

SHEEP AND LAMBS

The number of sheep and lambs marketed during 1998 decreased 16 percent to 40,500 head. The total pounds of sheep and lambs marketed was 21 percent below the 1997 level. Cash receipts totaled \$2.1 million, down 31 percent from \$3.0 million in 1997. Gross income (cash receipts plus value of home consumption) totaled \$2.3 million in 1998 compared with \$3.3 million a year earlier. Sheep averaged \$32.10 per cwt. and lambs averaged \$69.60 per cwt. during 1998.

Lambs saved in 1998, at 50,000 head, was down 9 percent from the previous year. The number of ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 1999 was up 9 percent from 1998. Lamb crop per 100 ewes one year old and older was 156 during 1998, up 5 percent from a year earlier.

Wool production increased 8 percent during 1998 to 370,000 pounds. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 57,000 head with an average fleece weight of 6.5 pounds. Total value of shorn wool was \$96,000, down 18 percent from a year earlier and averaging 26 cents per pound.

NUMBER OF SHEEP ON FARMS, BY CLASS, INDIANA, JANUARY 1, 1994-1999

Class of Livestock	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999 <u>1/</u>
	<u>Thousand Head</u>					
All Sheep and Lambs	88.0	75.0	57.0	56.0	55.0	57.0
Market Sheep & Lambs	18.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	10.0
Market Sheep	<u>2/</u>	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Market Lambs	<u>2/</u>	9.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	10.0
Under 65 Pounds	<u>2/</u>	2.0	1.5	1.0	3.0	3.0
65 - 84 Pounds	<u>2/</u>	3.0	1.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
85 - 105 Pounds	<u>2/</u>	3.0	4.5	3.0	3.0	2.0
Over 105 Pounds	<u>2/</u>	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Breeding Sheep	70.0	65.0	48.0	46.0	44.0	47.0
Replacement Lambs	8.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	9.0	9.0
One Year Old and Older	62.0	58.0	42.0	41.0	35.0	38.0
Ewes	58.0	55.0	39.0	37.0	32.0	35.0
Wethers and Rams	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Lamb Crop	70.0	65.0	55.0	55.0	50.0	---

Lamb Crop Per 100 Ewes One Year Old and Older 121.0 118.0 141.0 149.0 156.0 ---

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Estimates originated in 1995.

**NUMBER AND VALUE OF SHEEP ON FARMS
INDIANA, DECEMBER 1, 1994-1999**

January 1	All Sheep and Lambs <u>1/</u>	Average	Total
		Value	Value
		Per Head	
	<u>Thousand Head</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Thousand Dollars</u>
1994	88	91.00	8,008
1995	75	89.00	6,675
1996	57	130.00	7,410
1997	56	135.00	7,560
1998	55	140.00	7,700
1999 <u>2/</u>	57	140.00	7,980

1/ Includes number on feed.

2/ Preliminary.