

Sheep & Goat Death Loss, 2005

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Non-ambulatory sheep and lambs totaled 39,000 head in the United States during 2005, a 5 percent increase from 2004. The number of non-ambulatory sheep one year and older in 2005 totaled 18,000 head, 2,000 more than the year before. Of the 18,000, 4,000 sheep recovered or were culled while 14,000 sheep died. The number of non-ambulatory lambs less than one year of age in 2005 totaled 21,000 head, no change from 2004. Of the 21,000, 2,000 lambs recovered or were culled while 19,000 died.

There were 6,900 operations in the U.S. reporting non-ambulatory sheep and lambs in 2005, an increase of 3 percent from 2004. There were 5,000 operations reporting non-ambulatory sheep, 200 more than the year before, and 4,000 operations reporting non-ambulatory lambs, 200 more as well.

Non-ambulatory goats and kids in the United States totaled 36,000 head during both 2004 and 2005. The number of non-ambulatory goats one year old and older in 2005 totaled 17,000 head, 1,000 more than the year before. The number of non-ambulatory kids less than one year of age in 2005 totaled 19,000, 1,000 less than the year before. Of the total operations in the United States, 6.1 percent reported having non-ambulatory goats and kids during 2005.

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United States: Sheep and Lambs - Non-Ambulatory Number, 2004-2005 ¹

Year and Item	Culled or Recovered	Died	Total
2004			
Sheep	3,000	13,000	16,000
Lambs	2,000	19,000	21,000
Total	5,000	32,000	37,000
2005			
Sheep	4,000	14,000	18,000
Lambs	2,000	19,000	21,000
Total	6,000	33,000	39,000

¹ Sheep refers to animals one year old and older while lambs refers to animals less than one year of age.

United States: Sheep and Lambs - Number of Operations with Non-Ambulatory Sheep and Lambs, 2004-2005 ¹

Item	2004	2005
Sheep	4,800	5,000
Lambs	3,800	4,000
Total ²	6,700	6,900

¹ Sheep refers to animals one year old and older while lambs refers to animals less than one year of age. ² Totals will not add because individual operation may report both sheep and lambs, and therefore be included in both the "sheep" and "lambs" categories.

United States: Goats and Kids - Non-Ambulatory Number, 2004-2005¹

Item	2004	2005
Goats	16,000	17,000
Kids	20,000	19,000
Total	36,000	36,000

¹ Goats refers to animals one year old and older while kids refers to animals less than one year of age.

Pennsylvania and United States: Loss of Sheep and Lambs from Predators and Non-Predators – Number and Total Value, 2004

Cause of Death	Sheep		Lambs	
	Number	Total Value ¹	Number	Total Value ²
Pennsylvania	<i>Head</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Predators	600	88	1,200	83
Non-Predators	3,400	496	7,800	538
All Causes	4,000	584	9,000	
United States				
Predators	66,400	8,240	157,800	10,057
Non-Predators	148,900	19,051	227,200	14,233
All Causes	215,300	27,291	385,000	24,290

¹ Total value for sheep is based on a two-year straight average of the value of ewes for sheep value per head reported in the January 1 Sheep Survey from 2004 to 2005. ² Total value for lambs is based on the market year average price for lamb value per head.