raising sheep and goats are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors, such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating reliability of the estimates in this report, the "**Root Mean Square Error**" is shown for selected sheep items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between the first and latest estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for sheep and lamb inventory estimates over the past 10 years is 1.0 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 6.23 million head by more than 1.0 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.8 percent.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for sheep shorn over the past 10 years is 1.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 5.1 million head by more than 1.1 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.9 percent.

Also shown in the table is a 10-year record showing the range between the first inventory estimate and the latest estimate. Using estimates for All Sheep and Lambs as an example, changes between the first inventory estimate and the latest estimate during the past 10 years have averaged 44,000 head, ranging from 0 to 209,000 head. The initial inventory estimate of All Sheep and Lambs has been below the latest estimate 6 times and above the latest estimate 3 times in the last 10 years.

For Sheep and Lambs Shorn, changes between the first inventory estimate and the latest estimate during the past 10 years have averaged 47,000 head, ranging from 0 to 148,000 head. The initial inventory estimate of Sheep and Lambs Shorn has been below the latest estimate 4 times and above 5 times in the last 10 years.

**Reliability of U.S. January 1 Sheep and Lamb Estimates <sup>1</sup>**

Item	Root Mean Square Error	90% Confidence Level		Difference Between First and Final Estimates <sup>1</sup>			Number of Years	
		Percent	(000) Head	Average	Smallest	Largest	First Above Final	First Below Final
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
All Sheep & Lambs	1.0	1.8	111.3	44	0	209	3	6
Breeding Sheep	0.7	1.2	56.4	26	0	75	3	6
Lamb Crop	0.9	1.7	69.3	42	5	112	2	8
Sheep Shorn	1.1	1.9	98.0	47	0	148	5	4
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
Wool Prod	1.1	1.9	725.0	331	0	1,095	6	3

<sup>1</sup> Based on data for the past 10 years.

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