

SHEEP AND WOOL

WOOL: Farm production and income, Illinois, 1993-2002

Year	Number of sheep shorn 1/	Weight per fleece	Wool produced	Season average price per pound 2/	Value of production
	<u>Thousand head</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Thousand pounds</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Thousand dollars</u>
1993	99	6.9	681	24	163
1994	96	6.7	639	38	243
1995	86	6.9	590	55	325
1996	85	6.7	570	34	194
1997	82	6.7	546	43	235
1998	73	6.8	495	25	124
1999	73	6.6	480	12	58
2000	75	6.9	520	8	42
2001	70	6.6	460	9	41
2002	65	6.6	430	23	99

1/ Includes sheep shorn at commercial feeding yards. 2/ Marketing season January-December.

STOCK SHEEP: Number on farms by district and top ten counties, Illinois, January 1, 2003

District	Number	County	Number
Northwest	15,400	Henry	3,800
Northeast	5,400	Ogle	2,200
West	10,100	Warren	2,200
Central	6,200	McLean	1,900
East	2,900	Adams	1,800
West Southwest	7,200	Mc Donough	1,800
East Southeast	4,700	Stephenson	1,700
Southwest	2,800	La Salle	1,600
Southeast	1,300	Mercer	1,600
		Fulton	1,500
Illinois	56,000	Macoupin	1,500