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SHORN WOOL PRODUCTION 1971

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WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT

Wool shorn and to be shorn in the United States during 1971 is estimated at 154,653,000 pounds, grease basis, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 4 percent below the 1970 production of 161,301,000 pounds. The 1971 production is equivalent to 73,769,000 pounds, clean basis, compared with 76,941,000 pounds in 1970 based on a conversion factor of 47.7 percent.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn is estimated at 18,593,000 head, a 2 percent decline from the 19,063,000 head shorn in 1970. The 1971 average weight per fleece is 8.32 pounds compared with 8.46 pounds last year.

WESTERN STATES WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT

Shorn wool production in the Western Sheep States (11 Western States, South Dakota and Texas) is estimated at 118,331,000 pounds, down 4 percent from the 1970 clip of 123,248,000 pounds. Wool production is smaller in all Western States except New Mexico and Idaho.

Sheep shorn and to be shorn in 1971 are estimated at 13,970,000 head, 2 percent less than the 14,183,000 head shorn in 1970. The 1971 average weight per fleece is 8.47 pounds compared with 8.69 pounds in 1970.

Texas, the leading wool producing State, expects a wool clip of 29,316,000 pounds, 5 percent less than the 1970 production of 30,784,000 pounds. Texas sheep and lambs shorn and to be shorn, at 4,129,000 head is 2 percent above the 4,048,000 shorn last year. The weight per fleece at 7.1 pounds is 0.5 pound under the 7.6 pounds per fleece in 1970. Wyoming, the second raking wool producing State, expects to have 16,344,000 pounds of wool produced in 1971 compared with 16,932,000 pounds produced a year earlier. Wool production in California, the third largest producing State, is expected to total 11,431,000 pounds, 2 percent below last year.

NATIVE STATES WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT

A wool clip of 36,083,000 pounds is estimated in the 35 Native or "fleece" wool States (excluding 13 Western States and Alaska). This is 5 percent less than the 37,814,000 pounds shorn in 1970. The smaller clip is the result of a 5 percent reduction in the number of sheep and lambs shorn. The average fleece weight is 7.84 pounds in 1971 compared with 7.78 in 1970.

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Wool shorn 1969-1970, by States

State	Number sheep shorn 1/			Weight per fleece 2/			Wool production		
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971
	1,000 head			Pounds			1,000 pounds		
Maine	16	15	14.0	7.2	7.3	7.1	115	110	99
N. H.	5.4	5.1	5.1	7.0	7.1	7.1	38	36	36
Vt.	5.7	5.1	5.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	44	40	39
Mass.	9.5	8.3	7.7	6.9	7.2	7.2	66	60	55
R. I.	1.9	1.6	1.5	6.9	7.1	7.3	13	11	11
Conn.	5.4	5.1	4.6	7.0	7.6	7.2	38	39	33
N. Y.	90	85	82	7.7	7.7	7.7	693	654	632
N. J.	7.8	7.9	8.2	7.9	7.6	7.0	62	60	57
Pa.	156	152	144	7.4	7.3	7.4	1,154	1,110	1,066
Ohio	678	642	612	8.3	8.3	8.2	5,646	5,318	5,015
Ind.	247	233	220	7.8	7.7	7.4	1,921	1,794	1,628
Ill.	359	314	281	7.5	7.3	7.7	2,689	2,296	2,161
Mich.	240	219	228	8.4	8.5	8.5	2,017	1,854	1,938
Wis.	139	126	119	8.1	8.0	8.1	1,124	1,010	960
Minn.	456	448	421	8.2	8.1	8.1	3,757	3,643	3,430
Iowa	778	707	690	8.1	7.6	7.7	6,273	5,407	5,329
Mo.	264	245	232	8.2	7.7	8.1	2,155	1,895	1,878
N. Dak.	301	297	288	9.8	9.7	9.3	2,948	2,878	2,671
S. Dak.	1,044	1,025	1,010	9.3	9.3	9.2	9,755	9,509	9,310
Nebr.	374	372	344	7.7	7.4	7.5	2,890	2,736	2,592
Kans.	352	320	298	8.4	8.1	8.4	2,944	2,606	2,518
Del.	1.8	1.7	1.7	7.2	7.2	7.0	13	12	12
Md.	17	17	18	7.1	7.1	7.2	121	121	130
Va.	187	178	165	6.4	6.2	6.2	1,197	1,104	1,023
W. Va.	162	150	140	6.0	5.9	5.8	972	885	812
N. C.	17	16	14	6.8	6.8	6.7	116	109	94
S. C.	1.4	1.3	1.3	6.8	7.0	6.6	10	9	9
Ga.	5.1	4.7	4.8	6.8	7.1	6.5	35	33	31
Fla.	5.3	4.7	4.4	5.7	5.1	5.0	30	24	22
Ky.	95	84	74	7.2	7.1	7.2	684	596	533
Tenn.	41	36	28	5.9	5.7	5.9	242	205	165
Ala.	5.7	5.4	4.9	6.3	6.0	6.1	36	32	30
Miss.	15	13	12	4.8	5.1	5.4	72	66	65
Ark.	6.7	6.0	6.5	6.7	7.0	6.8	45	42	44
La.	24	23	22	5.0	5.4	5.4	120	124	119
Okla.	109	110	100	8.1	8.1	8.5	884	895	846
Texas	4,029	4,048	4,129	7.4	7.6	7.1	29,717	30,784	29,316
Mont.	1,017	972	969	9.7	9.7	9.7	9,891	9,468	9,357
Idaho	682	630	630	10.7	10.9	10.9	7,281	6,845	6,845
Wyo.	1,671	1,674	1,630	10.2	10.1	10.0	17,023	16,932	16,344
Colo.	1,134	1,120	1,082	8.9	8.8	8.6	10,077	9,893	9,266
N. Mex.	774	786	743	9.2	8.9	9.5	7,096	6,999	7,043
Ariz.	489	471	475	7.3	7.4	7.2	3,570	3,463	3,412
Utah	1,004	985	970	9.6	10.1	9.4	9,604	9,922	9,108
Nev.	188	191	170	9.9	10.3	9.8	1,861	1,967	1,666
Wash.	145	160	153	8.8	8.6	8.9	1,277	1,371	1,362
Oreg.	569	568	528	8.0	7.8	7.3	4,542	4,430	3,871
Calif.	1,606	1,553	1,481	7.8	7.5	7.7	12,528	11,665	11,431
48 States	19,531	19,042	18,572	8.47	8.46	8.31	165,386	161,062	154,414
Alaska	23	21	21	11.7	11.4	11.4	269	239	239
Hawaii									
U. S.	19,554	19,063	18,593	8.47	8.46	8.32	165,655	161,301	154,653

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards. 2/ For Texas and California the weight per fleece is the average per animal and not the average per shearing since some sheep are shorn more than once each year.