

# Sheep



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## July 1, 1997, All Sheep and Lamb Inventory Totals 9.90 Million Head 1997 Lamb Crop to Reach 4.95 Million Head

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 1997, totaled 9.90 million head, 4 percent below July 1, 1996. Total breeding sheep and lambs reached 5.78 million head, 6 percent below July 1996. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 4.13 million head were slightly below July 1996.

Of the July 1, 1997 breeding herd, 4.80 million head were ewes one year old and older, 230,000 head were rams one year old and older, and 750,000 head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

Comparing July 1996 and July 1997 market lambs by weight groups:

	July 1996	July 1997
	-- 1,000 --	
Under 65 lbs.	2,460	2,490
65 - 84 lbs.	840	820
85 - 105 lbs.	460	460
Over 105 lbs.	270	265
Total	4,030	4,035

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 34.3 percent of the total sheep and lambs. Region 2 (NM & TX) accounted for 21.2 percent, Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA) for 17.7 percent, Region 5 (all other states) accounted for 13.6 percent, and Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 13.1 percent.

The 1997 Lamb Crop in the United States is expected to total 4.95 million head, down 6 percent from the 1996 lamb crop of 5.30 million head. Lambs born during January through June 1997 reached 4.36 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 590,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 1997.

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region  
and United States, July 1, 1996-97

Regions 1/	All Sheep and Lambs		97 as % of	Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	1996	1997	96	1996	1997	1996	1997
	1,000 Head		Pct	1,000 Head			
Region 1	1,800	1,750	97	1,150	1,100	650	650
Region 2	2,205	2,100	95	1,515	1,325	690	775
Region 3	3,530	3,400	96	1,920	1,850	1,610	1,550
Region 4	1,415	1,300	92	780	700	635	600
Region 5	1,350	1,350	100	805	800	545	550
US	10,300	9,900	96	6,170	5,775	4,130	4,125

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 1996-97

Regions 1/	Breeding Sheep-One Year Old & Older				Replacement		Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs	
	Ewes		Rams		Lambs		Lambs	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	1,000 Head							
Region 1	950	900	40	40	160	160	1,150	1,100
Region 2	1,225	1,125	60	55	230	145	1,515	1,325
Region 3	1,625	1,570	55	55	240	225	1,920	1,850
Region 4	650	580	30	30	100	90	780	700
Region 5	625	620	50	50	130	130	805	800
US	5,075	4,795	235	230	860	750	6,170	5,775

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Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region  
and United States, July 1, 1997

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	215	190	180	50	635	15	650
Region 2	525	180	45	15	765	10	775
Region 3	1,100	200	100	125	1,525	25	1,550
Region 4	300	150	85	50	585	15	600
Region 5	350	100	50	25	525	25	550
US	2,490	820	460	265	4,035	90	4,125

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

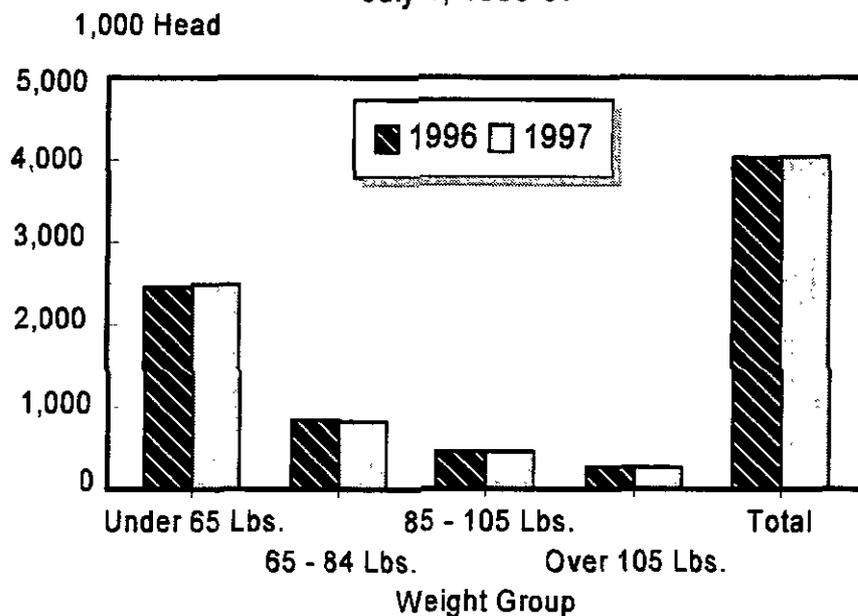
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Lamb Crop: Per 100 Ewes 1+, Number by Region  
and United States, 1997 1/

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	650	250	900	884	102
Region 2	790	170	960	1,160	83
Region 3	1,620	20	1,640	1,590	103
Region 4	680	70	750	594	126
Region 5	620	80	700	608	115
US	4,360	590	4,950	4,836	102

- 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, 1997.  
 4/ Lambs expected to be born July through December 1997.

### U.S. Market Lambs by Weight Groups July 1, 1996-97



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