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Texas Sheep Inventory

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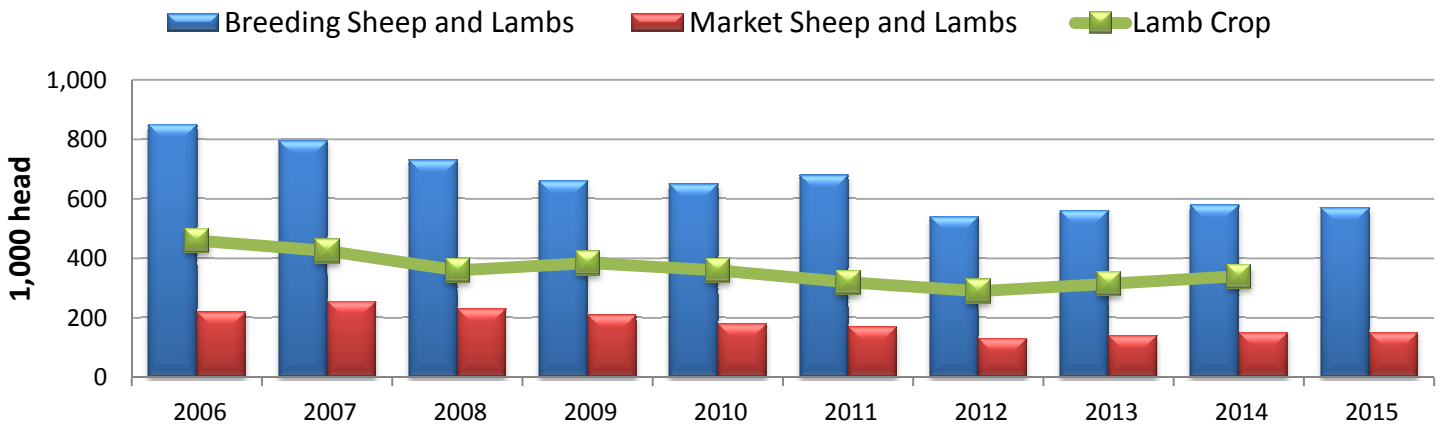
Texas Sheep and Lambs, January 1 Inventory and Annual Lamb Crop



Texas Sheep: The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 720 thousand head on January 1, 2015, down 1 percent from last year's level of 730 thousand head. The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 570 thousand head, down 2 percent from 2014. Breeding ewes one year old and older were down 1 percent, at 435 thousand head. Replacement lambs were unchanged from last year at 105 thousand head. The 2014 lamb crop at 340 thousand head was up 8 percent from 2013.

Market sheep and lambs in Texas were unchanged from last year, totaling 150 thousand head. Sheep for market totaled 15 thousand head, unchanged from 2014, while lambs for market totaled 135 thousand head, also unchanged head from last year.

Texas Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop

Item	2013	2014	2015	Percent of Previous Year
	1,000 head	*1,000 head*	*1,000 head*	*percent*
All Sheep and Lambs	700	730	720	99
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	560	580	570	98
Ewes 1 year and older	420	440	435	99
Rams 1 year and older	30	35	30	86
Replacement lambs under 1 year old	90	105	105	100
Market Sheep and Lambs	140	150	150	100
Sheep 1 year old and over	10	15	15	100
Lambs under 1 year old	130	135	135	100
Under 65 pounds	80	90	80	89
65-84 pounds	25	20	25	125
85-105 pounds	10	10	10	100
Over 105 pounds	15	15	20	133
Lamb Crop	315	340		

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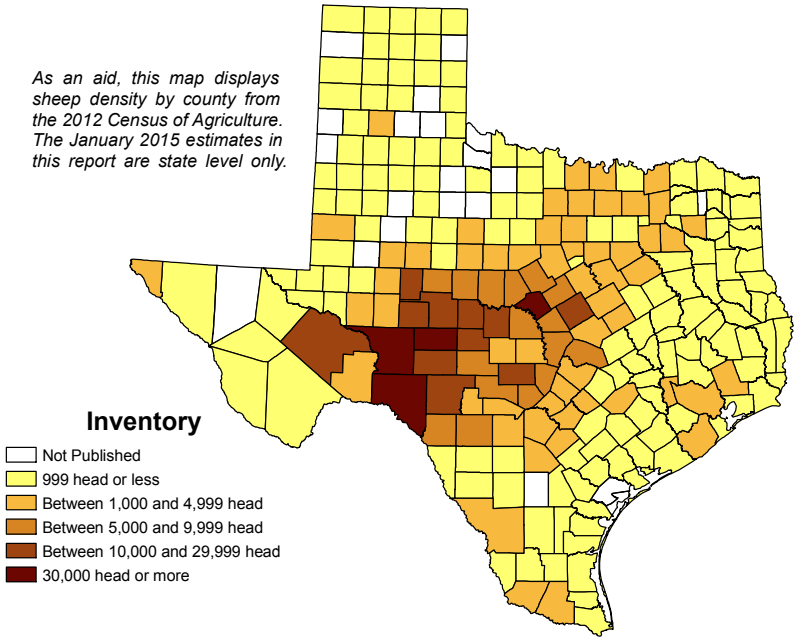
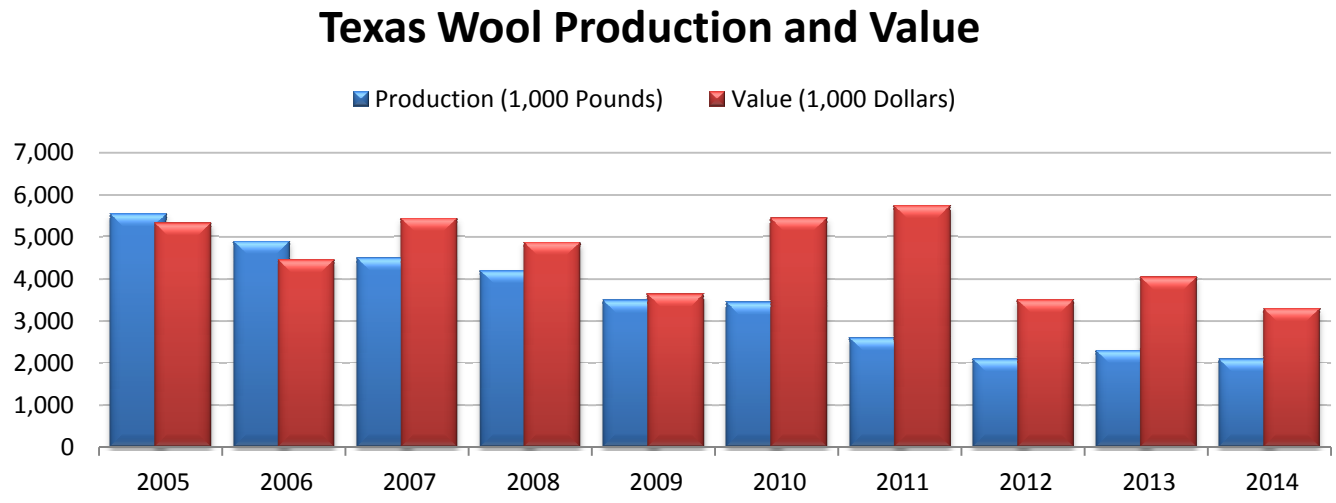
Texas Sheep and Lambs Inventory by County
2012 Census of Agriculture



Texas Wool Production: Texas producers sheared 290 thousand sheep and lambs during 2014, down 6 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 2.10 million pounds during 2014, 9 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were down from 2013, at 7.2 pounds. Total value of the state's wool production was down 19 percent from the previous year to 3.30 million dollars. The price per pound averaged $1.57 during 2014, 11 percent lower than the average for 2013.

Texas Wool Production, Price and Value

Year	Sheep Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value
	1,000 head	*pounds*	*1,000 pounds*	*dollars*	*1,000 dollars*
2012	290	7.2	2,100	1.67	3,507
2013	310	7.4	2,300	1.76	4,048
2014	290	7.2	2,100	1.57	3,297



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U.S. Highlights: Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 5.28 million head on January 1, 2015, up 1 percent from 2014. United States breeding sheep inventory was 3.94 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 3.11 million head, were 1 percent higher than last year. The 2014 lamb crop totaled 3.44 million head, up 2 percent from 2013. The 2014 lambing rate was 111 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, 4 percent higher than 2013.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.35 million head on January 1, 2015. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 327 thousand head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 163 thousand head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 267 thousand head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 503 thousand head. Market sheep account for the remaining 85 thousand head.

United States Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop

Item	2013	2014	2015	Percent of Previous Year
	1,000 head	*1,000 head*	*1,000 head*	*percent*
All Sheep and Lambs	5,335	5,245	5,280	101
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	3,975	3,900	3,935	101
Ewes 1 year and older	3,135	3,090	3,110	101
Rams 1 year and older	175	175	175	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year old	660	635	650	102
Market Sheep and Lambs	1,360	1,345	1,345	100
Sheep 1 year old and over	75	81	85	105
Lambs under 1 year old	1,285	1,264	1,260	100
Under 65 pounds	320	340	327	96
65-84 pounds	160	148	163	110
85-105 pounds	305	323	267	83
Over 105 pounds	500	453	503	111
Lamb Crop	3,370	3,440		

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 71 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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