

## Sheep, Lambs, and Wool

Arizona's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2007 was estimated at 110,000 head, up 5,000 head from a year ago. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory, at 72,000 head, increased 2,000 head from January 1, 2006. Market sheep and lambs inventory, at 38,000 head, increased by 3,000 head from the previous year.

Sheep and lamb marketings in 2006 were 73,000 head, 15,000 less than 2005. Average prices received by sheep

operators in 2006 were \$38.00 per hundredweight for sheep, down \$7.00 from 2005, and \$90.00 per hundredweight for lambs, down \$15.00 from 2005. Cash receipts totaled \$5.24 million, down 36 percent from a year earlier.

Average wool prices were up 5 cents from last year to 35 cents per pound. Wool production was valued at \$210,000, up 25 percent from the previous year.

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

	----- January 1 -----						
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Arizona</b>							
Operations (Number)	250	250	270	260	250	230	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	120	115	115	114	100	105	110
<b>United States</b>							
Operations (Number)	68,600	68,150	67,720	67,580	68,330	69,090	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	6,908	6,623	6,321	6,105	6,135	6,230	6,185

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

2/ Not available until January 2008.

### Sheep: By Class, and Farm Value

	----- January 1 -----						
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Breeding sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)</b>							
Ewes	53	49	49	48	50	57	58
Rams	3	3	3	3	3	4	4
Replacement lambs	6	5	5	6	7	9	10
Market sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	58	58	58	57	40	35	38
All sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	120	115	115	114	100	105	110
<b>Farm Value</b>							
Per head (Dollars)	98	96	115	121	135	142	142
Total (1,000 Dollars)	11,760	11,040	13,225	13,794	13,500	14,910	15,620

1/ Not available until January 2008.

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

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	----- 1,000 Head -----						
Inventory January 1	120	115	115	114	100	105	110
Lamb crop	39	34	34	40	42	44	3/
In-shipments	81	68	93	64	67	51	3/
Marketings 1/							
Sheep	20	5	17	9	12	28	3/
Lambs	88	81	95	92	75	45	3/
Farm slaughter 2/	13	13	13	13	13	13	3/
<b>Deaths</b>							
Sheep	2	2	2	2	2	2	3/
Lambs	2	1	1	2	2	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 2008.