



Sheep, Lambs, & Goats

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Sheep and Lamb Inventory

KANSAS: All sheep and lamb inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2008 totaled 98,000 head, down 8 percent from last year. Breeding ewes at least a year old decreased 3,000 head, while total market animals also decreased by 3,000. **Breeding** sheep inventory, at 71,000 head, was 8 percent below the January 1, 2007 inventory. The inventory of ewes one year and older, at 57,000 head, was down 5 percent from last year. The inventory of rams one year old and older, at 3,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. Replacement lambs totaled 11,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year. The 2007 **lamb crop** was 72,000 head, up 6 percent from 2006. The 2007 lambing rate was 120 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2007, compared with a lambing rate of 131 in 2006. **Market** sheep and lambs on January 1, 2008 totaled 27,000 head. Of these, 12,000 were under 65 pounds, 3,000 weighed 65-84 pounds, 5,000 weighed 85-105 pounds, 3,000 weighed over 105 pounds, and 4,000 were market sheep.

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2008, totaled 6.06 million head, down 2 percent from 2007. After consecutive increases in 2005 and 2006, inventory has now declined for the past two years. **Breeding sheep inventory** decreased to 4.51 million head on January 1, 2008, down 2 percent from 4.61 million head on January 1, 2007. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.62 million head, were 2 percent below last year. The **2007 lamb crop** of 4.05 million head, was down slightly from 2006. The 2007 lambing rate was 110 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2007, down 1 percent from 2006. **Market sheep and lambs** on January 1, 2008, totaled 1.55 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2007. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-four percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 26 percent 85 - 105 pounds, and 36 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings.

Sheep and Lambs on Farms, by Classes, January 1

Class	Kansas				United States			
	2006	2007	2008	'08 % Of '07	2006	2007	2008	'08 % Of '07
	--- 1,000 Head ---			Percent	--- 1,000 Head ---			Percent
All Sheep & Lambs	100.0	107.0	98.0	92	6,230.0	6,165.0	6,055.0	98
Market	35.0	30.0	27.0	90	1,590.0	1,555.0	1,550	100
Breeding Sheep & Lambs								
Replacement Lambs under 1 Year	10.5	14.0	11.0	79	783.0	719.0	695	97
Ewes 1 Yr. & Older	52.0	60.0	57.0	95	3,661.0	3,696.0	3,617	98
Rams 1 Yr. & Older	2.5	3.0	3.0	100	196.0	195.0	193	99
Market Lambs								
Under 65 Lbs.	12.5	16.0	12.0	75	416.3	362.1	352.2	98
65-84 Lbs.	3.5	1.0	3.0	300	209.4	200.8	209.0	104
85-105 Lbs.	6.0	4.0	5.0	125	362.4	372.6	377.4	102
105 Lbs. +	7.0	5.0	3.0	60	525.9	530.5	531.4	101
Total	29.0	26.0	23.0	89	1,514.0	1,466.0	1,470.0	101
Market Sheep	6.0	4.0	4.0	100	76.0	89.0	80.0	90

Kansas and United States, Lamb Crop

Year	Kansas			United States		
	Breeding Ewes 1 Yr.+, Jan. 1	Lambs Saved per 100 Ewes 1 Yr.+, Jan. 1	Lamb Crop	Breeding Ewes 1 Yr.+, Jan. 1	Lambs Saved per 100 Ewes 1 Yr.+, Jan. 1	Lamb Crop
	--- 1,000 ---		Number	--- 1,000 ---		Number
2004	53.0	134	71.0	3,609.5	113	4,096.0
2005	54.0	113	61.0	3,572.5	115	4,117.0
2006	52.0	131	68.0	3,661.0	111	4,065.0
2007	60.0	120	72.0	3,696.0	110	4,050.0

Wool Production

Kansas shorn wool production during 2007 was 460,000 pounds, up 2 percent from a year earlier. **Sheep shorn**, at 74,000 head, showed an increase of 17 percent over 2007. Average fleece weight was 6.2 pounds per fleece, down 13 percent from 2007. The average **price paid** for wool sold in 2007 was 52 cents per pound, up 17 cents from 2007. Total value of shorn wool was \$239,000, up 52

percent from 2007. **U.S. shorn wool** production during 2007 was 34.5 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2006. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.71 million head, down 3 percent from 2006. The average price paid for wool sold in 2007 was 88 cents per pound for a total value of \$30.3 million, up 23 percent from \$24.5 million in 2006.

Wool Production and Value

Year	Sheep Shorn ¹	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Product Production	Price per Pound	Value
	1,000 Head	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dol.
Kansas					
2006	63.0	7.1	449	0.35	157
2007	74.0	6.2	460	0.52	239
United States					
2006	4,852.0	7.4	36,019	0.68	24,510
2007	4,705.0	7.3	34,533	0.88	30,258

¹ Includes shearing at commercial feedyards.

Goat and Kid Inventory

KANSAS: As of January 1, 2008, the total number of milk goats and kids was 3,850, while all meat goats and kids totaled 27,400 head, up 12 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES: All goat inventory on January 1, 2008, totaled 3.02 million head. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.50 million head, milk goats totaled 305,000 head, and

angora goats totaled 210,000 head. The 2007 kid crop was 1.94 million head for all goats.

Mohair production during 2007 was 1.14 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 185,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.2 pounds. Mohair price was \$3.78 per pound with a value of 4.31 million dollars.

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