

lamb crop



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LAMB CROP DOWN 4 PERCENT

The 1971 U. S. lamb crop is estimated at 12,929,000 head, 4 percent less than the 13,413,000 head produced in 1970, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

The number of breeding ewes 1 year old and older on farms and ranches January 1, 1971 were 2 percent less than a year earlier, and ewe lambs under 1 year old were down 5 percent.

The lambing percentage for 1971 (number of lambs saved per 100 ewes 1 year old and older on hand January 1), at 95, is 1 point below 1970.

WESTERN STATES LAMB CROP 3 PERCENT LOWER

The 1971 lamb crop in the 13 Western States (11 Western, South Dakota, and Texas) totaled 9,225,000 head, 308,000 less than the 1970 crop of 9,533,000 head. The number of breeding ewes 1 year old and older on January 1, 1971, at 10,142,000 head, was down 1 percent from a year earlier. Lambing percentage during 1971, at 91, is 2 points below 1970. The lamb crop was 3 percent larger than a year earlier in Idaho and Arizona; 2 percent in South Dakota, and 1 percent in Wyoming and Washington. The number of early lambs (dropped before March 15) in the 13 Western States was up 2 percent from 1970.

NATIVE STATES LAMB CROP DOWN 4 PERCENT

The lamb crop in the 35 Native States (excluding the 13 Western States and Alaska) totaled 3,701,000 head, down 4 percent from the 1970 crop of 3,874,000 head. The number of ewes 1 year old and older on January 1, 1971 was 3,471,000 head, 5 percent less than a year earlier. The lambing percentage for 1971 was 107 or 1 point above 1970.

Lamb Crop: 1969-71

State	Breeding ewes 1 year and older January 1			Lambs saved per 100 ewes 1+ January 1 1/			Lambs saved 1/			1971 as % of 1970
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971	
	1,000 head			Number			1,000 head			Percent
Maine	12	11	10	100	109	110	12	12	11	92
N. H.	4.0	3.8	3.8	98	100	100	3.9	3.8	3.8	100
Vt.	5.0	4.6	4.5	98	98	96	4.9	4.5	4.3	96
Mass.	7.0	6.4	6.3	97	95	95	6.8	6.1	6.0	98
R. I.	1.5	1.4	1.3	93	100	100	1.4	1.4	1.3	93
Conn.	4.0	3.8	3.5	100	100	100	4.0	3.8	3.5	92
N. Y.	72	70	68	104	100	99	75	70	67	96
N. J.	5.9	5.9	6.2	102	107	108	6.0	6.3	6.7	106
Pa.	124	122	120	102	101	100	126	123	121	98
Ohio	505	490	470	98	97	101	494	473	474	100
Ind.	197	181	169	110	110	113	217	200	192	96
Ill.	240	226	195	106	110	110	254	248	215	87
Mich.	153	151	157	108	106	108	165	160	170	106
Wis.	116	105	98	112	112	113	130	118	111	94
Minn.	358	347	323	109	114	112	392	397	361	91
Iowa	560	526	505	105	106	106	586	555	533	96
Mo.	213	198	185	104	105	105	222	207	194	94
N. Dak.	254	245	235	107	112	114	272	275	268	97
S. Dak.	864	836	836	103	102	104	890	853	869	102
Nebr.	190	184	178	104	104	101	197	191	180	94
Kans.	239	220	205	103	100	107	246	221	219	99
Del.	1.5	1.6	1.5	107	94	100	1.6	1.5	1.5	100
Md.	15	16	16	107	100	100	16	16	16	100
Va.	159	151	143	115	116	115	183	175	165	94
W. Va.	134	130	125	112	112	112	150	145	140	97
N. C.	15	14	12	100	100	100	15	14	12	86
S. C.	1.2	1.2	1.1	83	75	73	1.0	.9	.8	89
Ga.	3.9	4.0	4.0	74	75	80	2.9	3.0	3.2	107
Fla.	4.3	4.3	3.9	84	81	87	3.6	3.5	3.4	97
Ky.	94	84	74	107	106	108	101	89	80	90
Tenn.	40	37	28	95	92	89	38	34	25	74
Ala.	5.0	4.8	4.5	90	90	89	4.5	4.3	4.0	93
Miss.	13	11	11	85	86	84	11	9.5	9.2	97
Ark.	6.5	6.2	6.2	95	92	98	6.2	5.7	6.1	107
La.	18	17	16	67	65	69	12	11	11	100
Okla.	88	85	81	103	101	101	91	86	82	95
Texas	2,878	2,590	2,720	80	92	84	2,302	2,383	2,285	96
Mont.	861	827	810	92	93	93	792	769	753	98
Idaho	585	544	544	112	112	115	655	609	626	103
Wyo.	1,385	1,343	1,334	84	83	84	1,163	1,115	1,121	101
Colo.	740	703	640	100	102	102	740	717	653	91
N. Mex.	616	600	569	78	82	77	478	493	440	89
Ariz.	321	321	326	79	79	80	254	254	261	103
Utah	830	821	780	92	95	91	764	780	710	91
Nev.	170	163	150	91	94	95	155	153	143	93
Wash.	100	96	99	109	116	113	109	111	112	101
Oreg.	396	360	342	95	101	99	376	364	339	93
Calif.	1,074	1,024	992	90	91	92	967	932	913	98
48 States	14,679	13,897	13,613	93	96	95	13,697	13,407	12,926	96
Alaska	11	11	10	55	55	30	6.0	6.0	3.0	50
Hawaii										
U. S.	14,690	13,908	13,623	93	96	95	13,703	13,413	12,929	96

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.