

Sheep, Lambs, and Wool

Arizona's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2006 was estimated at 105,000 head, up 5,000 head from a year ago. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory, at 70,000 head, increased 10,000 head from January 1, 2005. Market sheep and lambs inventory, at 35,000 head, decreased by 5,000 head from the previous year.

Sheep and lamb marketings in 2005 were 87,000 head, 14,000 less than 2004. Average prices received by sheep

operators in 2005 were \$45.00 per hundredweight for sheep, up \$5.00 from 2004, and \$105.00 per hundredweight for lambs, up \$10.00 from 2004. Cash receipts totaled \$8.24 million, down 7 percent from a year earlier.

Average wool prices were unchanged from 30 cents per pound. Wool production was valued at \$168,000, down 3 percent from the previous year.

Sheep: Number of Operations and Inventory 1/

	----- January 1 -----						
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Arizona							
Operations (Number)	300	250	250	270	260	250	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	140	120	115	115	114	100	105
United States							
Operations (Number)	69,200	68,600	68,150	67,720	67,580	68,280	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	7,036	6,908	6,623	6,321	6,105	6,135	6,230

1/ An operation is any place having one or more sheep on hand during the year.

2/ Not available until January 2007.

Sheep: By Class, Farm Value, and Lamb Crop

	----- January 1 -----						
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Breeding sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)							
Ewes	60	53	49	49	48	50	57
Rams	4	3	3	3	3	3	4
Replacement lambs	6	6	5	5	6	7	9
Market sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	70	58	58	58	57	40	35
All sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	140	120	115	115	114	100	105
Farm Value							
Per head (Dollars)	96	98	96	115	121	135	142
Total (1,000 Dollars)	13,440	11,760	11,040	13,225	13,794	13,500	14,910
Lamb crop (1,000 Head)	42	39	34	34	40	42	1/

1/ Not available until January 2007.

Sheep and Lambs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	----- 1,000 Head -----						
Inventory January 1	140	120	115	115	114	100	105
Lamb crop	42	39	34	34	40	42	3/
In-shipments	69	81	68	93	64	67	3/
Marketings 1/							
Sheep	14	20	5	17	9	12	3/
Lambs	99	88	81	95	92	75	3/
Farm slaughter 2/	15	13	13	13	13	13	3/
Deaths							
Sheep	2	2	2	2	2	2	3/
Lambs	1	2	1	1	2	2	3/

1/ Includes animals for custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the State.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

3/ Not available until January 2007.