

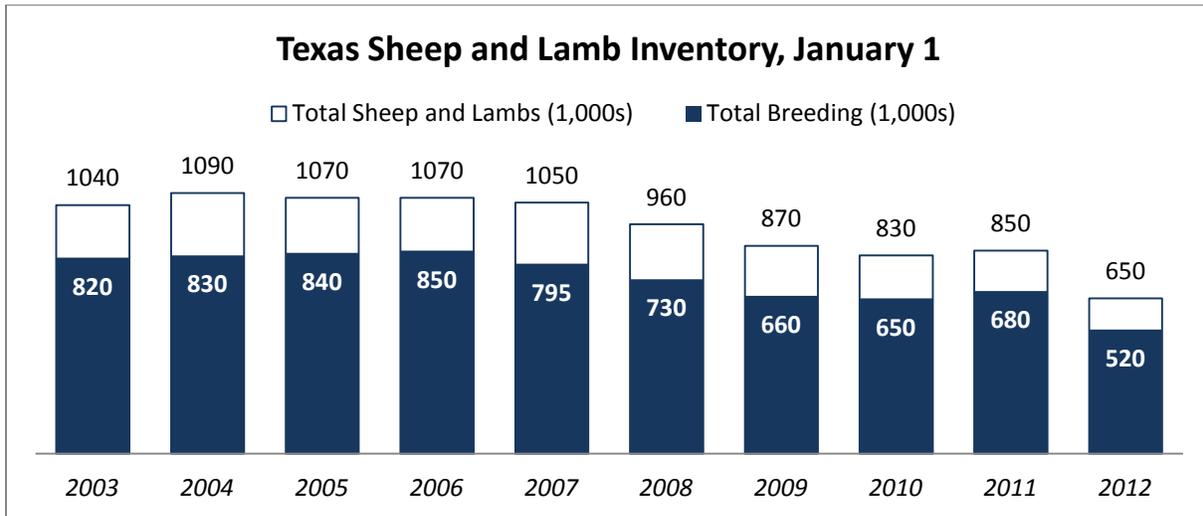


# Texas Sheep Inventory

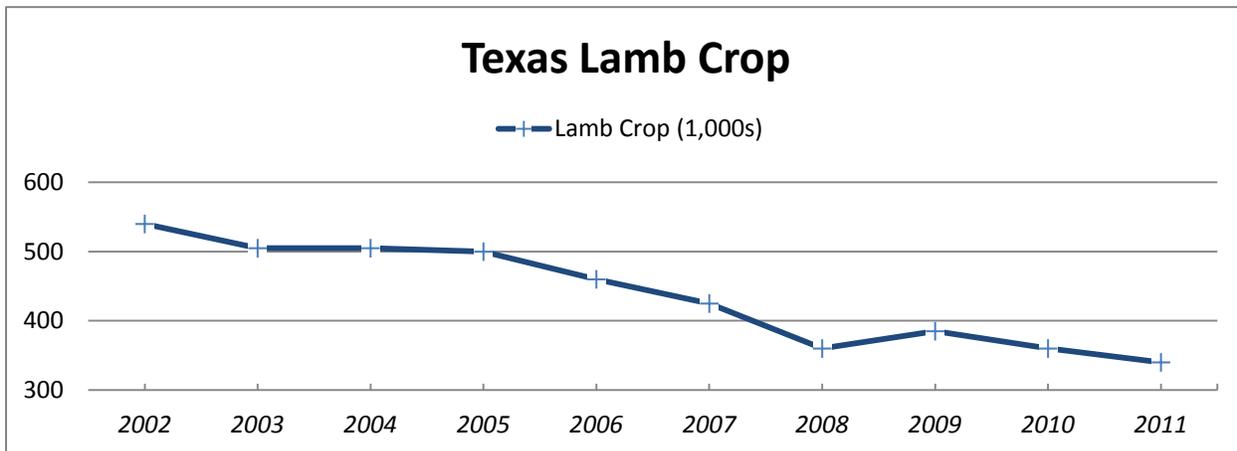
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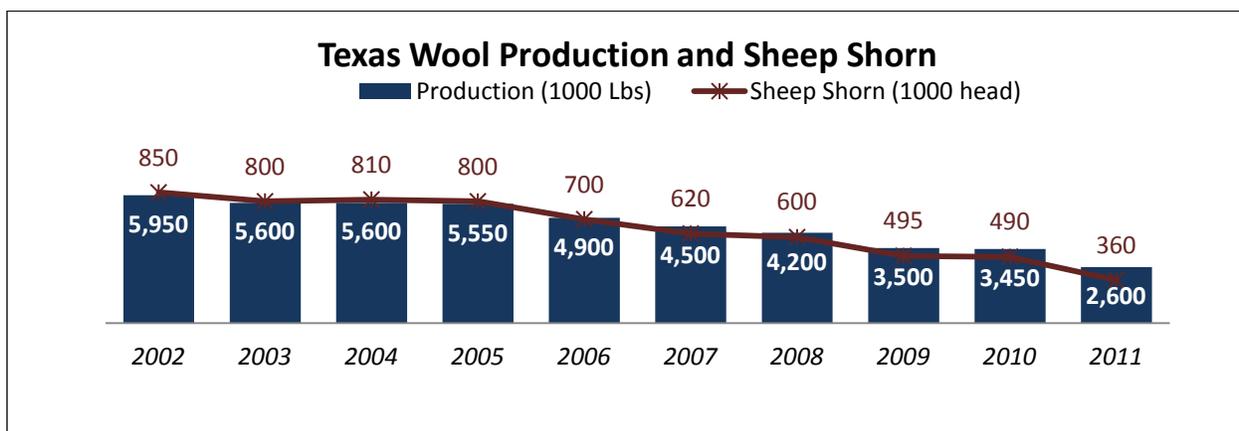
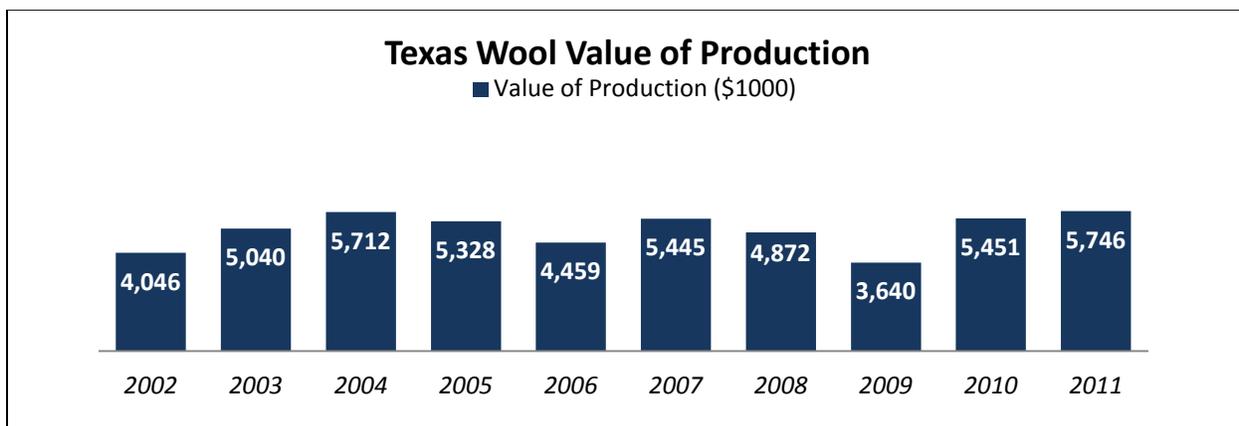
**Texas Sheep:** The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 650 thousand head on January 1, 2012, down 24 percent from last year's level of 850 thousand head. According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, the inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 520 thousand head, also down 24 percent from 2011. Breeding ewes one year old and older were down 19 percent, at 415 thousand head. Replacement lambs were down from last year at 75 thousand head. The 2011 lamb crop at 340 thousand head was down 6 percent from 2010.



Market sheep and lambs in Texas were down 24 percent from last year, totaling 130 thousand head. Sheep for market totaled 20 thousand head, up 10 thousand head from 2011, while lambs for market totaled 110 thousand head, down 31 percent from last year. Lambs for market weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 55 thousand head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 20 thousand head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 10 thousand head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 25 thousand head.

Texas Sheep Inventory	2010	2011	2012	2012/2011
	1000 head			Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	830	850	650	76
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	650	680	520	76
Ewes 1 year and older	510	515	415	81
Rams 1 year and older	35	40	30	75
Replacement lambs under 1 year old	105	125	75	60
Market Sheep and Lambs	180	170	130	76
Sheep 1 Year old and over	10	10	20	200
Lambs under 1 year old	170	160	110	69
Under 65 pounds	75	80	55	69
65 - 84 pounds	20	25	20	80
85 - 105 pounds	15	15	10	67
Over 105 pounds	60	40	25	63
Lamb Crop	360	340		

**Texas Wool Production:** Texas producers sheared 360 thousand sheep and lambs during the year, down 27 percent from the previous year. Average fleece weights were up, at 7.2 pounds. Wool production totaled 2.6 million pounds during 2011, down 25 percent from the previous year's total. Total value of the state's wool production was up 5 percent from the previous year to 5.75 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$2.21, up 40 percent from the average for 2010.



**U.S. Highlights:** Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 5.35 million head, down 2 percent from 2011. United States breeding sheep inventory on January 1, 2012 was at 3.98 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 3.16 million head, were 2 percent lower than last year. The 2011 lamb crop was 3.51 million head, down 2 percent from 2010. The 2011 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, an increase of 2 percent from 2010.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.37 million head on January 1, 2012. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds accounted for 22 percent of the total; 65 to 84 pounds, 12 percent; 85 to 105 pounds, 22 percent; and more than 105 pounds, 38 percent. Market sheep account for the remaining 6 percent.

*A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep and goat producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. About 23,000 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 77 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.*

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