

MOHAIR PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1963

March 19, 1964

Mohair production in the 7 leading States totaled 29,030,000 pounds in 1963, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 7 percent more than the previous record high of 27,226,000 pounds produced during 1962. The 1963 clip was 26 percent larger than the 1957-61 average of 22,982,000 pounds.

Texas, the leading mohair State, accounted for 97 percent of the 7 State total. Production in Texas was up 7 percent from last year. More goats clipped and a higher average weight per clip caused the increase in Texas.

The number of goats and kids clipped in the 7 States during 1963 was 4,372,000 compared with 4,241,000 head clipped in 1962. The average weight of mohair per goat and kid clipped was 6.6 pounds. In 1962 the average weight per clip was 6.4 pounds.

Value of mohair produced in 1963 amounted to \$25,577,000--an increase of 32 percent from 1962. Higher prices and production contributed to the increase. The average price received by growers from April 1963 through December 1963 was 88.1 cents per pound. The average mohair price for the 1962 marketing year was 71.4 cents per pound.

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State	1962					1963				
	Goats clipped 1/ 1,000 head	Av. clip per goat Pounds	Produc- tion pounds	Price per pound 2/ Cents	Value dollars	Goats clipped 1/ 1,000 head	Av. clip per goat Pounds	Produc- tion pounds	Price per pound 3/ Cents	Value dollars
Mo.	36	4.0	144	51	73	38	3.9	148	62	92
Texas	4,049	6.5	26,418	72	19,021	4,164	6.8	28,153	89	25,056
N. Mex.	59	4.7	277	55	152	61	4.6	282	67	189
Ariz.	66	4.0	264	47	124	72	4.1	293	50	146
Utah	5	3.2	16	48	8	5	3.4	17	51	9
Oreg.	19	4.1	78	51	40	24	4.2	101	62	63
Calif.	7	4.1	29	57	17	8	4.5	36	61	22
Total	4,241	6.4	27,226	71.4	19,435	4,372	6.6	29,030	88.1	25,577
1957-61 Average	3,663	6.3	22,982	85.5	19,766					

1/ In States where goats are clipped twice a year the number clipped is the sum of goats and kids clipped in the spring and kids clipped in the fall.

2/ For each State the average price is a weighted average for all mohair sold during the marketing season April 1962 through March 1963. The U. S. average price is computed by weighting State prices by production of mohair.

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