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July 1, 1996, All Sheep and Lambs Totals 10.3 Million Head 1996 Lamb Crop to Reach 5.20 Million Head

All sheep and lambs in the United States on July 1, 1996 totaled 10.3 million head, 6 percent below July 1, 1995. The number of breeding sheep and lambs on hand July 1, 1996 reached 6.17 million head, 4 percent below July 1995. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs) at 4.13 million head, were 7 percent below last July.

Of the July 1 breeding herd, 5.08 million head were ewes one year old and older, 235,000 head were rams one year old and older, and 860,000 head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

Comparing July 1995 and July 1996 market lambs by weight groups:

	July 1995	July 1996
	-- 1,000 Head --	
Under 65 Lbs.	2,750	2,460
65 - 84 Lbs.	860	840
85 - 105 Lbs.	480	460
Over 105 Lbs.	270	270
Total	4,360	4,030

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 34.3 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 17.5 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 13.7 percent, and Region 5 (all other states) accounted for 13.1 percent.

The 1996 Lamb Crop in the United States is expected to total 5.20 million head, down 7 percent from the 1995 lamb crop of 5.60 million head. Lambs born during January through June 1996 reached 4.48 million head or 86 percent of the yearly total. An additional 725,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 1996.

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 1995-96

Regions 1/	All Sheep and Lambs		96 as % of	Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	1995	1996	95	1995	1996	1995	1996
	-- 1,000 Head --		Pct	----- 1,000 Head -----			
Region 1	1,815	1,800	99	1,160	1,150	655	650
Region 2	2,325	2,205	95	1,570	1,515	755	690
Region 3	4,070	3,530	87	2,140	1,920	1,930	1,610
Region 4	1,395	1,415	101	765	780	630	635
Region 5	1,295	1,350	104	815	805	480	545
US	10,900	10,300	94	6,450	6,170	4,450	4,130

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 1995-96

Regions 1/	Breeding Sheep-One Year Old & Older				Replacement		Total Breeding	
	Ewes		Rams		Lambs		Sheep and Lambs	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	----- 1,000 Head -----							
Region 1	980	950	40	40	140	160	1,160	1,150
Region 2	1,315	1,225	60	60	195	230	1,570	1,515
Region 3	1,830	1,625	70	55	240	240	2,140	1,920
Region 4	625	650	30	30	110	100	765	780
Region 5	625	625	45	50	145	130	815	805
US	5,375	5,075	245	235	830	860	6,450	6,170

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Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 1996

Market Lambs							
Regions 1/	Under 65 Pounds	65 to 84 lbs	85 to 105 lbs	Over 105 Pounds	Total	Market Sheep	Market Sheep and Lambs
1,000 Head							
Region 1	240	190	130	75	635	15	650
Region 2	440	160	40	20	660	30	690
Region 3	1,115	230	150	100	1,595	15	1,610
Region 4	315	160	90	50	615	20	635
Region 5	350	100	50	25	525	20	545
US	2,460	840	460	270	4,030	100	4,130

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

Market Lambs							
Region 1/	Under 65 Pounds	65 to 84 lbs	85 to 105 lbs	Over 105 Pounds	Total	Market Sheep	Market Sheep and Lambs
1,000 Head							
Region 1	200	180	180	85	645	10	655
Region 2	500	175	45	25	745	10	755
Region 3	1,435	230	135	105	1,905	25	1,930
Region 4	330	165	80	40	615	15	630
Region 5	285	110	40	15	450	30	480
US	2,750	860	480	270	4,360	90	4,450

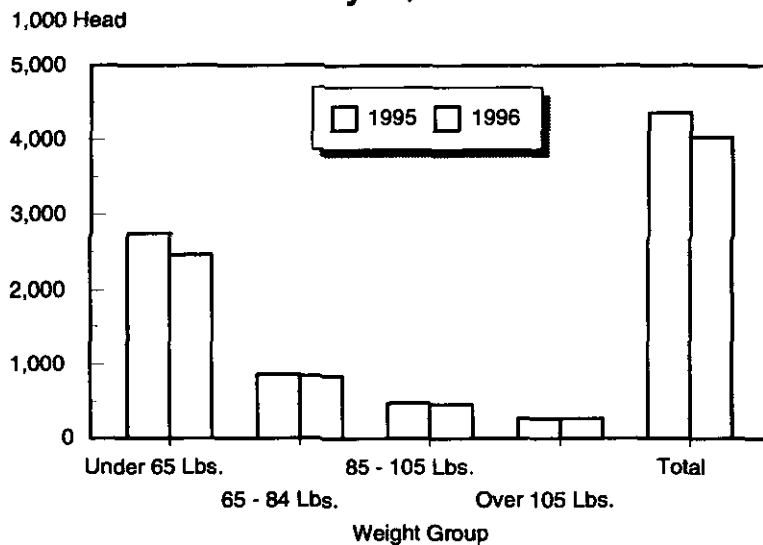
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Lamb Crop: Per 100 Ewes 1+, Number by Region
and United States, 1996 1/

Regions	Lambs Born 2/	Lambs Expected: 3/	Total Lamb Crop	Breeding Ewes 1+ Jan 1	Lambs per 100 Ewes 1+ Jan 1
	1,000 Head				Number
Region 1	700	300	1,000	947	106
Region 2	750	250	1,000	1,285	78
Region 3	1,600	10	1,610	1,647	98
Region 4	750	90	840	617	136
Region 5	675	75	750	629	119
US	4,475	725	5,200	5,125	101

- 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, 1996.
 4/ Lambs expected to be born July through December 1996.

Market Lambs by Weight Groups United States July 1, 1995-96



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