

Sheep and Lambs on Feed



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Sheep and lambs on feed January 1, 1994, for slaughter market in the 16 major producing States totaled 1.64 million head, down slightly from the 1.65 million head in January 1993. The inventory included 1.53 million lambs (less than 1 year old) for slaughter market and 113,000 mature sheep (over 1 year old). Lambs on feed declined 2 percent from a year ago but mature sheep on feed increased 31 percent.

Of the total lambs on feed, 966,000 (63 percent) were in feedlots and the remaining 561,000 (37 percent) were on pasture and/or crop residue. On January 1, 1993, 62 percent were in a feedlot and 38 percent were on pasture and/or crop residue.

The break out of these lambs on feed January 1, 1994, by weight groups in the 16 States compared with January 1, 1993, was as follows:

	Feedlot		Pasture/Crop Residue	
	1993	1994	1993	1994
	-----Percent-----			
Under 85 pounds	19.8	15.9	44.0	39.9
85 to 105 pounds	48.8	45.4	45.6	40.7
Over 105 pounds	31.4	38.7	10.4	19.4
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Placements of lambs on feed in the 16 States during November and December 1993 totaled 817,500 head, while marketings of fed lambs for slaughter during the same period totaled 651,000 head. Ewe lambs originally intended for slaughter but returned to the breeding herd as replacements during November and December 1993 totaled 59,000 head.

California, Colorado, Texas, and Wyoming accounted for 64 percent of the total sheep and lambs on feed on January 1, 1994.

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Lambs on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Ewe Lambs
Returned to Breeding Stock, 16 States, January 1, 1993-94

Item	1993	1994	1994 as % of 1993
	---- 1,000 Head ----		Percent
On Feed Nov 1 Previous Year	*1,684.0	*1,499.0	89.
Placed on Feed/Pasture Nov 1-Dec 31	*717.0	817.5	114.
Marketings Nov 1-Dec 31	*669.5	651.0	97.
Ewe Lambs Returned to Breeding Stock Nov 1-Dec 31	*50.5	59.0	117.
Other Disappearance Nov 1-Dec 31 <u>1/</u>	120.0	79.5	66.
On Feed Jan 1	1,561.0	1,527.0	98.
Types of Feed Jan 1			
Feedlot	961.0	966.0	101.
Pasture or Crop Residue	600.0	561.0	94.
Number on Feed by Type and Weight Groups Jan 1			
Drylot			
Under 85 Pounds	191.0	153.0	80.
85-105 Pounds	468.5	439.0	94.
Over 105 Pounds	301.5	374.0	124.
Pasture or Crop Residue			
Under 85 Pounds	264.0	223.5	85.
85-105 Pounds	273.5	228.5	84.
Over 105 Pounds	62.5	109.0	174.
Mature Sheep on Feed Jan 1	86.0	113.0	131.
Total Sheep and Lambs on Feed Jan 1	1,647.0	1,640.0	100.

* Revised.

1/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots or pastures for further feeding.

Lambs on Feed for Slaughter Market: Number on Feed by Weight Group
and Total Sheep on Feed, Selected States, January 1, 1994

	Feedlot				Pasture/Crop Residue			
State	Under 85 Pounds	85 to 105 lbs	Over 105 lbs	Total	Under 85 Pounds	85 to 105 lbs	Over 105 lbs	Total
	1,000 Head							
AZ	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.0	8.0	13.0	47.0
CA	2.0	4.0	1.0	7.0	120.0	103.0	50.0	273.0
CO	21.0	133.0	166.0	320.0	0.5	1.5	1/	2.0
IL	4.0	5.5	3.0	12.5	1.0	0.5	1/	1.5
IA	14.0	36.0	30.0	80.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
KS	16.0	19.0	17.0	52.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	3.0
MN	10.0	21.0	15.0	46.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MT	5.0	11.0	2.0	18.0	3.0	6.0	1.0	10.0
NE	3.0	10.0	6.0	19.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	2.0
ND	4.0	21.0	13.0	38.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
OH	5.0	9.5	3.0	17.5	2.5	3.0	2.0	7.5
OR	0.5	3.0	10.5	14.0	18.5	37.0	19.5	75.0
SD	17.0	54.5	22.5	94.0	0.5	4.0	1.5	6.0
TX	41.0	52.0	38.0	131.0	29.0	14.0	6.0	49.0
VA	3.0	5.0	2.0	10.0	3.0	2.5	1.5	7.0
WY	7.5	54.5	45.0	107.0	16.5	47.5	14.0	78.0
16 Sts:	153.0	439.0	374.0	966.0	223.5	228.5	109.0	561.0
	Total Lambs on Feed		Total Sheep on Feed		Total Sheep and Lambs on Feed			
	1,000 Head							
AZ	47.0		3.0		50.0			
CA	280.0		40.0		320.0			
CO	322.0		3.0		325.0			
IL	14.0		1.0		15.0			
IA	80.0		5.0		85.0			
KS	55.0		5.0		60.0			
MN	46.0		4.0		50.0			
MT	28.0		4.0		32.0			
NE	21.0		2.0		23.0			
ND	38.0		2.0		40.0			
OH	25.0		3.0		28.0			
OR	89.0		1.0		90.0			
SD	100.0		3.0		103.0			
TX	180.0		30.0		210.0			
VA	17.0		2.0		19.0			
WY	185.0		5.0		190.0			
16 Sts:	1,527.0		113.0		1,640.0			

1/ Less than 500 head.

Lambs on Feed for Slaughter Market: Placements, Marketings,
and Replacements, Selected States, November-December 1993

State	Placed on Feed and/or Pasture for Slaughter	Marketed for Slaughter	Ewe Lambs Returned to Breeding Herd as Replacements
	1,000 Head		
AZ	20.0	19.0	0.0
CA	155.0	30.0	15.0
CO	110.0	200.0	5.0
IL	13.0	4.0	2.0
IA	74.0	40.0	5.0
KS	38.0	9.0	1.0
MN	30.0	31.0	1.0
MT	30.0	22.0	2.0
NE	13.0	13.0	1.0
ND	20.0	11.0	3.0
OH	25.0	12.0	3.0
OR	48.0	57.0	3.0
SD	76.0	52.0	3.0
TX	59.5	46.0	3.0
VA	11.0	8.0	2.0
WY	95.0	97.0	10.0
16 Sts	817.5	651.0	59.0

Lambs on Feed: Number on Feed by State
and 16-State Total, January 1, 1993-94

State	Jan 1, 1993	Jan 1, 1994	
		Number	as % of 1993
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
AZ	50.0	47.0	94
CA	285.0	280.0	98
CO	312.0	322.0	103
IL	15.0	14.0	93
IA	80.0	80.0	100
KS	79.0	55.0	70
MN	58.0	46.0	79
MT	31.0	28.0	90
NE	40.0	21.0	53
ND	35.0	38.0	109
OH	31.0	25.0	81
OR	94.0	89.0	95
SD	85.0	100.0	118
TX	160.0	180.0	113
VA	24.0	17.0	71
WY	182.0	185.0	102
16 Sts	1,561.0	1,527.0	98

Lambs on Feed: Number Placed on Feed or Pasture for Slaughter
Market by State and 16-State Total, Nov-Dec 1992-93

State	Nov-Dec 1992	Nov-Dec 1993	
		Number	as % of 1992
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
AZ	20.0	20.0	100
CA	*70.0	155.0	221
CO	*116.0	110.0	95
IL	7.0	13.0	186
IA	*54.0	74.0	137
KS	43.0	38.0	88
MN	29.0	30.0	103
MT	*38.0	30.0	79
NE	17.0	13.0	76
ND	22.0	20.0	91
OH	*15.0	25.0	167
OR	*47.0	48.0	102
SD	*51.0	76.0	149
TX	*79.0	59.5	75
VA	17.0	11.0	65
WY	92.0	95.0	103
16 Sts	*717.0	817.5	114

* Revised.

Lambs on Feed: Fed Lambs Marketed for Slaughter
by State and 16-State Total, Nov-Dec 1992-93

State	Nov-Dec 1992	Nov-Dec 1993	
		Number	as % of 1992
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
AZ	3.5	19.0	543
CA	*35.0	30.0	86
CO	*230.0	200.0	87
IL	12.0	4.0	33
IA	*65.0	40.0	62
KS	12.0	9.0	75
MN	36.0	31.0	86
MT	*27.0	22.0	81
NE	13.0	13.0	100
ND	13.0	11.0	85
OH	*11.0	12.0	109
OR	*33.0	57.0	173
SD	*55.0	52.0	95
TX	*42.0	46.0	110
VA	7.0	8.0	114
WY	75.0	97.0	129
16 Sts	*669.5	651.0	97

Lambs on Feed: Ewe Lambs Returned to Breeding Stock
by State and 16-State Total, Nov-Dec 1992-93

State	Nov-Dec 1992	Nov-Dec 1993	
		Number	as % of 1992
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
AZ	0.5	0.0	0.0
CA	5.0	15.0	300
CO	2.0	5.0	250
IL	3.0	2.0	67
IA	6.0	5.0	83
KS	1.0	1.0	100
MN	3.0	1.0	33
MT	*2.0	2.0	100
NE	0.5	1.0	200
ND	4.0	3.0	75
OH	1.0	3.0	300
OR	1.0	3.0	300
SD	6.0	3.0	50
TX	2.5	3.0	120
VA	3.0	2.0	67
WY	10.0	10.0	100
16 Sts	*50.5	59.0	117

* Revised.

Lambs on Feed: Number on Feed by Type of Feed,
State, and 16-State Total, Jan 1, 1993-94

State	Feedlot			Pasture/Crop Residue		
	1993	1994	as % of	1993	1994	as % of
	--- 1,000 Head ---		Percent	--- 1,000 Head ---		Percent
AZ	0.0	0.0		50.0	47.0	94
CA	5.0	7.0	140	280.0	273.0	98
CO	300.0	320.0	107	12.0	2.0	17
IL	12.0	12.5	104	3.0	1.5	50
IA	80.0	80.0	100	0.0	0.0	
KS	56.0	52.0	93	23.0	3.0	13
MN	54.0	46.0	85	4.0	0.0	0
MT	24.0	18.0	75	7.0	10.0	143
NE	37.0	19.0	51	3.0	2.0	67
ND	34.0	38.0	112	1.0	0.0	0
OH	22.0	17.5	80	9.0	7.5	83
OR	28.0	14.0	50	66.0	75.0	114
SD	79.0	94.0	119	6.0	6.0	100
TX	110.0	131.0	119	50.0	49.0	98
VA	8.0	10.0	125	16.0	7.0	44
WY	112.0	107.0	96	70.0	78.0	111
16 Sts	961.0	966.0	101	600.0	561.0	94

Lambs on Feed: Number on Feed in Feedlots by Weight Group,
State, and 16-State Total, Jan 1, 1993-94

State	Under 85 Pounds			85 - 105 Pounds			Over 105 Pounds		
	1993	1994	as % of	1993	1994	as % of	1993	1994	as % of
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
CA	3.0	2.0	67	1.5	4.0	267	0.5	1.0	200
CO	37.5	21.0	56	175.0	133.0	76	87.5	166.0	190
IL	2.5	4.0	160	5.5	5.5	100	4.0	3.0	75
IA	13.0	14.0	108	29.5	36.0	122	37.5	30.0	80
KS	30.5	16.0	52	18.5	19.0	103	7.0	17.0	243
MN	15.0	10.0	67	20.0	21.0	105	19.0	15.0	79
MT	7.0	5.0	71	16.0	11.0	69	1.0	2.0	200
NE	7.0	3.0	43	12.0	10.0	83	18.0	6.0	33
ND	6.0	4.0	67	17.0	21.0	124	11.0	13.0	118
OH	7.0	5.0	71	14.0	9.5	68	1.0	3.0	300
OR	7.0	0.5	7	15.0	3.0	20	6.0	10.5	175
SD	11.0	17.0	155	43.5	54.5	125	24.5	22.5	92
TX	27.0	41.0	152	60.0	52.0	87	23.0	38.0	165
VA	4.0	3.0	75	3.0	5.0	167	1.0	2.0	200
WY	13.5	7.5	56	38.0	54.5	143	60.5	45.0	74
16 Sts	191.0	153.0	80	468.5	439.0	94	301.5	374.0	124

Lambs on Feed: Number on Feed on Pasture/Crop Residue by Weight Group, State, and 16-State Total, Jan 1, 1993-94

State	Under 85 Pounds			85 - 105 Pounds			Over 105 Pounds		
	1993	1994	as % of:	1993	1994	as % of:	1993	1994	as % of:
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
AZ	27.0	26.0	96	20.0	8.0	40	3.0	13.0	433
CA	140.0	120.0	86	110.0	103.0	94	30.0	50.0	167
CO	0.5	0.5	100	11.0	1.5	14	0.5	1/	
IL	1.5	1.0	67	1.0	0.5	50	0.5	1/	
IA	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
KS	8.0	2.0	25	14.0	1.0	7	1.0	0.0	0
MN	2.0	0.0		1.0	0.0		1.0	0.0	0
MT	2.0	3.0	150	4.0	6.0	150	1.0	1.0	100
NE	0.5	1.0	200	2.0	0.5	25	0.5	0.5	100
ND	0.5	0.0		0.5	0.0		0.0	0.0	
OH	2.5	2.5	100	6.5	3.0	46	0.0	2.0	
OR	16.5	18.5	112	40.0	37.0	93	9.5	19.5	205
SD	1.5	0.5	33	2.5	4.0	160	2.0	1.5	75
TX	31.5	29.0	92	12.0	14.0	117	6.5	6.0	92
VA	4.0	3.0	75	11.0	2.5	23	1.0	1.5	150
WY	26.0	16.5	63	38.0	47.5	125	6.0	14.0	233
16 Sts	264.0	223.5	85	273.5	228.5	84	62.5	109.0	174

Lambs on Feed: Number on Feed by Weight Group State, and 16-State Total, Jan 1, 1993-94

State	Under 85 Pounds			85 - 105 Pounds			Over 105 Pounds		
	1993	1994	as % of:	1993	1994	as % of:	1993	1994	as % of:
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
AZ	27.0	26.0	96	20.0	8.0	40	3.0	13.0	433
CA	143.0	122.0	85	111.5	107.0	96	30.5	51.0	167
CO	38.0	21.5	57	186.0	134.5	72	88.0	166.0	189
IL	4.0	5.0	125	6.5	6.0	92	4.5	3.0	67
IA	13.0	14.0	108	29.5	36.0	122	37.5	30.0	80
KS	38.5	18.0	47	32.5	20.0	62	8.0	17.0	213
MN	17.0	10.0	59	21.0	21.0	100	20.0	15.0	75
MT	9.0	8.0	89	20.0	17.0	85	2.0	3.0	150
NE	7.5	4.0	53	14.0	10.5	75	18.5	6.5	35
ND	6.5	4.0	62	17.5	21.0	120	11.0	13.0	118
OH	9.5	7.5	79	20.5	12.5	61	1.0	5.0	500
OR	23.5	19.0	81	55.0	40.0	73	15.5	30.0	194
SD	12.5	17.5	140	46.0	58.5	127	26.5	24.0	91
TX	58.5	70.0	120	72.0	66.0	92	29.5	44.0	149
VA	8.0	6.0	75	14.0	7.5	54	2.0	3.5	175
WY	39.5	24.0	61	76.0	102.0	134	66.5	59.0	89
16 Sts	455.0	376.5	83	742.0	667.5	90	364.0	483.0	133

1/ Less than 500 head.

Total Sheep and Lambs on Feed: United States, 1920-94

Year : Number on Feed :		Year : Number on Feed :		Year : Number on Feed :	
1,000 Head		1,000 Head		1,000 Head	
1920	3,415	1950	3,644	1980	1,622
1922	3,557	1952	4,038	1981	1,649
1924	4,280	1954	4,277	1982	1,564
1926	4,644	1956	4,267	1983	1,661
1928	4,569	1958	4,050	1984	1,718
1930	5,988	1960	4,321	1985	1,586
1932	6,220	1962	4,250	1986	1,487
1934	5,259	1964	3,661	1987	1,513
1936	5,701	1966	3,278	1988	1,581
1938	6,091	1968	3,115	1989	1,646
1940	5,841	1970	2,990	1990	1,762
1942	6,867	1972	2,894	1991	1,730
1944	6,512	1974	2,625	1992	1,830
1946	6,837	1976	1,884	1993	1,918
1948	4,851	1978	1,623	1994	1,870

