



IDAHO CROP & LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS' NEWS

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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the January 2006 Sheep and Lamb Inventory Report. Sheep and Lamb Inventory and Lamb Crop are reported for selected states and the U.S.

This release is sent exclusively to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

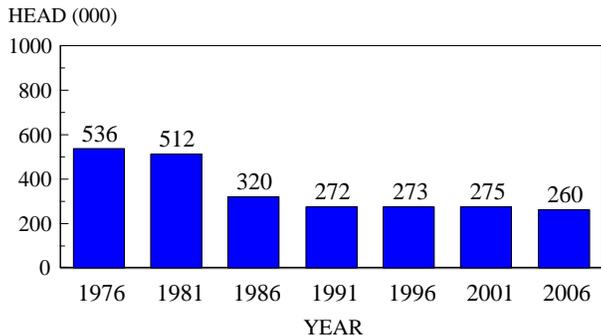
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Director

Idaho Sheep Inventory Down 4 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in Idaho on January 1, 2006, totaled 260,000 head, down 4 percent from last year. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2006, totaled 220,000 head. Breeding ewes one year old and older totaled 178,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2005. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2006 totaled 40,000 head. The 2005 lamb crop of 220,000 head was down 20,000 head from 2004.

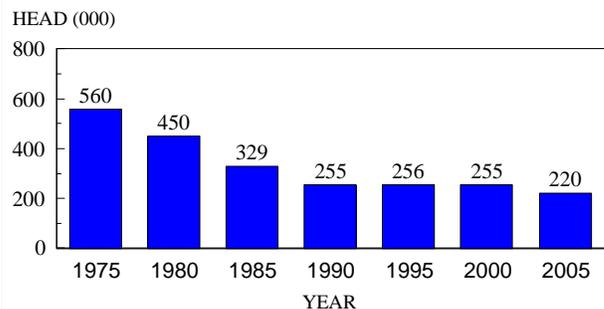
All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 6.23 million head, up 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004. The inventory began increasing in 2005 and has shown two consecutive year to year increases for the first time since 1987 and 1988. Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.66 million head, were 2 percent above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2006, totaled 1.59 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 35 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings. The 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004. The 2005 lambing rate was 115 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from 2004.

IDAHO SHEEP & LAMB INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 1976 - 2006



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IDAHO LAMB CROP 1975- 2005

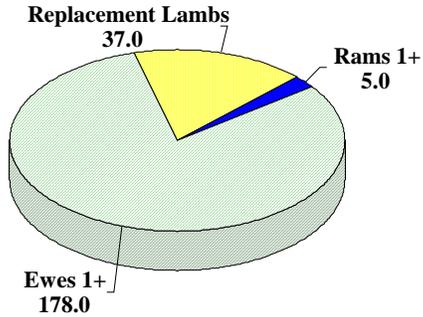


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IDAHO BREEDING SHEEP INVENTORY

JANUARY 1, 2006

Number or Head (000)

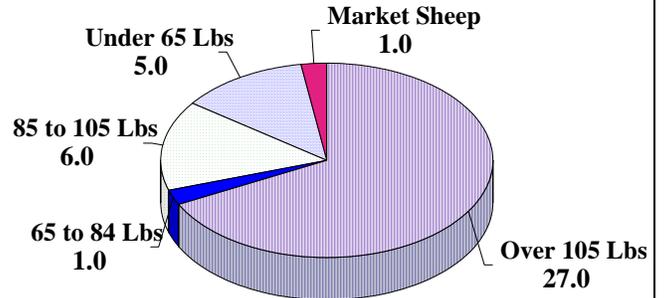


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IDAHO MARKET SHEEP AND LAMBS

JANUARY 1, 2006

Number of Head (000)



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Sheep and Lambs: Inventory by Class, January 1, 2005-2006

State	Total Sheep		Market Sheep and Lambs		Breeding Sheep and Lambs						Lamb Crop 1/	
					Total		Ewes 1+		Replacement Lambs			
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>											
Arizona	100.0	105.0	40.0	35.0	60.0	70.0	50.0	57.0	7.0	9.0	40.0	42.0
California	670.0	650.0	345.0	325.0	325.0	325.0	275.0	270.0	40.0	45.0	260.0	250.0
Colorado	365.0	390.0	195.0	200.0	170.0	190.0	135.0	148.0	30.0	36.0	165.0	175.0
IDAHO	270.0	260.0	45.0	40.0	225.0	220.0	182.0	178.0	38.0	37.0	240.0	220.0
Montana	305.0	295.0	25.0	25.0	280.0	270.0	215.0	208.0	58.0	55.0	270.0	275.0
Nevada	70.0	74.0	4.0	10.0	66.0	64.0	54.0	51.0	10.0	11.0	56.0	54.0
New Mexico	145.0	155.0	25.0	25.0	120.0	130.0	97.0	102.0	17.0	22.0	85.0	90.0
Oregon	225.0	220.0	80.0	75.0	145.0	145.0	107.0	114.0	30.0	25.0	145.0	150.0
Texas	1,070.0	1,090.0	230.0	220.0	840.0	870.0	650.0	690.0	145.0	135.0	520.0	560.0
Utah	270.0	280.0	25.0	20.0	245.0	260.0	200.0	210.0	37.0	39.0	245.0	240.0
Washington	46.0	50.0	5.0	9.0	41.0	41.0	32.0	33.0	7.0	6.0	53.0	53.0
Wyoming	450.0	450.0	100.0	100.0	350.0	350.0	278.0	278.0	62.0	62.0	300.0	300.0
U.S.	6,135.0	6,230.0	1,602.0	1,591.0	4,533.0	4,639.0	3,572.5	3,657.0	770.5	786.0	4,096.0	4,125.0

1/Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

Idaho Sheep Industry Suffers A \$4.61 Million Death And Theft Loss

Idaho sheep producers lost an estimated 32,000 head of sheep and lambs from all causes, valued at \$4.61 million, in 2005. This compares with losses totaling 35,000 head with a value of \$4.55 million in 2004.

Predator losses at 30.9 percent, accounted for 9,900 losses worth a value of \$1.43 million. Coyotes did the most predator damage, at 6,100 head of sheep and lambs. Losses from coyotes alone were valued at \$878,000. Bears claimed 900 head of sheep and lambs valued at \$130,000; wolves, dogs, and cougars each caused 500 deaths valued at \$72,000 for each predator category; fox killed 200 head, valued at \$29,000. Losses from other and unknown predators, including bobcats, and eagles, accounted for an additional 1,200 head of sheep and lambs.

Non predator losses, accounted for 22,100 losses worth a value of \$3.18 million. Disease claimed 5,200 sheep and lambs in 2005 valued at \$749,000. Lambing complications claimed 5,000; weather killed 3,500 head; old age killed 1,700 and poison killed 1,000 head. Other causes such as accidents, fire, starvation and dehydration caused an additional 1,400 sheep and lamb deaths during 2005.

All Sheep and Lambs: Death Loss By Cause, Idaho, 2003-2005^{1/}

Cause of Loss	Head			Percent of Total Losses ^{2/}			Value ^{3/ 4/ 5/}		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>								
Coyote	10,500	8,400	6,100	27.6	24.0	19.1	1,171	1,092	878
Dog	1,100	1,600	500	2.9	4.6	1.6	123	208	72
Bear	700	1,000	900	1.8	2.9	2.8	78	130	130
Wolves	9//	9/	500	9/	9/	1.6	9/	9/	72
Cougar	600	400	500	1.6	1.1	1.6	67	52	72
Fox	100	100	200	0.3	0.3	0.6	11	13	29
Other Animals ^{6/}	1,000	800	100	2.6	2.3	0.3	112	104	14
Unknown Predators	100	300	1,100	0.3	0.9	3.4	11	39	158
Total Predators	14,100	12,600	9,900	37.1	36.0	30.9	1,573	1,638	1,425
Weather Conditions	2,300	2,800	3,500	6.1	8.0	10.9	256	364	504
Disease	4,500	8,400	5,200	11.8	24.0	16.3	502	1,092	749
Poison	900	900	1,000	2.4	2.6	3.1	100	117	144
Lambing Complications	7,600	4,000	5,000	20.0	11.4	15.6	847	520	720
Old Age	1,800	1,100	1,700	4.7	3.1	5.3	201	143	245
Theft	400	400	100	1.1	1.1	0.3	45	52	14
On Back	200	300	100	0.5	0.9	0.3	22	39	14
Other Causes ^{7/}	3,100	1,100	1,400	8.2	3.1	4.4	346	143	202
Unknown Causes ^{8/}	3,100	3,400	4,100	8.2	9.7	12.8	346	442	590
TOTAL	38,000	35,000	32,000	100.0	100.0	100.0	4,238	4,550	4,607

1/ Includes lamb deaths before docking of 16,000 in 2003, 13,000 in 2004, and 12,000 in 2005. 2/ Percentages may not add due to rounding. 3/ Based on average of beginning year and end of year value of head: 2003 - \$111.50, 2004 - \$130.00, and 2005 - \$144.00. 4/ Rounded to nearest 1,000 dollars, 5/ Dollar values were rounded to add to total. 6/ Includes bobcats, eagles and wolves in 2003 and 2004. Includes bobcats and eagles in 2005. 7/ Includes accidents, fire, starvation, dehydration, etc. 8/ Exact cause of death unidentifiable. May include some predator loss. 9/ Wolves included in other for 2003 and 2004.

Sheep and Lambs: Death Loss By Cause, Idaho 2003-2005

Cause of Loss	Sheep						All Lambs ^{1/}					
	Head			Percent of Total Losses ^{2/}			Head			Percent of Total Losses ^{2/}		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
Coyote	2,300	2,600	1,000	23.0	26.0	11.1	8,200	5,800	5,100	29.3	23.2	22.2
Dog	700	400	200	7.0	4.0	2.2	400	1,200	300	1.4	4.8	1.3
Bear	300	500	400	3.0	5.0	4.4	400	500	500	1.4	2.0	2.2
Wolves	6/	6/	200	6/	6/	2.2	6/	6/	300	6/	6/	1.3
Cougar	200	200	100	2.0	2.0	1.1	400	200	400	1.4	0.8	1.7
Fox	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	100	200	0.4	0.4	0.9
Other Animals ^{3/}	100	300	0	1.0	3.0	0.0	900	500	100	3.2	2.0	0.4
Unknown Predators	0	100	600	0.0	1.0	6.7	100	200	500	0.4	0.8	2.2
Total Predators	3,600	4,100	2,500	36.0	41.0	27.8	10,500	8,500	7,400	37.5	34.0	32.2
Weather Conditions	100	100	500	1.0	1.0	5.6	2,200	2,700	3,000	7.9	10.8	13.1
Disease	1,400	2,100	1,200	14.0	21.0	13.3	3,100	6,300	4,000	11.1	25.2	17.4
Poison	500	200	500	5.0	2.0	5.6	400	700	500	1.4	2.8	2.2
Lambing Complications	1,400	1,100	1,200	14.0	11.0	13.3	6,200	2,900	3,800	22.1	11.6	16.5
Old Age	1,800	1,100	1,700	18.0	11.0	18.9	--	--	--	--	--	--
Theft	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	400	400	100	1.4	1.6	0.4
On Back	200	200	100	2.0	2.0	1.1	0	100	0	0.0	0.4	0.0
Other Causes ^{4/}	500	400	200	5.0	4.0	2.2	2,600	700	1,200	9.3	2.8	5.2
Unknown Causes ^{5/}	500	700	1,100	5.0	7.0	12.2	2,600	2,700	3,000	9.3	10.8	13.0
TOTAL	10,000	10,000	9,000	100.0	100.0	100.0	28,000	25,000	23,000	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Idaho Goat Inventory Up From 2005

Idaho meat and other goat inventory on January 1, 2006, increased 9 percent to 5,900 head compared to 5,400 head a year before. Milk goats in Idaho totaled 2,800 head, up from 2,700 head in 2005.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.35 million head up 4 percent from 2005. All market goats and kids totaled 471,800 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2006 meat and all other goats totaled 2.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. Milk goat inventory increased 1 percent to 288,000 head while angora goats were down 1 percent totaling 278,000 head. The 2005 kid crop totaled 1.84 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2004.