



Sheep

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July 1, 2000, All Sheep and Lamb Inventory Totals 8.50 Million Head 2000 Lamb Crop Totals 4.53 Million Head

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2000, totaled 8.50 million head, 6 percent below July 1, 1999. Breeding sheep inventory declined to 5.03 million head on July 1, 2000, 6 percent below July 1999. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.47 million head, were 5 percent below last July.

Of the July 1, 2000 breeding herd, 4.12 million head were ewes one year old and older, 205,000 head were rams one year old and older, and 710,000 head were replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

Comparing July 1999 and July 2000 market lambs by weight groups:

	July 1999	July 2000
		-- 1,000 Head --
Under 65 Lbs.	2,120	2,010
65 - 84 Lbs.	730	710
85 - 105 Lbs.	465	400
Over 105 Lbs.	260	280
Total	3,575	3,400

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 34.9 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 16.8 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 15.3 percent, and Region 5 (all other states) accounted for 11.8 percent.

The 2000 Lamb Crop in the United States is expected to total 4.53 million head, down 4 percent from the 1999 lamb crop of 4.72 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2000 totaled 4.02 million head or 89 percent of the yearly total. An additional 510,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2000.

**All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 1999-2000**

Regions ¹	All Sheep and Lambs		2000 as % of 1999	Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	1999	2000		1999	2000	1999	2000
	<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	1,500	1,430	95	940	900	560	530
Region 2	2,000	1,800	90	1,300	1,170	700	630
Region 3	3,040	2,965	98	1,650	1,600	1,390	1,365
Region 4	1,340	1,300	97	740	715	600	585
Region 5	1,120	1,005	90	720	645	400	360
US	9,000	8,500	94	5,350	5,030	3,650	3,470

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, 1999-2000**

Regions ¹	Breeding Sheep-One Year Old & Older				Replacement Lambs		Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs	
	Ewes		Rams		1999	2000	1999	2000
	1999	2000	1999	2000				
	<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	800	765	35	35	105	100	940	900
Region 2	1,070	970	55	50	175	150	1,300	1,170
Region 3	1,370	1,330	50	50	230	220	1,650	1,600
Region 4	595	575	30	30	115	110	740	715
Region 5	545	475	45	40	130	130	720	645
US	4,380	4,115	215	205	755	710	5,350	5,030

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**Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2000**

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	425	130	30	25	610	20	630
Region 3	975	170	90	110	1,345	20	1,365
Region 4	265	145	100	65	575	10	585
Region 5	190	95	40	25	350	10	360
US	2,010	710	400	280	3,400	70	3,470

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

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	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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**Lamb Crop: Per 100 Ewes 1+, Number by Region
and United States, 2000¹**

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	600	215	815	796	102
Region 2	735	145	880	980	90
Region 3	1,450	20	1,470	1,394	105
Region 4	665	60	725	519	140
Region 5	570	70	640	539	119
US	4,020	510	4,530	4,228	107

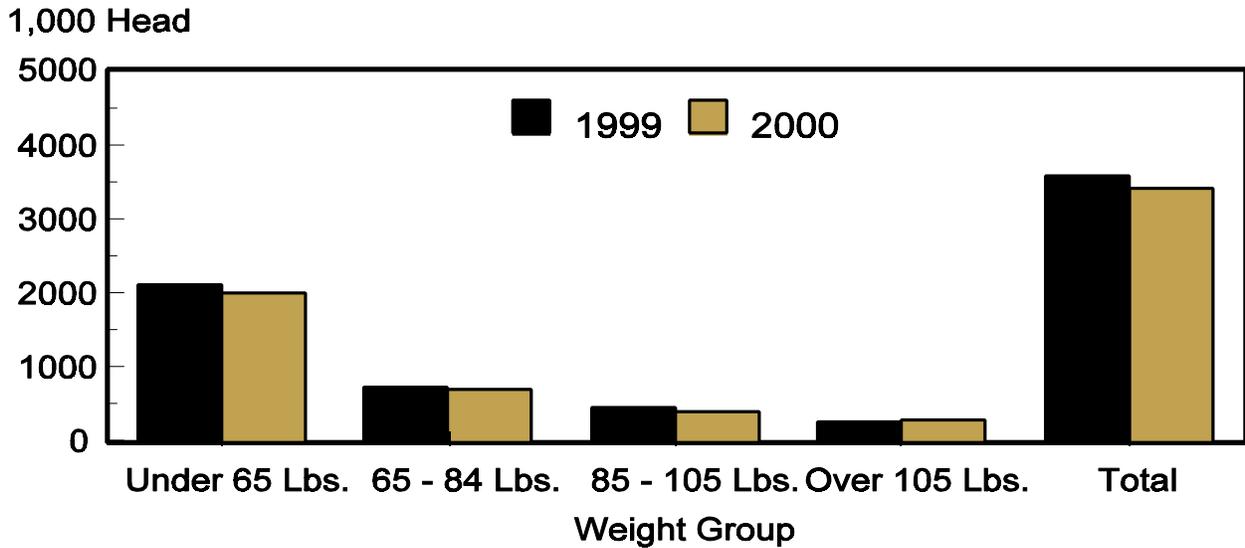
¹ Lamb crop is lambs born in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

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, 2000.

⁴ Lambs expected to be born July through December 2000.

**U.S. Market Lambs by Weight Groups
July 1, 1999-2000**



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