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July 1 All Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 4 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2003, totaled 7.80 million head, 4 percent below July 1, 2002. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.61 million head on July 1, 2003 was 4 percent below July 1, 2002. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs) at 3.19 million head, were 4 percent below last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.84 million ewes one year old and older, 175,000 rams one year old and older, and 600,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

Market lambs by weight groups:

	July 2002	July 2003
	-- 1,000 Head --	
Under 65 Lbs.	1,925	1,845
65 - 84 Lbs.	690	660
85 - 105 Lbs.	385	375
Over 105 Lbs.	250	250
Total	3,250	3,130

All Sheep and Lambs by region:

	July 2002	July 2003
	--Percent of Total --	
Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY)	34.5	33.3
Region 2 (NM & TX)	21.5	22.3
Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA)	17.7	17.1
Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK)	15.1	15.6
Region 5 (All other States)	11.2	11.7

2003 Lamb Crop Expected To Total 4.13 Million Head

The 2003 Lamb Crop in the United States is expected to total 4.13 million head, down 5 percent from the 2002 lamb crop of 4.36 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2003 totaled 3.68 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 450,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2003.

**All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2002-2003**

Regions ¹	All Sheep and Lambs		2003 as % of 2002	Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2002	2003		2002	2003	2002	2003
	<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	1,330	93	900	830	530	500
Region 2	1,740	1,740	100	1,130	1,130	610	610
Region 3	2,800	2,600	93	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,200
Region 4	1,220	1,220	100	670	670	550	550
Region 5	910	910	100	580	580	330	330
US	8,100	7,800	96	4,780	4,610	3,320	3,190

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, 2002-2003**

Regions ¹	Breeding Sheep-One Year Old & Older				Replacement Lambs		Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs	
	Ewes		Rams		2002	2003	2002	2003
	2002	2003	2002	2003				
	<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	710	35	30	100	90	900	830
Region 2	950	950	45	45	135	135	1,130	1,130
Region 3	1,280	1,190	45	40	175	170	1,500	1,400
Region 4	545	545	30	30	95	95	670	670
Region 5	440	440	30	30	110	110	580	580
US	3,980	3,835	185	175	615	600	4,780	4,610

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**Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2003**

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	150	155	130	55	490	10	500
Region 2	415	130	35	15	595	15	610
Region 3	830	165	80	110	1,185	15	1,200
Region 4	255	135	95	55	540	10	550
Region 5	195	75	35	15	320	10	330
US	1,845	660	375	250	3,130	60	3,190

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**Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2002**

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	415	130	30	15	590	20	610
Region 3	910	170	90	110	1,280	20	1,300
Region 4	260	140	90	50	540	10	550
Region 5	185	80	35	20	320	10	330
US	1,925	690	385	250	3,250	70	3,320

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**Lamb Crop: Per 100 Ewes 1+, Number by Region
and United States, 2003 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	560	200	760	759	100
Region 2	630	120	750	820	91
Region 3	1,300	20	1,320	1,178	112
Region 4	630	50	680	489	139
Region 5	560	60	620	543	114
US	3,680	450	4,130	3,789	109

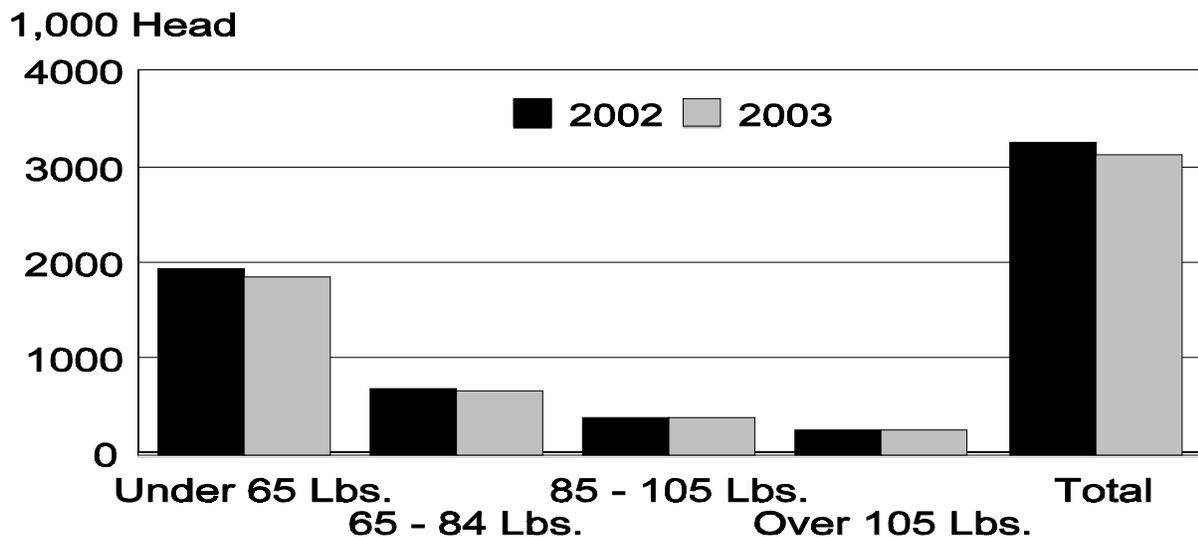
¹ Lamb crop is lambs born in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

² 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.

³ Lambs born alive between January 1, through June 30, 2003.

⁴ Lambs expected to be born July through December 2003.

U.S. Market Lambs, July 1, 2002-2003 Number by Weight Groups



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