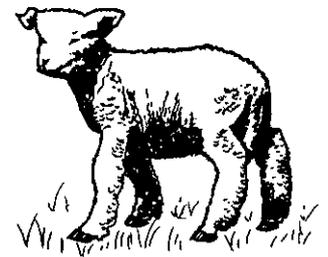


LAMB CROP



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LAMB CROP DOWN 6 PERCENT

The 1967 lamb crop totaled 14,988,000 head, 6 percent less than the 15,879,000 head produced in 1966, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The lamb crops in both the 13 Western Sheep States and the 35 Native Sheep States were 6 percent smaller than a year earlier.

Breeding ewes 1 year old and older on farms and ranches January 1, 1967 were 4 percent below a year earlier, and ewe lambs under 1 year old were down 2 percent from last year.

The lambing percentage (number of lambs saved per 100 ewes 1 year old or older on hand January 1), at 92, was 2 points below 1966. The Western States lambing percentage, at 87, was 4 points less than 1966, while the percentage in the Native States was 106, up 2 points from the previous year.

WESTERN STATES

The 1967 lamb crop in the 13 Western States (11 Western, South Dakota, and Texas) totaled 10,384,000 head, down 6 percent from the 1966 crop of 10,993,000 head. The number of breeding ewes 1 year old and older on farms and ranches January 1, 1967 was down 2 percent from 1966. Texas, the leading sheep State, with 16 percent of the Nation's lamb crop, dropped 8 percent from a year earlier. A decline of 7 points in the Texas lambing percentage from 82 in 1966 to 75 in 1967 more than offset a 1 percent increase of ewes 1 year old and older on January 1, 1967. The lamb crop was smaller than a year earlier in all Western States except Utah and California. The number of early lambs (dropped before March 15) in the Western States was 4 percent lower than in 1966.

NATIVE STATES

The lamb crop in the 35 Native States (excluding the 13 Western States and Alaska) totaled 4,597,000 head--down 6 percent from the 1966 crop of 4,880,000 head. The lamb crop was lower in 27 States, higher in 6 States, and unchanged in 2 States. The number of ewes 1 year old and older on January 1, 1967 in the Native States was down 8 percent from a year earlier. The lambing percentage at 106 was 2 points above 1966.

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Lamb Crop: 1966 and 1967

State	: Breeding ewes 1 year and : older January 1			: Lambs saved per : 100 ewes 1+ Jan. 1 1/2		: Lambs saved 1/			
	5-year	1966	1967	1966	1967	5-year	1966	1967	1967 as % of 1966
	average	1966	1967	1966	1967	average	1966	1967	1967 as % of 1966
	1,000 head			Percent		1,000 head			
	1961-65			1961-65		1961-65			
Maine	22	14	13	107	108	23	15	14	93
N.H.	4.5	3.5	3.3	94	97	4.2	3.3	3.2	97
Vt.	6.8	6.0	5.7	95	102	6.4	5.7	5.8	102
Mass.	7.8	7.0	6.8	96	97	7.1	6.7	6.6	99
R.I.	1.7	1.5	1.5	100	87	1.7	1.5	1.3	87
Conn.	4.7	3.3	3.3	100	100	4.4	3.3	3.3	100
N.Y.	95	80	71	108	110	103	86	78	91
N.J.	9.0	7.0	6.9	89	96	8.5	6.2	6.6	106
Pa.	145	130	125	105	104	144	137	130	95
Ohio	600	532	515	98	101	585	521	520	100
Ind.	290	230	212	107	111	303	245	235	96
Ill.	367	284	267	106	110	392	302	293	97
Mich.	214	189	163	110	109	224	207	178	86
Wis.	149	129	123	108	115	163	139	142	102
Minn.	563	447	420	110	113	636	490	474	97
Iowa	796	684	622	101	105	818	693	652	94
Mo.	385	291	250	103	103	379	299	257	86
N.Dak.	431	333	300	104	102	462	346	305	88
S.Dak.	1,140	983	988	104	102	1,179	1,026	1,010	98
Nebr.	262	242	216	102	104	274	248	224	90
Kans.	404	353	324	96	102	384	339	329	97
Del.	2.5	2.0	2.0	110	100	2.7	2.2	2.0	91
Md.	22	16	15	100	93	23	16	14	88
Va.	213	176	167	120	117	238	211	196	93
W.Va.	191	155	142	110	112	207	170	159	94
N.C.	31	19	16	100	106	32	19	17	89
S.C.	5.0	3.0	2.0	80	80	4.2	2.4	1.6	67
Ge.	9.9	4.7	4.7	70	70	7.8	3.3	3.3	100
Fla.	5.2	4.6	4.2	74	93	4.2	3.4	3.9	115
Ky.	249	137	129	109	117	273	149	151	101
Tenn.	122	70	61	96	90	119	67	55	82
Ala.	13	7.0	6.3	83	86	12	5.8	5.4	93
Miss.	28	17	15	88	73	22	15	11	73
Ark.	20	9.0	8.0	89	84	20	8.0	6.7	84
La.	43	27	22	63	64	31	17	14	82
Okla.	125	93	95	104	104	126	97	99	102
Texas	3,833	3,158	3,190	82	75	2,814	2,590	2,392	92
Mont.	1,158	1,006	956	92	87	1,079	926	832	90
Idaho	766	645	616	112	115	865	725	706	97
Wyo.	1,669	1,538	1,442	87	82	1,417	1,338	1,182	88
Colo.	1,054	906	872	101	100	1,067	916	870	95
N.Mex.	846	687	677	79	74	666	540	498	92
Ariz.	348	349	317	83	83	289	291	264	91
Utah	973	890	860	86	90	844	765	776	101
Nev.	230	200	186	95	90	204	190	168	88
Wash.	189	118	111	114	115	214	135	128	95
Oreg.	598	466	444	101	101	595	470	447	95
Calif.	1,293	1,188	1,216	91	91	1,182	1,081	1,111	103
48 States	19,933	16,841	16,213	94	92	18,458	15,873	14,981	94
Alaska	7.4	9	10	67	70	5.2	6.0	7.0	117
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	19,941	16,850	16,223	94	92	18,463	15,879	14,988	94

1/ Lambs saved defined as lambs living July 1, or sold before July 1 in the Native States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.