

Sheep, Lambs, and Wool

Arizona's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2009 was estimated at 150,000 head, down 5,000 head from a year ago. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory was estimated at 90,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2008. Market sheep and lamb inventory, at 60,000 head, decreased by 5,000 head from the previous year.

Sheep and lamb marketings in 2008 were 81,000 head, an increase of 17,000 from 2007. Average prices received by

sheep operators in 2008 were \$34.00 per hundredweight for sheep, down \$2.00 from 2007, and \$96.00 per hundredweight for lambs, up \$1.00 from 2007. Cash receipts totaled \$6.1 million, up 30 percent from a year earlier.

Average wool prices were down 4 cents from last year to 30 cents per pound. Wool production was valued at \$225,000, down \$30,000 from the previous year.

Sheep: Number of Operations and Inventory ^{1/}

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	----- <i>January 1</i> -----						
Arizona							
Operations (Number)	270	270	280	280	5,000	2/	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	115	119	115	125	140	155	150
United States							
Operations (Number)	67,720	67,630	68,460	69,180	83,130	2/	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	6,321	6,065	6,135	6,200	6,120	5,950	5,747

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

^{2/} Discontinued in 2008.

Sheep: By Class, and Farm Value

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	----- <i>January 1</i> -----						
Breeding sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)							
Ewes		49	60	58	64	70	75
Rams		3	3	4	5	5	6
Replacement lambs		5	6	8	11	12	9
Market sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)		58	50	45	45	53	60
All sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)		115	119	115	125	140	150
Farm Value							
Per head (Dollars)		115	126	136	141	140	153
Total (1,000 Dollars)		13,225	14,994	15,640	17,625	19,600	22,950

Sheep and Lambs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	----- <i>1,000 Head</i> -----						
Inventory January 1	115	119	115	125	140	155	150
Lamb crop	33	50	48	48	50	47	3/
In-shipments	93	64	67	51	49	49	3/
Marketings ^{2/}							
Sheep	4	12	12	24	19	20	3/
Lambs	101	89	74	41	45	61	3/
Farm slaughter ^{2/}	13	13	13	13	13	13	3/
Deaths							
Sheep	2	2	3	3	3	3	3/
Lambs	2	2	3	3	4	4	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 April 2010.

Sheep and Lambs: Production and Income

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Production (1,000 Pounds) ^{1/}	3,385	3,540	4,792	4,673	4,322	4,163	3,822
Marketings (1,000 Pounds) ^{2/}	8,415	10,224	10,108	8,653	7,024	6,525	8,100
Average price per 100 Pounds (Dollars)							
Sheep	33.00	38.00	40.00	45.00	38.00	36.00	34.00
Lambs	74.00	89.00	95.00	105.00	90.00	95.00	96.00
Value of production (1,000 Dollars)	2,402	3,010	4,331	4,550	3,418	3,358	3,314
Cash receipts (1,000 Dollars) ^{3/}	5,959	8,832	8,738	8,142	4,687	4,685	6,102
Value of home consumption (1,000 Dollars)	832	1,171	991	1,400	1,025	1,084	1,094
Gross income (1,000 Dollars)	6,791	10,003	9,729	9,542	5,712	5,769	7,196

^{1/} Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

^{2/} Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within Arizona.

^{3/} Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter.

Wool: Production and Value

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
All sheep shorn (1,000 Head)	102	90	100	110	120	120
Weight per fleece (Pounds)	6.1	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3
Shorn wool production (1,000 Pounds)	620	580	620	680	750	750
Average price per pound (Cents)	34	30	30	35	34	30
Value of production (1,000 Dollars) ^{1/}	211	174	168	238	255	225

^{1/} Production multiplied by marketing year average price.

