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## April 1, 1996, Sheep and Lamb Inventory Totals 9.33 Million Head

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on April 1, 1996, totaled 9.33 million head, 6 percent below April 1, 1995. Total breeding sheep and lambs reached 5.97 million head, 5 percent below April 1995. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.36 million head were 7 percent below April 1995.

Of the April 1, 1996 breeding herd, 4.96 million head were ewes one year old and older compared with 5.19 million head in April 1995. A total of 785,000 lambs will be used as replacements compared with 830,000 head on April 1, 1995.

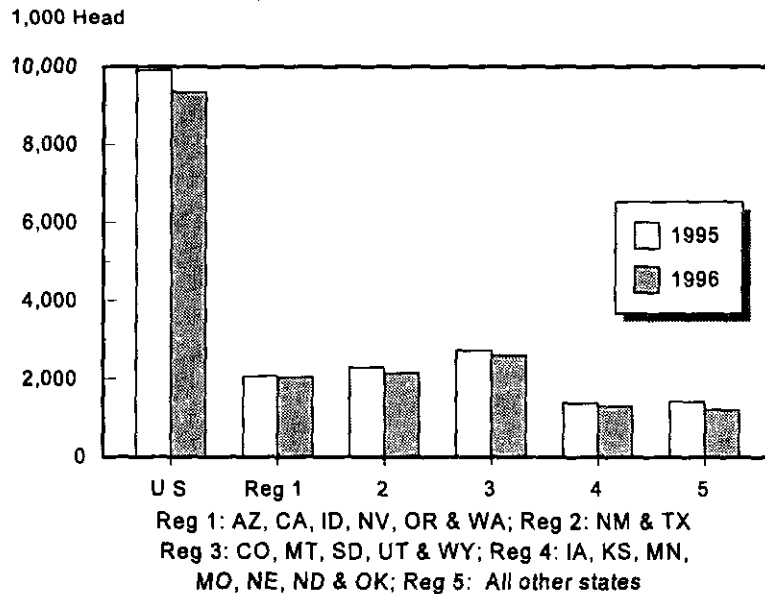
Of the total market lambs (including new born lambs), 66.6 percent were under 65 pounds, 9.5 percent were 65 to 84 pounds, 12.0 percent were 85 to 105 pounds, and the remainder, 11.9 percent, were over 105 pounds on April 1.

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

Regions 1/	All Sheep and Lambs		96 as %	Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	1995	1996		1995	1996	1995	1996
	1,000 Head		Pct	1,000 Head			
Region 1	2,080	2,050	99	1,150	1,140	930	910
Region 2	2,310	2,165	94	1,500	1,425	810	740
Region 3	2,725	2,605	96	2,025	1,930	700	675
Region 4	1,380	1,300	94	715	725	665	575
Region 5	1,415	1,210	86	890	750	525	460
US	9,910	9,330	94	6,280	5,970	3,630	3,360

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## All Sheep and Lambs By 5 Regions and United States April 1, 1995 and 1996

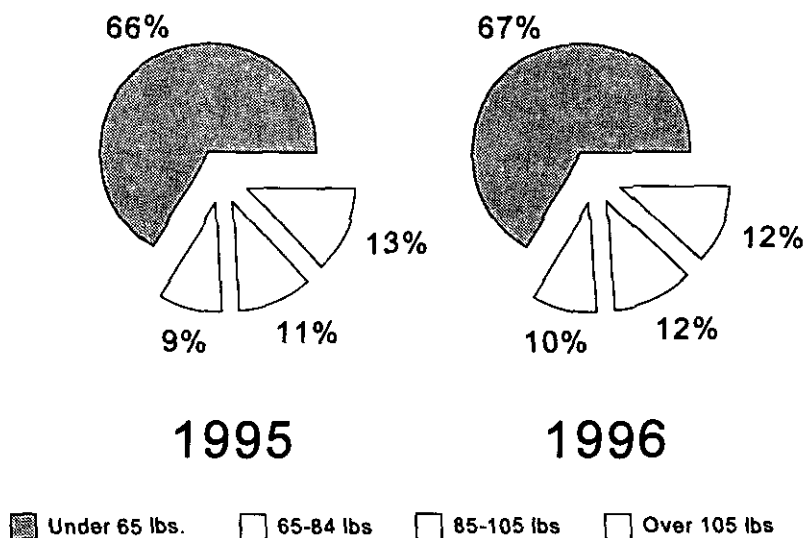


**Breeding Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region  
and United States, April 1, 1995-96**

Regions 1/	:Breeding Sheep-One Year Old & Older:						:Total Breeding	
	Ewes		Rams		Replacement Lambs		Sheep and Lambs	
	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996
	1,000 Head							
Region 1	920	925	45	40	185	175	1,150	1,140
Region 2	1,255	1,200	70	50	175	175	1,500	1,425
Region 3	1,720	1,625	65	55	240	250	2,025	1,930
Region 4	585	610	35	30	95	85	715	725
Region 5	705	600	50	50	135	100	890	750
US	5,185	4,960	265	225	830	785	6,280	5,970

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**Market Lambs  
By Weight Groups, United States  
April 1**



Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region  
and United States, April 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	510	155	165	65	895	35	930
Region 2	620	60	75	35	790	20	810
Region 3	340	40	65	240	685	15	700
Region 4	465	30	65	85	645	20	665
Region 5	410	50	25	30	515	10	525
US	2,345	335	395	455	3,530	100	3,630

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

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	500	160	170	65	895	15	910
Region 2	550	50	60	30	690	50	740
Region 3	340	25	90	215	670	5	675
Region 4	425	25	50	70	570	5	575
Region 5	350	50	20	5	425	35	460
US	2,165	310	390	385	3,250	110	3,360

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