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July 1, 1999, All Sheep and Lamb Inventory Totals 9.00 Million Head
1999 Lamb Crop Totals 4.75 Million Head

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 1999, totaled 9.00 million head, 4 percent below July 1, 1998. Breeding sheep inventory declined to 5.35 million head on July 1, 1999, 4 percent below July 1998. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.65 million head, were 5 percent below last July.

Of the July 1, 1999 breeding herd, 4.38 million head were ewes one year old and older, 215,000 head were rams one year old and older, and 755,000 head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

Comparing July 1998 and July 1999 market lambs by weight groups:

	July 1998	-- 1,000 Head --	July 1999
Under 65 Lbs.	2,330		2,120
65 - 84 Lbs.	720		730
85 - 105 Lbs.	420		465
Over 105 Lbs.	270		260
Total	3,740		3,575

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 33.9 percent of the total sheep and lambs. Region 2 (NM & TX) accounted for 22.2 percent, Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA) for 16.7 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 15.0 percent, and Region 5 (all other states) accounted for 12.2 percent.

The 1999 Lamb Crop in the United States is expected to total 4.75 million head, down 5 percent from the 1998 lamb crop of 5.01 million head. Lambs born during January through June 1999 totaled 4.21 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 540,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 1999.

**All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 1998-99**

Regions ¹	All Sheep and Lambs		99 as % of 98	Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	1998	1999		1998	1999	1998	1999
	<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	1,555	1,500	96	970	940	585	560
Region 2	2,120	2,000	94	1,370	1,300	750	700
Region 3	3,140	3,040	97	1,705	1,650	1,435	1,390
Region 4	1,375	1,340	97	755	740	620	600
Region 5	1,210	1,120	93	775	720	435	400
US	9,400	9,000	96	5,575	5,350	3,825	3,650

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, 1998-99**

Regions ¹	Breeding Sheep-One Year Old & Older				Replacement Lambs		Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs	
	Ewes		Rams					
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	<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	810	800	35	35	125	105	970	940
Region 2	1,150	1,070	55	55	165	175	1,370	1,300
Region 3	1,425	1,370	50	50	230	230	1,705	1,650
Region 4	600	595	30	30	125	115	755	740
Region 5	570	545	50	45	155	130	775	720
US	4,555	4,380	220	215	800	755	5,575	5,350

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**Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 1999**

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>	<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	155	175	165	55	550	10	560
Region 2	485	135	40	20	680	20	700
Region 3	980	175	105	110	1,370	20	1,390
Region 4	295	150	100	45	590	10	600
Region 5	205	95	55	30	385	15	400
US	2,120	730	465	260	3,575	75	3,650

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**Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 1998**

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>	<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	160	160	180	75	575	10	585
Region 2	510	150	35	25	720	30	750
Region 3	1,060	185	65	100	1,410	25	1,435
Region 4	350	130	80	50	610	10	620
Region 5	250	95	60	20	425	10	435
US	2,330	720	420	270	3,740	85	3,825

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**Lamb Crop: Per 100 Ewes 1+, Number by Region
and United States, 1999 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	630	200	830	781	106
Region 2	830	190	1,020	1,060	96
Region 3	1,480	20	1,500	1,435	105
Region 4	690	60	750	524	143
Region 5	580	70	650	538	121
US	4,210	540	4,750	4,338	109

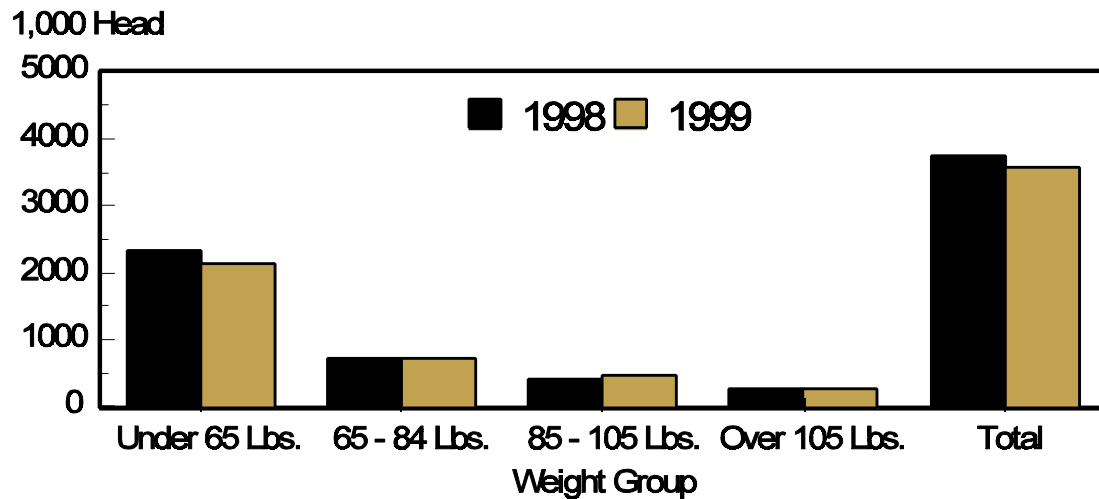
¹ Lamb crop is lambs born in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

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, 1999.

⁴ Lambs expected to be born July through December 1999.

**U.S. Market Lambs by Weight Groups
July 1, 1998-99**



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