

Wool Production and Value

Wisconsin's wool production in 2007 totaled 510,000 pounds, down 2 percent. Weight per fleece averaged 7.1 pounds, the same as last year's average. During 2007, 72,000 sheep were shorn. The average price for wool sold in 2007 was 40 cents per pound, up 13 cents from 2006. The value of Wisconsin wool totaled \$204,000, an increase of \$64,000 from 2006.

Nationwide, wool production totaled 34.5 million pounds in 2007, down 4 percent from 2006. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.71 million head, down 3 percent from 2006. The price paid for wool averaged 88 cents per pound, up 20 cents from 2006. The total value of production was \$30.3 million, an increase of \$5.75 million from the previous year.

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Area and Year	Number of sheep shorn	Weight per fleece	Shorn wool production	Price per pound	Value production
	1,000 hd.	Pounds	1,000 lbs.	Dollars	1,000 dol.
Wisconsin					
2005	67	7.3	490	0.30	147
2006	73	7.1	520	0.27	140
2007	72	7.1	510	0.40	204
United States					
2005	5,072	7.3	37,232	0.71	26,272
2006	4,852	7.4	36,019	0.68	24,510
2007	4,705	7.0	34,533	0.88	30,258

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO