

## Sheep, Lambs, and Wool

Arizona's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2002 was estimated at 134,000 head, up 2,000 from a year ago. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory, at 66,000 head, increased 1,000 head from January 1, 2001. Market sheep and lambs inventory, at 68,000 head, increased by 1,000 head from the previous year.

Sheep and lamb marketings were 102,000 head, 12,000 less than last year. Average prices received by sheep operators in

2001, per hundredweight, were \$37.80 for sheep, down 20 cents from 2000, and \$70.00 for lambs, down \$5.00 from 2000. Cash receipts totaled \$6.6 million, down 18 percent from a year earlier.

Average wool prices dropped 6 cents to 30 cents per pound. Wool production was valued at \$222,000, down 19 percent from the previous year.

### Sheep: Number of Operations and Inventory 1/

	----- January 1 -----						
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Arizona</b>							
Operations (Number)	350	350	300	300	300	270	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	160.0	150.0	140.0	140.0	155.0	132.0	134.0
<b>United States</b>							
Operations (Number)	76,600	72,680	68,550	66,800	66,100	65,120	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	8,464.6	8,023.7	7,825.1	7,215.0	7,032.0	6,965.0	6,685.0

1/ An operation is any place having one or more sheep on hand during the year.

2/ Not available until January 2003.

### Sheep: By Class, Farm Value, and Lamb Crop

	----- January 1 -----						
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Breeding sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)</b>							
Ewes	79.0	65.0	63.0	58.0	58.0	55.0	57.0
Rams	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Replacement lambs	9.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	6.0
Market sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	70.0	75.0	67.0	72.0	89.0	67.0	68.0
All sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	160.0	150.0	140.0	140.0	155.0	132.0	134.0
<b>Farm Value</b>							
Per head (Dollars)	96.00	100.00	110.00	89.00	96.00	98.00	96.00
Total (1,000 Dollars)	15,360	15,000	15,400	12,460	14,880	12,936	12,864
Lamb crop (1,000 Head)	55.0	48.0	47.0	45.0	40.0	40.0	1/

1/ Not available until January 2003.

### Sheep and Lambs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
	----- 1,000 Head -----						
Inventory January 1	160	150	140	140	155	132	134
Lamb crop	55	48	47	45	40	40	3/
In-shipments	76	82	76	85	69	81	3/
<b>Marketings 1/</b>							
Sheep	14	9	11	5	9	14	3/
Lambs	101	102	88	93	105	88	3/
Farm slaughter 2/	16	19	20	13	15	13	3/
<b>Deaths</b>							
Sheep	4	3	2	2	2	2	3/
Lambs	6	7	2	2	1	2	3/

1/ Includes animals for custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the State.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

3/ Not available until January 2003.