

SHEEP and LAMBS

New England's sheep and lamb inventory totaled 45,000 head on January 1, 2012, down 6,000 head from a year earlier. Breeding inventory, at 38,000 head, decreased 5,000 head while market inventory, at 7,000 head, declined 1,000 head from the previous year. Vermont continued to lead the region with 12,500 sheep and lambs on January 1, 2012. Massachusetts has the second largest New England inventory with 11,500 head. There were 34,000 lambs born

on New England farms during 2011, compared with 36,000 born during 2010. Wool production in the 6-State region totaled 235,000 pounds in 2011, down 13 percent from the previous year. The value of wool production was placed at \$165,000 in 2011, up 2 percent from 2010 due to an increase in the average price per pound of wool. Production, Disposition, and Income estimates for sheep and lambs were discontinued after 2010.

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory by State, January 1, 2003 – 2012

Year	Connecticut	Maine	Massachusetts	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	Vermont
1,000 Head						
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
2012	5.2	9.5	11.5	5.0	1.3	12.5

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory by Class, January 1, 2003 – 2012

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						
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
2012	45.0	7.0	29.0	2.0	7.0	38.0

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Operations and Lambs Born, 2002 – 2011

Year	Lambs Born	Lambs Per 100 Ewes 1+ Year Old on Jan 1	Operations with Sheep ¹
	1,000 Head		Number
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	—
2011	34.0	106	—

¹ Number of operations discontinued after 2007.

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition, 2002 – 2011 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									
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
2011 ⁴	51.0	34.0	—	—	—	2.2	1.5	2.7	45.0

⁴ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

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 Production, Disposition, and Income estimates discontinued after 2010.

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Production and Income, 2002 – 2011

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		
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
2011 ⁴	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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.

⁴ Production, Disposition, and Income estimates discontinued after 2010.

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory and Value, January 1, 2003 – 2012

Year	All Sheep and Lambs	Average Value per Head	Value of Inventory
	1,000 Head	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
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
2012	45.0	226	10,170

NEW ENGLAND WOOL: Production, Price, and Value, 2002 – 2011

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
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
2011	34.0	6.9	235	0.70	165

GOATS and KIDS

New England's goat and kid inventory on January 1, 2012 totaled 24,600 head, down 2,400 head from the previous year. Meat and other goats comprised the largest percentage of the inventory in the 6-State region totaling 12,400 head, down 600 head from January 2011. Milk goats totaled 11,100 head, down 1,600 head while Angora goats, at 1,100 head, were down 200 head from 2011.

Total goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 2.86 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.38 million head,

down 4 percent while the market goat and kids inventory totaled 487,000 head, down 5 percent from a year earlier. On January 1, 2012, meat and all other goats totaled 2.36 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. Milk goat inventory remained unchanged at 360,000 head while Angora goats were down 15 percent to 146,000 head. The 2011 kid crop totaled 1.88 million head, down 2 percent from 2010. Mohair production during 2011 totaled 865,000 pounds, down 20 percent from 2010. Goats and kids clipped totaled 149,000 head, down 18 percent from 2010. Mohair price averaged \$4.12 per pound, up from \$3.49 per pound in 2010.

NEW ENGLAND GOATS and KIDS: Inventory by Type and Total Inventory, January 1, 2006 – 2012 ¹

Year	Angora Goats	Milk Goats	Meat & Other Goats	Total All Goats
	Head			
New England ²				
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
2012	1,100	11,100	12,400	24,600

¹ Data not available prior to 2005.

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