

Sheep



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April 1, 1995, Sheep and Lamb Inventory Totals 9.91 Million Head

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on April 1, 1995, totaled 9.91 million head, 11 percent above January 1, 1995. Since this is the first April 1 sheep inventory report, comparisons to last year are not available. Total breeding sheep and lambs reached 6.28 million head, 2 percent below January 1995. Market sheep and lambs (including newborns) were 48 percent above January 1995.

Of the April 1 breeding herd, 5.19 million head were ewes one year old and older, 265,000 head were rams, and 830,000 head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

Of the total market lambs (including newborn lambs), 66.4 percent were under 65 pounds, 9.5 percent were 65 to 84 pounds, 11.2 percent were 85 to 105 pounds, and the remainder, 12.9 percent, were over 105 pounds on April 1.

On April 1, lambing was 67 percent complete in Colorado, 86 percent complete in Idaho, 59 percent complete in North Dakota, and 48 percent complete in South Dakota. Lambing in range flocks in Wyoming was 7 percent complete and in farm flocks 72 percent. In Utah it was 26 percent complete in range flocks and 52 percent in farm flocks.

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All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, January 1 and April 1, 1995

Region <u>1</u> /	All Sheep and Lambs		Apr as % of	Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	Jan	Apr	Jan	Jan	Apr	Jan	Apr
	1,000 Head		Pct	----- 1,000 Head -----			
Region 1	1,967.0	2,080.0	106	1,232.0	1,150.0	735.0	930.0
Region 2	2,015.0	2,310.0	115	1,615.0	1,500.0	400.0	810.0
Region 3	2,800.0	2,725.0	97	2,003.0	2,025.0	797.0	700.0
Region 4	1,055.0	1,380.0	131	737.0	715.0	318.0	665.0
Region 5	1,058.0	1,415.0	134	853.0	890.0	205.0	525.0
US	8,895.0	9,910.0	111	6,440.0	6,280.0	2,455.0	3,630.0

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, April 1, 1995

Regions <u>1/</u>	Breeding Sheep-One Year Old & Older :			Replacement Lambs :	Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs
	Ewes	Rams			
	1,000 head				
Region 1	920.0	45.0		185.0	1,150.0
Region 2	1,255.0	70.0		175.0	1,500.0
Region 3	1,720.0	65.0		240.0	2,025.0
Region 4	585.0	35.0		95.0	715.0
Region 5	705.0	50.0		135.0	890.0
US	5,185.0	265.0		830.0	6,280.0

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Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, April 1, 1995

Region <u>1/</u>	Market Lambs				Total	Market Sheep	Market Sheep and Lambs
	Under 65 Pounds	65 to 84 lbs	85 to 105 lbs	Over 105 Pounds			
	1,000 head						
Region 1	510.0	155.0	165.0	65.0	895.0	35.0	930.0
Region 2	620.0	60.0	75.0	35.0	790.0	20.0	810.0
Region 3	340.0	40.0	65.0	240.0	685.0	15.0	700.0
Region 4	465.0	30.0	65.0	85.0	645.0	20.0	665.0
Region 5	410.0	50.0	25.0	30.0	515.0	10.0	525.0
US	2,345.0	335.0	395.0	455.0	3,530.0	100.0	3,630.0

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Reliability of April 1 Sheep Estimates

Survey Procedures: A random sample of U. S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations.

About 4,500 operators were contacted during the first half of April by mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of April 1.

Estimation Procedures: These sheep estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board.

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 are reviewed after data from the Department of Commerce's five-year Census of Agriculture is available. No revisions are made after that date.

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