

Wool Production and Value

Wool production in Wisconsin during 2003 totaled 480,000 pounds, unchanged from 2002. Weight per fleece averaged 7.2 pounds, also unchanged from 2002. During 2003, 67,000 sheep were shorn in Wisconsin. The average price for wool sold in 2003 was 25 cents per pound, a 10 cent per pound increase from 2002. The total value of production was \$120,000, an increase of \$48,000 from 2002.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2003 was 38.1 million pounds, down 8 percent from 2002. The average price paid for wool was 72 cents per pound for a total value of production of \$27.4 million, up 25 percent from 2002.

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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					
2001	70	7.10	500	0.10	50
2002	67	7.20	480	0.15	72
2003	67	7.20	480	0.25	120
United States					
2001	5,689	7.56	43,016	0.36	15,311
2002	5,476	7.55	41,322	0.53	21,876
2003	5,057	7.54	38,114	0.72	27,408

Source: Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service.