

Wool Production and Value

Wisconsin's wool production in 2008 totaled 440,000 pounds. Weight per fleece averaged 7.1 pounds, the same as last year's average. During 2008, 62,000 sheep were shorn. The average price for wool sold in 2008 was 45 cents per pound, up 5 cents from 2007. The value of Wisconsin wool totaled \$198,000.

Nationwide, wool production totaled 33.0 million pounds in 2008, down 1.76 million pounds from 2007. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.43 million head, down 5 percent from 2007. The price paid for wool averaged 99 cents per pound, up 12 cents from 2007. The total value of production was \$32.5 million, an increase of \$2.24 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					
2006	73	7.1	520	0.27	140
2007	72	7.1	510	0.40	204
2008	62	7.1	440	0.45	198
United States					
2006	4,852	7.4	36,019	0.68	24,510
2007	4,657	7.5	34,723	0.87	30,242
2008	4,434	7.4	32,963	0.99	32,486

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO