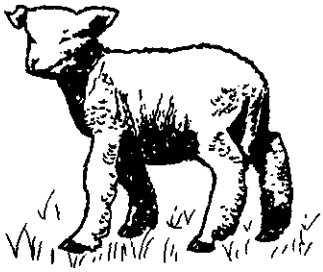
LAMB CROP



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LAMB CROP DOWN 6 PERCENT

The 1969 lamb crop for the United States is estimated at 13,561,000 head, 6 percent less than the 14,416,000 head produced in 1968, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The lamb crop in both the 13 Western Sheep States and the 35 Native States is down 6 percent from a year earlier.

Breeding ewes 1 year old and older on farms and ranches January 1, 1969 were down 4 percent from a year earlier and ewe lambs under 1 year old were down 5 percent.

The lambing percentage for 1969 (number of lambs saved per 100 ewes 1 year old and older on hand January 1), at 93, is 1 point below 1968. The Western States lambing percentage at 89 and the 35 Native States percentage, at 105, are both down 1 point from a year earlier.

WESTERN STATES

The 1969 lamb crop in the 13 Western States (11 Western, South Dakota, and Texas) totaled 9,507,000 head, down 6 percent from the 1968 crop of 10,097,000 head. The number of breeding ewes 1 year old and older on January 1, 1969, at 10,729,000 head was down 4 percent from a year earlier. The lambing percentage during 1969 at 89 is 1 point below 1968. The lamb crop is smaller than a year earlier in all Western States except Arizona which is up 1 percent. The number of early lambs (dropped before March 15) in the Western States is up 2 percent from 1968.

NATIVE STATES

The lamb crop in the 35 Native States (excluding the 13 Western States and Alaska) totaled 4,047,000 head - down 6 percent from the 1968 crop of 4,312,000 head. The number of ewes 1 year old and older on January 1, 1969 was 3,855,000 head, 5 percent less than a year earlier. The lambing percent for 1969 at 105 is 1 point lower than in 1968.

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Lamb Crop: 1967 - 1969

State	Breeding ewes 1 year and older January 1			Lambs saved per 100 ewes 1+ Jan. 1 1/			Lambs saved 1/			
	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1969 as % of 1968
	1,000 head			Number			1,000 head			Percent
Maine	13	13	12	108	100	100	14	13	12	92
N. H.	3.6	3.8	4.0	97	105	98	3.5	4.0	3.9	98
Vt.	5.7	5.3	4.8	102	98	98	5.8	5.2	4.7	90
Mass.	7.0	7.0	8.0	97	101	95	6.8	7.1	7.6	107
R. I.	1.5	1.4	1.5	87	93	93	1.3	1.3	1.4	108
Conn.	3.5	3.8	3.9	100	100	100	3.5	3.8	3.9	103
N. Y.	75	74	69	111	104	104	83	77	72	94
N. J.	6.9	6.1	5.9	96	103	102	6.6	6.3	6.0	95
Pa.	128	127	124	104	106	102	133	134	126	94
Ohio	515	515	505	101	99	98	520	512	494	96
Ind.	212	210	197	111	110	110	235	231	217	94
Ill.	272	250	245	108	109	106	294	272	259	95
Mich.	163	155	150	109	106	107	178	164	161	98
Wis.	126	123	116	115	115	112	145	142	130	92
Minn.	420	365	358	113	113	109	474	411	392	95
Iowa	622	566	560	108	106	105	672	599	586	98
Mo.	262	234	213	103	105	104	269	245	222	91
N. Dak.	300	273	254	102	109	107	305	297	272	92
S. Dak.	968	910	864	103	106	103	997	965	890	92
Nebr.	230	206	190	104	102	104	239	210	197	94
Kans.	331	285	239	93	99	103	308	283	246	87
Del.	2.0	1.6	1.5	100	100	107	2.0	1.6	1.6	100
Md.	15	15	15	93	100	107	14	15	16	107
Va.	174	171	159	117	116	115	203	199	183	92
W. Va.	142	136	131	112	112	112	159	153	147	96
N. C.	16	16	15	106	106	100	17	17	15	88
S. C.	2.0	1.5	1.2	80	80	83	1.6	1.2	1.0	83
Ga.	4.7	4.2	3.9	70	77	74	3.3	3.2	2.9	91
Fla.	4.2	4.4	4.3	93	86	84	3.9	3.8	3.6	95
Ky.	129	112	94	117	116	107	151	130	101	78
Tenn.	61	47	40	90	91	95	55	43	38	88
Ala.	6.3	5.4	5.0	86	93	90	5.4	5.0	4.5	90
Miss.	15	14	13	80	86	85	12	12	11	92
Ark.	8.0	7.2	6.5	83	93	95	6.7	6.7	6.2	93
La.	22	20	18	68	65	67	15	13	12	92
Okla.	93	89	88	103	102	103	96	91	91	100
Texas	3,190	2,999	2,819	75	79	78	2,392	2,369	2,199	93
Mont.	936	870	861	90	95	89	842	826	766	93
Idaho	616	609	585	115	113	112	706	688	655	95
Wyo.	1,442	1,399	1,357	82	85	86	1,182	1,189	1,167	98
Colo.	852	762	740	100	100	100	850	762	740	97
N. Mex.	668	635	616	75	81	78	502	512	478	93
Ariz.	323	313	321	76	79	78	247	248	250	101
Utah	878	859	830	90	92	92	792	790	764	97
Nev.	191	181	170	90	92	88	172	167	150	90
Wash.	111	103	96	115	115	109	128	118	105	89
Oreg.	425	408	396	102	101	95	434	412	376	91
Calif.	1,216	1,155	1,074	91	91	90	1,111	1,051	967	92
48 States	16,208	15,271	14,584	93	94	93	14,996	14,409	13,554	94
Alaska	10	11	11	70	64	64	7.0	7.0	7.0	100
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U. S.	16,218	15,282	14,595	93	94	93	15,003	14,416	13,561	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.