

# SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED



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Seven Selected States  
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## SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED UP 11 PERCENT FROM 1980

The number of sheep and lambs on feed in seven selected States on March 1, 1981 totaled 664 thousand head, up 11 percent from the 597 thousand head on feed a year ago. There were 349 thousand placed on feed during January and February this year, up 22 percent from the 287 thousand placed during the same period of 1980.

Of the total number on feed March 1, 1981, in the seven States:

10 percent weighed less than 70 pounds,  
9 percent weighed 70-79 pounds,  
12 percent weighed 80-89 pounds,  
30 percent weighed 90-99 pounds,  
39 percent weighed 100 pounds and over.

## EARLY LAMB CROP UP 3 PERCENT

The early lamb crop in California, Kansas and Texas totaled 1.47 million head, up 3 percent from a year ago. The January 1 inventory of ewes one year old and older for these States was up 1 percent.

## EARLY LAMB CROP, MARCH 1 1/

STATE	1979	1980	1981	1981 AS % OF 1980
	1,000 HEAD			PERCENT
CALIF	663	667	700	105
KANS	115	114	108	95
TEX	645	640	660	103
TOTAL 3 STATES	1,423	1,421	1,468	103

1/ IN KANS AND TEX-EARLY LAMBS LIVING MAR 1 WHICH WERE BORN BETWEEN OCT 1 AND MAR 1. IN CALIF-EARLY 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, 1980-81 1/

ITEM	1980	1981	1981/1980
	1,000 HEAD		PERCENT
ON FEED JAN 1	993	1,029	104
PLACEMENTS, JAN-FEB	287	349	122
MARKETED, JAN-FEB	683	714	105
ON FEED MAR 1	597	664	111
WEIGHT GROUPS:			
UNDER 70 POUNDS	56	70	125
70-79 POUNDS	39	59	151
80-89 POUNDS	81	81	100
90-99 POUNDS	157	197	125
100 POUNDS AND OVER	264	257	97

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND INVENTORY,  
7 STATES, MARCH 1, 1980-81

STATE	PLACED ON FEED		MARKETED		TOTAL ON FEED		1981 AS % OF 1980	
	DURING JAN AND FEB	1980	DURING JAN AND FEB	1981	MAR 1	1981		
	1,000 HEAD							PERCENT
ARIZ	0	4	20	11	40	40	100	
CALIF	5	5	100	85	80	95	119	
COLO	100	120	270	260	190	160	84	
IOWA	44	40	40	48	72	69	96	
NEBR	25	30	60	65	55	65	118	
TEX	90	135	130	170	110	175	159	
WYO	23	15	63	75	50	60	120	
7 STATES	287	349	683	714	597	664	111	

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FEED: BY WEIGHT GROUPS,  
7 STATES, MARCH 1, 1980-81

STATE	UNDER 70 POUNDS		70-79 POUNDS		80-89 POUNDS		90-99 POUNDS		100 POUNDS AND OVER	
	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981
	1,000 HEAD									
ARIZ	0	0	0	8	0	3	10	20	30	9
CALIF	0	0	0	0	8	3	15	27	57	65
COLO	2	3	9	6	24	32	64	43	91	76
IOWA	27	34	5	5	7	7	13	9	20	14
NEBR	13	18	7	4	8	3	10	23	17	17
TEX	12	14	17	35	30	31	36	51	15	44
WYO	2	1	1	1	4	2	9	24	34	32
7 STATES	56	70	39	59	81	81	157	197	264	257

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.