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**July 1, 2001, All Sheep and Lamb Inventory Totals 8.30 Million Head
2001 Lamb Crop Expected to Total 4.42 Million Head**

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2001, totaled 8.30 million head, 2 percent below July 1, 2000. Breeding sheep inventory declined to 4.90 million head on July 1, 2001, 3 percent below July 1, 2000. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.40 million head, were 2 percent below last July.

Of the July 1, 2001 breeding herd, 4.07 million head were ewes one year old and older, 195,000 head were rams one year old and older, and 640,000 head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

Comparing July 2000 and July 2001 market lambs by weight groups:

| | July 2000 | July 2001 |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| | -- 1,000 Head -- | |
| Under 65 Lbs. | 2,010 | 1,950 |
| 65 - 84 Lbs. | 710 | 700 |
| 85 - 105 Lbs. | 400 | 400 |
| Over 105 Lbs. | 280 | 280 |
| Total | 3,400 | 3,330 |

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 34.8 percent of the total sheep and lambs. Region 2 (NM & TX) accounted for 21.4 percent, Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA) for 17.2 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 15.4 percent, and Region 5 (all other states) accounted for 11.2 percent.

The 2001 Lamb Crop in the United States is expected to total 4.42 million head, down 4 percent from the 2000 lamb crop of 4.62 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2001 totaled 3.94 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 480,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2001.

**All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2000-2001**

| Regions ¹ | All Sheep and Lambs | | 2001 as % of 2000 | Breeding Sheep and Lambs | | Market Sheep and Lambs | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 |
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>Pct</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> |
| Region 1 | 1,430 | 1,430 | 100 | 900 | 900 | 530 | 530 |
| Region 2 | 1,800 | 1,780 | 99 | 1,170 | 1,150 | 630 | 630 |
| Region 3 | 2,965 | 2,885 | 97 | 1,600 | 1,550 | 1,365 | 1,335 |
| Region 4 | 1,300 | 1,275 | 98 | 715 | 700 | 585 | 575 |
| Region 5 | 1,005 | 930 | 93 | 645 | 600 | 360 | 330 |
| US | 8,500 | 8,300 | 98 | 5,030 | 4,900 | 3,470 | 3,400 |

¹ States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other States.

**Breeding Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2000-2001**

| Regions ¹ | Breeding Sheep-One Year Old & Older | | | | Replacement Lambs | | Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Ewes | | Rams | | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 |
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2000 | 2001 | | | | |
| | <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> |
| Region 1 | 765 | 765 | 35 | 35 | 100 | 100 | 900 | 900 |
| Region 2 | 970 | 960 | 50 | 50 | 150 | 140 | 1,170 | 1,150 |
| Region 3 | 1,330 | 1,320 | 50 | 45 | 220 | 185 | 1,600 | 1,550 |
| Region 4 | 575 | 570 | 30 | 30 | 110 | 100 | 715 | 700 |
| Region 5 | 475 | 450 | 40 | 35 | 130 | 115 | 645 | 600 |
| US | 4,115 | 4,065 | 205 | 195 | 710 | 640 | 5,030 | 4,900 |

¹ States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other States.

**Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2001**

| Regions ¹ | Market Lambs | | | | | Market Sheep | Market Sheep and Lambs |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | Under 65 Pounds | 65 to 84 lbs | 85 to 105 lbs | Over 105 Pounds | Total | | |
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> |
| Region 1 | 155 | 170 | 140 | 55 | 520 | 10 | 530 |
| Region 2 | 420 | 135 | 30 | 25 | 610 | 20 | 630 |
| Region 3 | 935 | 175 | 90 | 115 | 1,315 | 20 | 1,335 |
| Region 4 | 265 | 140 | 100 | 60 | 565 | 10 | 575 |
| Region 5 | 175 | 80 | 40 | 25 | 320 | 10 | 330 |
| US | 1,950 | 700 | 400 | 280 | 3,330 | 70 | 3,400 |

¹ States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other States.

**Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2000**

| Region ¹ | Market Lambs | | | | | Market Sheep | Market Sheep and Lambs |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | Under 65 Pounds | 65 to 84 lbs | 85 to 105 lbs | Over 105 Pounds | Total | | |
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> |
| Region 1 | 155 | 170 | 140 | 55 | 520 | 10 | 530 |
| Region 2 | 425 | 130 | 30 | 25 | 610 | 20 | 630 |
| Region 3 | 975 | 170 | 90 | 110 | 1,345 | 20 | 1,365 |
| Region 4 | 265 | 145 | 100 | 65 | 575 | 10 | 585 |
| Region 5 | 190 | 95 | 40 | 25 | 350 | 10 | 360 |
| US | 2,010 | 710 | 400 | 280 | 3,400 | 70 | 3,470 |

¹ States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other States.

**Lamb Crop: Per 100 Ewes 1+, Number by Region
and United States, 2001 ¹**

| Regions ² | Lambs Born Jan-Jun ³ | Lambs Expected Jul-Dec ⁴ | Total Lamb Crop | Breeding Ewes 1+ Jan 1 | Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+ Jan 1 |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>Number</i> |
| Region 1 | 595 | 215 | 810 | 793 | 102 |
| Region 2 | 675 | 125 | 800 | 845 | 95 |
| Region 3 | 1,400 | 20 | 1,420 | 1,335 | 106 |
| Region 4 | 690 | 60 | 750 | 538 | 139 |
| Region 5 | 575 | 60 | 635 | 550 | 115 |
| US | 3,935 | 480 | 4,415 | 4,061 | 109 |

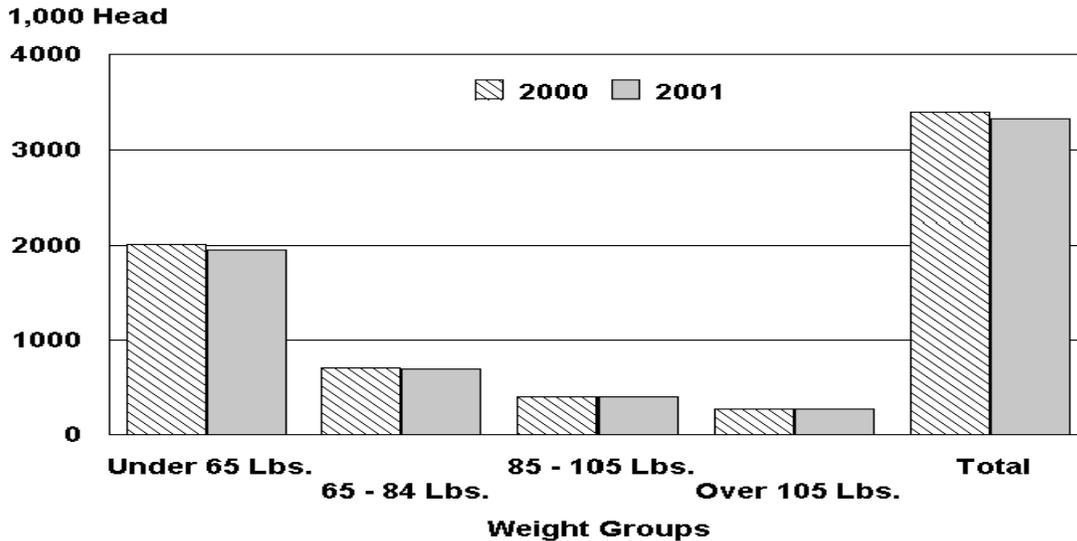
¹ Lamb crop is lambs born in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

² States includes in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other States.

³ Lambs born alive between January 1, through June 30, 2001.

⁴ Lambs expected to be born July through December 2001.

**U.S. Market Lambs by Weight Groups
July 1, 2000-2001**



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