

# LAMB CROP AND WOOL



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## LAMB CROP UP 8 PERCENT:

The 1981 United States lamb crop is estimated at 8.88 million head, 8 percent more than 1980 and 11 percent more than 1979.

On January 1, 1981, the inventory of breeding ewes 1 year old and older totaled 8.80 million head, 3 percent more than a year earlier. Ewe lambs under 1 year on January 1, 1981 totaled 1.79 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 1980.

The 1981 lambing rate (lambs born in the native States, and lambs docked or branded in Western States) per 100 ewes 1 year old and older on hand January 1 was 101 compared with 97 in 1980 and 95 in 1979.

## WOOL PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT:

Wool shorn and to be shorn in the United States during 1981 is estimated at 109 million pounds (49.5 thousand metric tons), grease basis, 4 percent more than in both 1980 and 1979. The number of sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn is estimated at 13.4 million head, 1 percent more than a year earlier. The average fleece weight for 1981 is estimated at 8.13 pounds compared with 7.96 pounds in 1980.

### LAMB CROP AND WOOL PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES, 1979-81

STATE	BREEDING : LAMB CROP		NUMBER :		WOOL	
	EWES : 1 YEAR OLD AND OLDER, JAN 1	PER 100 : EWES 1 YEAR OLD AND OLDER, JAN 1	LAMB : CROP 1/	SHEEP : SHORN 2/	WEIGHT PER : FLEECE	PRODUCTION
	: 1,000 HEAD	NUMBER	1,000 HEAD		POUNDS	1,000 POUNDS
1979	: 8,366	95	7,974	13,068	8.02	104,860
1980	: 8,524	97	8,246	13,249	7.96	105,452
1981	: 8,798	101	8,875	13,427	8.13	109,156

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## LAMB CROP: 1980-81

STATE	BREEDING EWES		LAMB CROP PER 100		LAMB CROP <sup>1/</sup>		
	1 YEAR OLD AND		EWES 1 YEAR OLD		1980	1981	1981
	OLDER JAN 1		AND OLDER JAN 1				
	1980	1981	1980	1981			1980
	1,000 HEAD		NUMBER		1,000 HEAD		PERCENT
ARIZ	246	240	81	88	200	210	105
CALIF	839	850	86	90	725	765	106
COLO	425	400	102	110	435	440	101
IDAHO	361	386	125	125	450	483	107
ILL	117	120	115	119	134	143	107
IND	83	95	120	120	100	114	114
IOWA	250	260	120	121	300	315	105
KANS	125	120	116	117	145	140	97
MICH	82	80	122	119	100	95	95
MINN	164	187	125	131	205	245	120
MO	84	92	129	130	108	120	111
MONT	400	420	98	100	390	420	108
NEBR	90	115	124	124	112	143	128
NEV	94	103	99	99	93	102	110
N MEX	468	468	76	87	356	407	114
N DAK	135	153	128	128	173	196	113
OHIO	215	212	118	120	253	255	101
OREG	280	310	109	116	305	360	118
PA	78	79	106	110	83	87	105
S DAK	550	615	125	122	690	750	109
TEX	1,675	1,700	67	74	1,120	1,250	112
UTAH	491	500	97	96	476	481	101
VA	122	123	130	129	159	159	100
W VA	87	84	120	119	104	100	96
WYO	745	750	86	91	640	685	107
OTHER 16 STATES <sup>4/</sup>	318.2	336.4	122	122	389.5	410	105
U S TOTAL	8,524.2	8,798.4	97	101	8,245.5	8,875	108
WOOL SHORN 1980-81 BY STATES							
	NUMBER SHEEP SHORN <sup>2/</sup>		WEIGHT PER FLEECE <sup>3/</sup>		WOOL PRODUCTION		
	1980		1981		1980	1981	
	1,000 HEAD		POUNDS				1,000 POUNDS
ARIZ	326	325	7.1	7.4	2,329	2,402	
CALIF	1,402	1,415	7.5	7.5	10,478	10,588	
COLO	1,100	1,080	7.6	7.6	8,338	8,226	
IDAHO	447	497	10.1	10.1	4,835	5,040	
ILL	189	186	7.0	7.1	1,327	1,323	
IND	117	128	7.2	7.4	846	941	
IOWA	475	485	7.2	7.3	3,427	3,523	
KANS	227	200	7.5	7.3	1,699	1,468	
MICH	122	116	7.8	7.3	950	849	
MINN	265	293	7.3	7.7	1,945	2,256	
MO	133	143	7.1	7.1	942	1,009	
MONT	524	539	9.8	10.3	5,156	5,566	
NEBR	260	290	6.7	6.8	1,748	1,978	
NEV	108	115	10.0	10.0	1,080	1,150	
N MEX	555	605	9.2	9.4	5,080	5,665	
N DAK	207	227	9.6	9.7	1,981	2,200	
OHIO	313	310	7.3	7.3	2,290	2,250	
OREG	555	580	7.0	7.0	3,880	4,080	
PA	98	100	6.9	6.9	676	690	
S DAK	755	805	9.2	9.0	6,982	7,243	
TEX	2,700	2,580	6.8	7.2	18,300	18,600	
UTAH	595	624	10.0	10.1	5,923	6,281	
VA	146	147	6.4	6.5	934	956	
W VA	107	102	5.8	5.8	621	592	
WYO	1,040	1,070	9.8	10.0	10,205	10,700	
OTHER 16 STATES <sup>4/</sup>	453.1	465	7.7	7.7	3,480	3,580	
U S TOTAL	13,249.1	13,427	8.0	8.1	105,452	109,156	

<sup>1/</sup> LAMB CROP DEFINED AS LAMBS BORN IN THE NATIVE STATES AND LAMBS DOCKED OR BRANDED IN THE WESTERN STATES. <sup>2/</sup> INCLUDES SHEEP SHORN AT COMMERCIAL FEEDING YARDS. <sup>3/</sup> FOR TEX AND CALIF THE WEIGHT PER FLEECE IS THE AVERAGE PER ANIMAL AND NOT THE AVERAGE PER SHEARING SINCE SOME SHEEP ARE SHORN MORE THAN ONCE EACH YEAR. <sup>4/</sup> INDIVIDUAL STATE ESTIMATES NOT AVAILABLE IN JULY.