

SHEEP and LAMBS

On January 1, 2011, New England's sheep and lamb inventory totaled 51,000 head, an increase of 3,500 head from a year earlier. Vermont's inventory increased by 3,500 head, the largest increase of the New England States. Breeding stock totaled 43,000 head on the first of the year, increasing 1,500 head from the 2010 inventory. There were 36,000 lambs born on New England farms during 2010, compared with 33,000 born during 2009. Prices received for sheep in 2010 averaged \$70

per cwt, \$20 per cwt more than a year earlier. Lamb prices increased by \$15 per cwt to \$145 per cwt. The estimated value of New England's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2011, totaled \$11.3 million, up 24 percent from the previous year. Wool production in the 6-State region totaled 270,000 pounds in 2010, up 6 percent from the previous year. The value of wool production was placed at \$162,000 in 2010, the highest value in the region since 1998.

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory by State, January 1, 2002 – 2011

Year	Connecticut	Maine	Massachusetts	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	Vermont
1,000 Head						
2002	5.5	9.0	8.7	6.5	1.3	16.0
2003	5.5	8.6	9.6	7.5	1.3	14.5
2004	5.0	8.1	8.5	7.0	1.0	13.4
2005	5.0	7.0	10.2	7.6	1.2	14.5
2006	4.8	7.9	9.3	7.2	1.3	16.5
2007	5.8	9.5	9.0	7.5	1.2	15.0
2008	5.5	10.5	11.4	7.6	1.4	13.6
2009	5.7	9.7	10.1	7.0	1.5	14.0
2010	6.6	11.0	10.5	6.5	0.9	12.0
2011	4.9	13.0	10.7	6.0	0.9	15.5

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory by Class, January 1, 2002 – 2011

Year	Total Inventory Sheep and Lambs	Total Market Sheep and Lambs	Breeding Sheep 1+ Year Old		Replacement Lambs	Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs
			Ewes	Rams		
1,000 Head						
2002	47.0	6.0	31.0	2.0	8.0	41.0
2003	47.0	7.0	29.0	3.0	8.0	40.0
2004	43.0	6.0	28.0	2.0	7.0	37.0
2005	45.5	6.5	29.0	2.5	7.5	39.0
2006	47.0	6.5	30.5	2.5	7.5	40.5
2007	48.0	7.0	31.0	2.5	7.5	41.0
2008	50.0	7.5	32.0	2.5	8.0	42.5
2009	48.0	7.0	31.0	3.0	7.0	41.0
2010	47.5	6.0	30.0	4.0	7.5	41.5
2011	51.0	8.0	32.0	3.0	8.0	43.0

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Operations and Lambs Born, 2001 – 2010

Year	Lambs Born	Lambs Per 100 Ewes 1+ Year Old on Jan 1	Operations with Sheep ¹
	1,000 Head		Number
2001	37.5	117	2,000
2002	38.0	123	2,000
2003	33.0	114	2,000
2004	35.0	125	1,900
2005	36.0	124	2,000
2006	36.0	118	2,050
2007	37.0	119	3,000
2008	36.0	113	—
2009	33.0	106	—
2010	36.0	120	—

¹ Number of operations discontinued after 2007.

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition, 2001 – 2010 ¹

Year	All Sheep and Lambs Jan 1 ²	Lambs Born	Inshipments All Sheep and Lambs	Marketings ³		Farm Slaughter ⁴	Deaths		All Sheep and Lambs Jan 1 Following Year
				Sheep	Lambs		Sheep	Lambs	
1,000 Head									
2001	49.0	37.5	1.9	9.9	25.6	0.9	2.0	3.0	47.0
2002	47.0	38.0	1.8	8.7	24.8	0.9	2.1	3.3	47.0
2003	47.0	33.0	1.7	10.0	22.9	0.9	1.7	3.2	43.0
2004	43.0	35.0	1.8	6.9	22.9	0.9	1.0	2.6	45.5
2005	45.5	36.0	2.2	5.5	24.6	1.5	1.6	3.5	47.0
2006	47.0	36.0	2.1	7.1	24.0	1.5	1.7	2.8	48.0
2007	48.0	37.0	2.4	6.4	23.1	2.0	2.1	3.8	50.0
2008	50.0	36.0	2.2	8.3	23.2	3.0	2.1	3.6	48.0
2009	48.0	33.0	2.2	7.0	21.0	3.0	1.7	3.0	47.5
2010	47.5	36.0	2.3	5.5	22.2	2.3	2.0	2.8	51.0

¹ Balance sheet estimates by state; for example: the sum of inventory January 1, 2010, lamb crop and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths and inventory January 1, 2011.

² Includes new crop lambs.

³ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within New England.

⁴ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Production and Income, 2001 – 2010

Year	Production ¹	Marketings ²	Price Per 100 Pounds		Cash Receipts ³	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
			Sheep	Lambs			
1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars		
2001	2,925	3,184	40.00	115.00	2,733	358	3,091
2002	3,159	3,086	35.00	110.00	2,578	339	2,917
2003	2,671	3,077	40.00	115.00	2,601	346	2,947
2004	3,057	2,690	45.00	125.00	2,672	376	3,048
2005	2,951	2,668	50.00	125.00	2,819	389	3,208
2006	2,656	2,493	50.00	125.00	2,450	379	2,829
2007	2,744	2,440	46.00	120.00	2,336	430	2,766
2008	2,659	2,686	48.00	125.00	2,558	528	3,086
2009	2,485	2,347	50.00	130.00	2,351	495	2,846
2010	2,698	2,256	70.00	145.00	2,755	526	3,281

¹ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

² Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within New England.

³ Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter.

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory and Value, January 1, 2002 – 2011

Year	All Sheep and Lambs	Average Value per Head	Value of Inventory
2002	47.0	200	9,400
2003	47.0	200	9,400
2004	43.0	195	8,385
2005	45.5	201	9,146
2006	47.0	203	9,541
2007	48.0	205	9,840
2008	50.0	211	10,550
2009	48.0	195	9,360
2010	47.5	191	9,073
2011	51.0	221	11,271

NEW ENGLAND WOOL: Production, Price, and Value, 2001 – 2010

Year	Sheep & Lambs Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000 Head	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
2001	40.0	7.4	295	0.40	118
2002	40.0	7.1	283	0.40	113
2003	37.0	7.0	260	0.35	91
2004	40.0	7.1	284	0.45	128
2005	41.0	7.1	293	0.45	132
2006	37.0	7.0	259	0.55	142
2007	38.0	7.0	266	0.55	146
2008	37.0	7.1	263	0.55	145
2009	37.0	6.9	255	0.55	140
2010	39.0	6.9	270	0.60	162

GOATS and KIDS

New England's goat and kid inventory on January 1, 2011, totaled 27,000 head, a decrease of 1,750 head from the previous year. Meat and other goats comprised the largest percentage of the inventory in the 6-State region on the first of the year. Meat and other goats totaled 13,000 head, down 1,100 head from 2010. Milk goats totaled 12,700 head, a decrease of 800 head from the previous year. Angora goats, at 1,300 head, were up 150 head from 2010.

Total goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2011, totaled 3.00 million head, down 1 percent from 2010.

Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.49 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. All market goats and kids totaled 514,000 head, down 1 percent from a year ago. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.47 million head on January 1, 2011, down 2 percent from 2010. Milk goat inventory increased 1 percent to 360,000 head and Angora goats were up 7 percent, totaling 172,000 head. The 2010 kid crop totaled 1.91 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2009. Mohair production during 2010 was 1.09 million pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Goats and kids clipped totaled 181,000 head, up 6 percent from 2009. Mohair price averaged \$3.49 per pound, up from \$2.65 per pound in 2009.

NEW ENGLAND GOATS and KIDS: Inventory by Type and Total Inventory, January 1, 2005 – 2011 ¹

Year	Angora Goats	Milk Goats	Meat & Other Goats	Total All Goats
	Head			
New England ²				
2005	1,300	11,300	10,000	22,600
2006	1,200	11,400	9,500	22,100
2007	1,100	9,000	12,100	22,200
2008	1,300	12,000	14,000	27,300
2009	1,250	10,500	12,100	23,850
2010	1,150	13,500	14,100	28,750
2011	1,300	12,700	13,000	27,000

¹ Data not available prior to 2005.

² Individual State values unavailable. New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

