

# Sheep and Lambs On Feed



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## November 1 Sheep and Lambs on Feed in 16 Major States Totalled 1.55 Million Head

Sheep and lambs on feed November 1, 1993, for slaughter market in the 16 major producing States totaled 1.55 million head. The inventory included 1.47 million lambs (less than 1 year old) for slaughter market and 81,000 mature sheep (over 1 year old).

Of the total lambs on feed, 993,000 (68 percent) were in feedlots and the remaining 475,000 (32 percent) were on pasture and/or crop residue.

The distribution of these lambs on feed November 1, 1993, by weight groups in the 16 States was as follows:

	Feedlot		Pasture/Crop Residue	
	No. (1,000)	% of Total	No. (1,000)	% of Total
Under 85 pounds	228.0	23.0	251.5	52.9
85 to 105 pounds	531.0	53.5	207.0	43.6
Over 105 pounds	234.0	23.5	16.5	3.5
Total	993.0	100.0	475.0	100.0

Colorado had the most sheep and lambs on feed with 430,000 head, followed by California with 200,000 head, and third was Wyoming with 195,000 head, narrowly surpassing Texas at 187,000.

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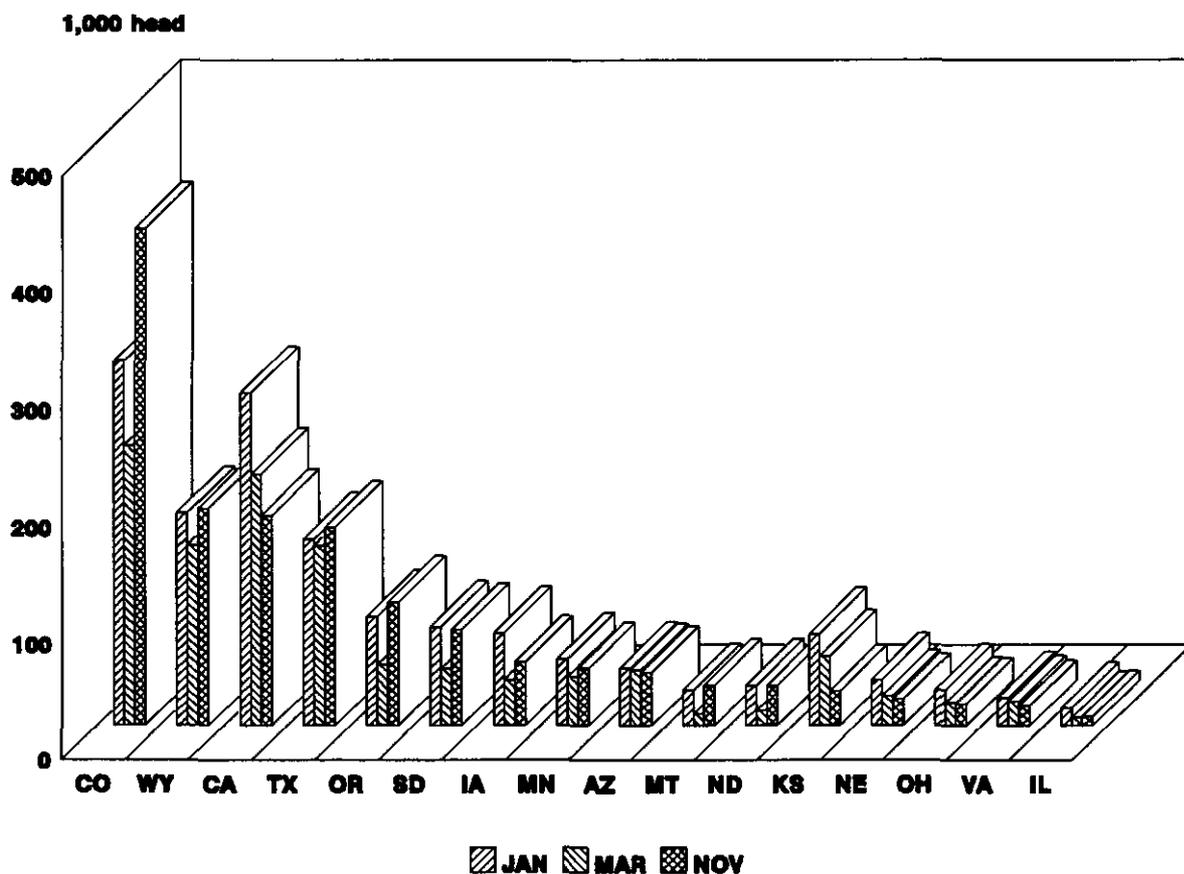
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Lambs on Feed for Slaughter Market: Number on Feed by Weight Groups  
and Total Sheep on Feed, Selected States, November 1, 1993

State:	Feedlot				Pasture/Crop Residue			
	Under 85 Pounds	85 to 105 lbs	Over 105 lbs	Total	Under 85 Pounds	85 to 105 lbs	Over 105 lbs	Total
1,000 Head								
AZ	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>2/</u>	22.0	24.0	0.0	46.0
CA	1.5	1.5	<u>1/</u>	3.0	99.0	75.5	2.5	177.0
CO	80.0	233.0	104.0	417.0	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	8.0
IL	1.5	2.5	1.0	5.0	1.0	2.0	<u>1/</u>	3.0
IA	12.0	19.0	19.0	50.0	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	5.0
KS	7.5	8.5	5.0	21.0	9.0	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	9.0
MN	10.0	17.0	17.0	44.0	3.0	3.0	<u>1/</u>	6.0
MT	9.0	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	21.0	6.0	8.0	<u>1/</u>	14.0
NE	8.0	9.0	5.0	22.0	1.0	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	1.0
ND	9.5	13.0	2.5	25.0	7.0	3.0	<u>1/</u>	10.0
OH	7.5	4.5	<u>1/</u>	12.0	6.0	1.0	<u>1/</u>	7.0
OR	<u>1/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	20.0	35.5	44.5	6.0	86.0
SD	23.0	35.0	18.0	76.0	4.0	2.5	0.5	7.0
TX	47.0	66.0	40.0	153.0	10.0	7.0	0.0	17.0
VA	2.5	2.0	0.5	5.0	6.0	5.5	0.5	12.0
WY	9.0	102.0	8.0	119.0	37.0	29.0	1.0	67.0
Total:								
16	228.0	531.0	234.0	993.0	251.5	207.0	16.5	475.0
Total Sheep and Lambs on Feed								
1,000 Head								
AZ	46.0			4.0				50.0
CA	180.0			20.0				200.0
CO	425.0			5.0				430.0
IL	8.0			<u>1/</u>				8.0
IA	55.0			5.0				60.0
KS	30.0			1.0				31.0
MN	50.0			3.0				53.0
MT	35.0			4.0				39.0
NE	23.0			2.0				25.0
ND	35.0			2.0				37.0
OH	19.0			1.0				20.0
OR	106.0			5.0				111.0
SD	83.0			2.0				85.0
TX	170.0			17.0				187.0
VA	17.0			1.0				18.0
WY	186.0			9.0				195.0
Total:								
16	1,468.0			81.0				1,549.0

1/ Less than 500 head. 2/ Less than 1,000 head. 3/ Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. Data are included in the total.

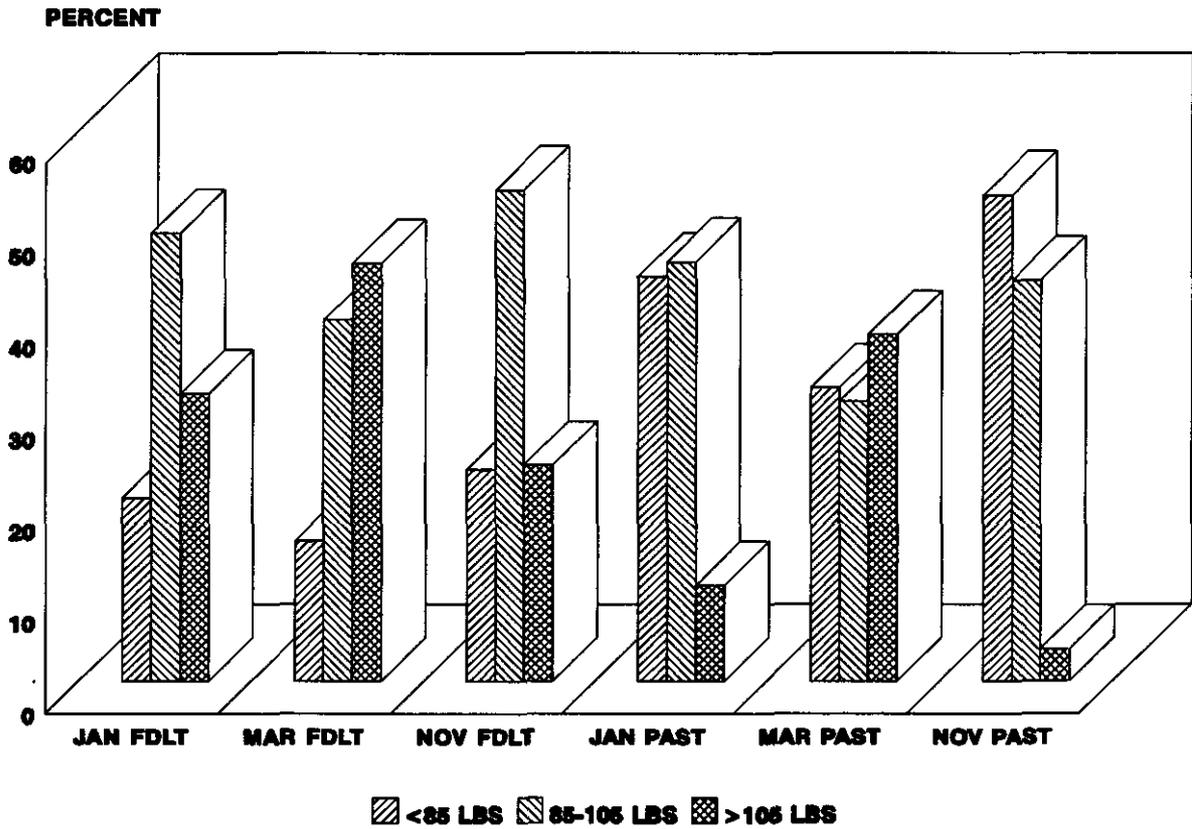
## Lambs on Feed for 16 States on Jan 1, Mar 1 and Nov 1, 1993



# Lambs on Feed

## Feedlot vs Pasture by Weight Groups

### 16 States, 1993



## Reliability of November 1 Sheep and Lambs on Feed Estimates

**Survey Procedures:** A stratified random sample of U. S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep and lamb producers on the list frame, regardless of size, had a probability to be selected for the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. Data were collected from about 2,000 operators during the first half of November by mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operators responded they were asked to report inventories as of November 1.

**Estimation Procedures:** These sheep estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by the 16 State offices. State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve the current estimate. Estimates for November 1, 1993, are subject to revision in January 1994 when the next report will be released.

### Terms and Definitions

**16 States:** Arizona (AZ), California (CA), Colorado (CO), Illinois (IL), Iowa (IA), Kansas (KS), Minnesota (MN), Montana (MT), Nebraska (NE), North Dakota (ND), Ohio (OH), Oregon (OR), South Dakota (SD), Texas (TX), Virginia (VA), and Wyoming (WY). These states account for 87 percent of the January 1, 1992, Sheep and Lambs on Feed inventory.

**Lambs on Feed:** Lambs being fed grain or other concentrates, or being pastured on succulent grasses (alfalfa pastures, etc.) or crop residue (corn stalks, beet tops, etc.) and expected to produce a slaughter carcass that will grade good or better. Lambs receiving supplemental feed, grains or concentrates were included in drylot even if they had access to pasture. They usually weigh over 90 pounds and are under 1 year old.

**Sheep on Feed:** Mature sheep (over 1 year old) being fed grain or other concentrates, or being pastured on succulent grasses (alfalfa pastures, etc.) or crop residue (corn stalks, beet tops, etc.) and expected to produce a slaughter carcass that will grade good or better.

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