



# July U.S. Sheep and Lamb Inventory

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## All Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 3 Percent

### United States:

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2008, totaled 7.35 million head, down 3 percent from July 1, 2007 and 5 percent below July 1, 2006. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.42 million head on July 1, 2008, was down 3 percent from July 1, 2007.

Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), on July 1, 2008, totaled 2.93 million head and were down 4 percent from last July. Market lamb inventory at 2.86 million head was comprised of 1.67 million lambs under 65 pounds, 595,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 340,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 250,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 75,000 head.

The 2008 lamb crop is expected to total 3.97 million head, down 2 percent from the 2007 lamb crop of 4.05 million head.

### Sheep and Lamb Inventory, United States, July 1, 2006-2008

Class	United States			
	2006	2007	2008	2008 as Percent of 2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>All Sheep &amp; Lambs</b>	<b>7,770</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>7,350</b>	<b>97</b>
Breeding Sheep	4,635	4,540	4,420	97
Ewes 1 Year +	3,780	3,710	3,620	98
Rams 1 Year +	185	185	180	97
Replacement Lambs	670	645	620	96
Market Sheep & Lambs	3,135	3,060	2,930	96
Market Sheep 1 Year +	80	65	75	115
Market Lambs	3,055	2,995	2,855	95
Lambs Under 65 Lbs.	1,795	1,760	1,670	95
Lambs 65-84 Lbs.	630	625	595	95
Lambs 85-105 Lbs.	370	360	340	94
Lambs over 105 Lbs.	260	250	250	100
Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup>	4,065	4,050	3,970	98

<sup>1</sup>Lamb crop: Lambs born in the Eastern States plus lambs docked or branded in the Western States.