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**July 1, 2002, All Sheep and Lamb Inventory Totals 8.10 Million Head
2002 Lamb Crop Expected to Total 4.31 Million Head**

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2002, totaled 8.10 million head, 2 percent below July 1, 2001. Breeding sheep inventory declined to 4.78 million head on July 1, 2002, 2 percent below July 1, 2001. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.32 million head, were 2 percent below last July.

Of the July 1, 2002 breeding herd, 3.98 million head were ewes one year old and older, 185,000 head were rams one year old and older, and 615,000 head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

Comparing July 2001 and July 2002 market lambs by weight groups:

	July 2001	July 2002
	-- 1,000 Head --	
Under 65 Lbs.	1,950	1,925
65 - 84 Lbs.	700	690
85 - 105 Lbs.	400	385
Over 105 Lbs.	280	250
Total	3,330	3,250

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 34.5 percent of the total sheep and lambs. Region 2 (NM & TX) accounted for 21.5 percent, Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA) for 17.7 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 15.1 percent, and Region 5 (all other states) accounted for 11.2 percent.

The 2002 Lamb Crop in the United States is expected to total 4.31 million head, down 4 percent from the 2001 lamb crop of 4.50 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2002 totaled 3.84 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 470,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2002.

**All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2001-2002**

Regions ¹	All Sheep and Lambs		2002 as % of 2001	Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2001	2002		2001	2002	2001	2002
	<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	1,430	100	900	900	530	530
Region 2	1,780	1,740	98	1,150	1,130	630	610
Region 3	2,885	2,800	97	1,550	1,500	1,335	1,300
Region 4	1,275	1,220	96	700	670	575	550
Region 5	930	910	98	600	580	330	330
US	8,300	8,100	98	4,900	4,780	3,400	3,320

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, 2001-2002**

Regions ¹	Breeding Sheep-One Year Old & Older				Replacement Lambs		Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs	
	Ewes		Rams		2001	2002	2001	2002
	2001	2002	2001	2002				
	<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	765	35	35	100	100	900	900
Region 2	960	950	50	45	140	135	1,150	1,130
Region 3	1,320	1,280	45	45	185	175	1,550	1,500
Region 4	570	545	30	30	100	95	700	670
Region 5	450	440	35	30	115	110	600	580
US	4,065	3,980	195	185	640	615	4,900	4,780

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

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	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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**Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2001**

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	420	135	30	25	610	20	630
Region 3	935	175	90	115	1,315	20	1,335
Region 4	265	140	100	60	565	10	575
Region 5	175	80	40	25	320	10	330
US	1,950	700	400	280	3,330	70	3,400

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**Lamb Crop: Per 100 Ewes 1+, Number by Region
and United States, 2002 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	580	210	790	790	100
Region 2	660	120	780	870	90
Region 3	1,380	20	1,400	1,262	111
Region 4	655	55	710	515	138
Region 5	565	65	630	543	116
US	3,840	470	4,310	3,980	108

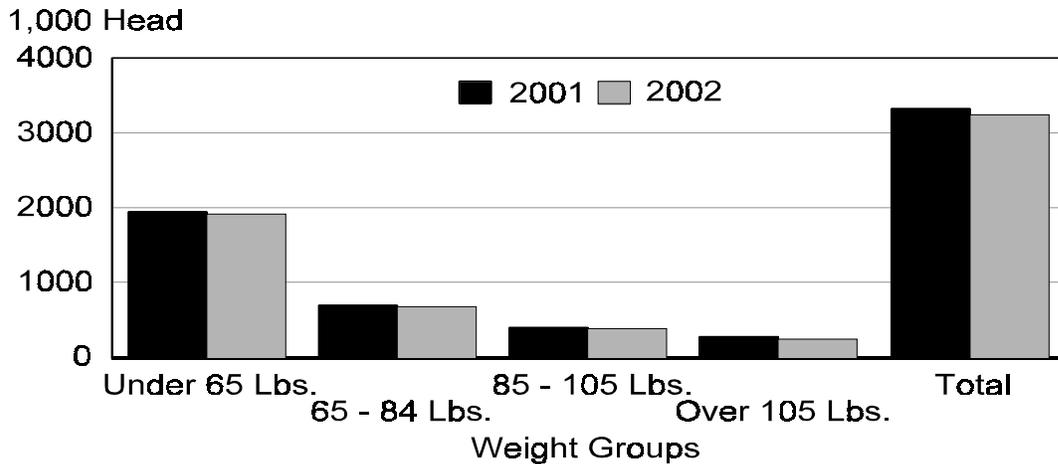
¹ Lamb crop is lambs born in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

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, 2002.

⁴ Lambs expected to be born July through December 2002.

**U.S. Market Lambs by Weight Groups
July 1, 2001 - 2002**



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