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LAMB CROP

The 1974 United States lamb crop is estimated at 10.6 million head, down 8 percent from the 1973 crop of 11.5 million head, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

The January 1, 1974 number of breeding ewes 1 year old and older totaled 11.2 million, a decline of 7 percent from a year earlier, while ewe lambs under 1 year were down 3 percent.

The lambing percentage for 1974 (number of lambs saved per 100 ewes 1 year old and older on hand January 1), at 95 is the same as in 1973.

SHORN WOOL

Wool shorn and to be shorn in the United States during 1974 is estimated at 134.2 million pounds, grease basis. This is a decrease of 8 percent from the 1973 production of 145.3 million pounds. The 1974 production is equivalent to 64.0 million pounds, clean basis, compared with 69.3 million pounds in 1973 based on a conversion factor of 47.7 percent.

The number of sheep shorn and to be shorn, estimated at 16.3 million, was down 7 percent from the 17.6 million shorn in 1973. The 1974 average fleece weight is 8.24 pounds, compared with 8.25 pounds last year.

Texas, the leading wool producing State, expects a wool clip of 23.7 million pounds compared with 26.4 million pounds in 1973. Wyoming, the second ranking wool producing State, expects to have 13.7 million pounds of wool produced in 1974, compared with 14.5 million pounds in 1973.

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Wool Shorn 1973-74, by States

State	Breeding ewes 1 yr. old and older, Jan. 1		Lambs saved 1/		Lambs saved 1/		Number		Percent		1,000 head		1,000 head		Wool Production	
	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974	1973	1974
Arizona	294	301	79	79	232	238	103	103	473	498	7.4	7.1	3,511	3,536		
California	831	843	94	89	780	750	96	96	1,385	1,355	8.4	7.8	5/11,585	10,622		
Colorado	594	540	99	102	590	550	93	93	1,440	1,384	7.9	7.9	11,354	10,972		
Idaho	547	531	109	118	596	624	105	105	627	605	10.7	10.9	6,728	6,566		
Illinois	176	160	109	110	176	176	92	92	270	240	7.1	7.1	1,923	1,692		
Indiana	165	145	109	103	180	150	83	83	205	190	8.0	7.7	1,640	1,466		
Iowa	410	337	105	108	365	365	85	85	624	510	7.5	7.6	4,694	3,855		
Kansas	187	166	107	108	200	180	90	90	294	270	8.3	7.9	2,444	2,131		
Michigan	138	131	110	109	152	143	94	94	201	187	8.3	8.1	1,666	1,515		
Minnesota	274	259	115	117	316	304	96	96	385	364	7.8	8.1	2,989	2,963		
Missouri	145	149	118	117	171	175	102	102	194	199	7.8	7.7	1,521	1,526		
Montana	657	559	95	96	625	537	86	86	774	669	9.9	10.0	7,663	6,698		
Nebraska	170	155	97	110	165	170	103	103	334	320	7.2	6.9	2,416	2,205		
Nevada	131	125	97	97	127	121	95	95	148	140	10.1	10.0	1,495	1,400		
New Mexico	523	503	78	80	410	400	98	98	682	643	9.4	9.0	6,402	5,764		
North Dakota	235	215	114	117	269	251	93	93	301	294	9.3	9.2	2,799	2,704		
Ohio	426	401	102	100	433	399	92	92	560	525	8.0	7.9	4,499	4,164		
Oregon	315	308	104	105	323	323	98	98	569	571	7.4	7.5	4,206	4,254		
Pennsylvania	108	108	103	107	111	116	105	105	132	128	7.2	7.3	950	934		
South Dakota	845	701	105	115	887	806	91	91	1,070	932	9.1	9.4	9,695	8,770		
Texas	2,310	2,223	85	72	1,964	1,600	81	81	3,785	3,340	7.0	7.1	26,352	23,700		
Utah	713	615	89	94	635	578	91	91	774	707	10.0	10.0	7,760	7,090		
Virginia	141	140	120	121	169	170	101	101	161	158	6.1	6.1	982	964		
West Virginia	115	107	112	112	129	120	93	93	136	128	5.8	5.8	789	742		
Wyoming	1,184	1,049	77	85	912	892	98	98	1,475	1,390	9.8	9.9	14,497	13,728		
Other 24 States	482	444	106	106	510	469	92	92	615	547	7.7	7.8	4,755	4,280		
U.S. Total	12,116	11,215	95	95	11,513	10,607	92	92	17,614	16,294	8.25	8.24	5/145,315	134,241		

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.

2/ State estimates not available in July.

3/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards.

4/ 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.

5/ Revised.