



Texas Sheep Inventory

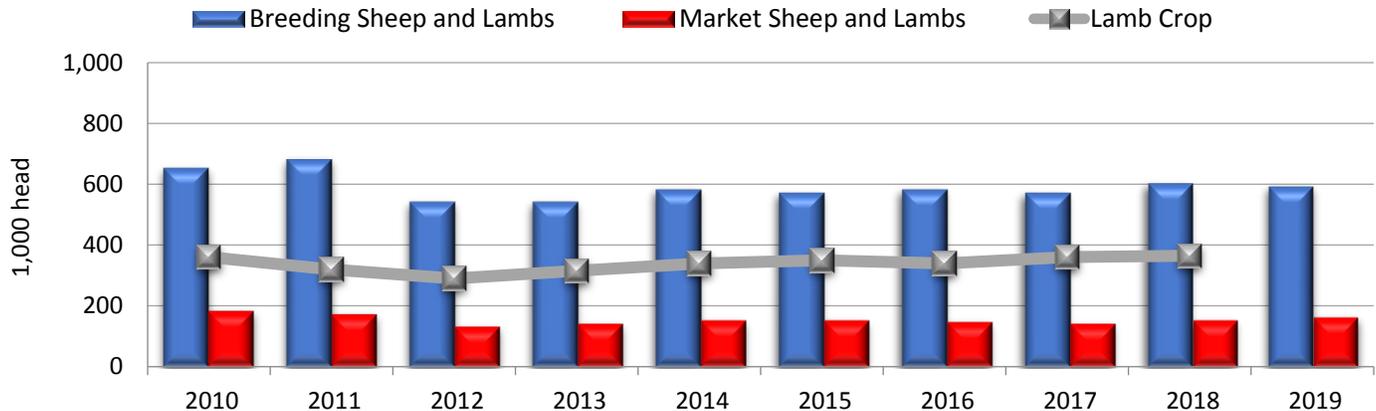
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Texas Sheep and Lambs, January 1 Inventory and Annual Lamb Crop



Texas Sheep: The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 750 thousand head on January 1, 2019, unchanged from last year's level of 750 thousand head. The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 590 thousand head, down 2 percent from 2018. Breeding ewes one year old and older were down 2 percent, at 455 thousand head. Replacement lambs were unchanged from last year at 100 thousand head. The 2018 lamb crop at 365 thousand head was up 1 percent from 2017.

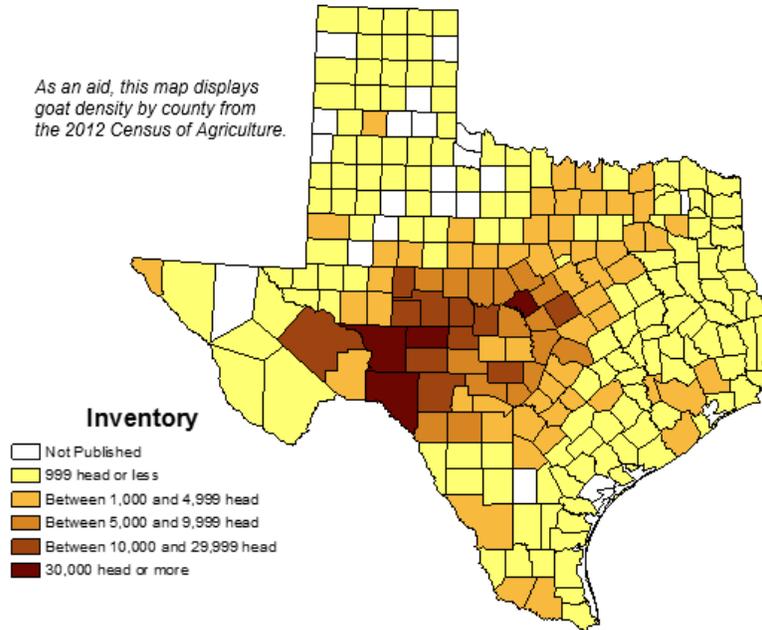
Market sheep and lambs in Texas were up 7 percent from last year, totaling 160 thousand head. Sheep for market totaled 10 thousand head, unchanged from 2018, while lambs for market totaled 150 thousand head, up 10 thousand head from last year.

Texas Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop

Item	2017	2018	2019	Percent of Previous Year
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	
All Sheep and Lambs.....	710	750	750	100
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	570	600	590	98
Ewes 1 year and older.....	440	465	455	98
Rams 1 year and older	35	35	35	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year old	95	100	100	100
Market Sheep and Lambs.....	140	150	160	107
Sheep 1 year old and over.....	10	10	10	100
Lambs under 1 year old	130	140	150	107
Under 65 pounds	80	85	95	112
65-84 pounds.....	20	25	25	100
85-105 pounds.....	10	10	10	100
Over 105 pounds.....	20	20	20	100
Lamb Crop.....	360	365		

Texas Sheep and Lambs Inventory by County 2012 Census of Agriculture

As an aid, this map displays goat density by county from the 2012 Census of Agriculture.



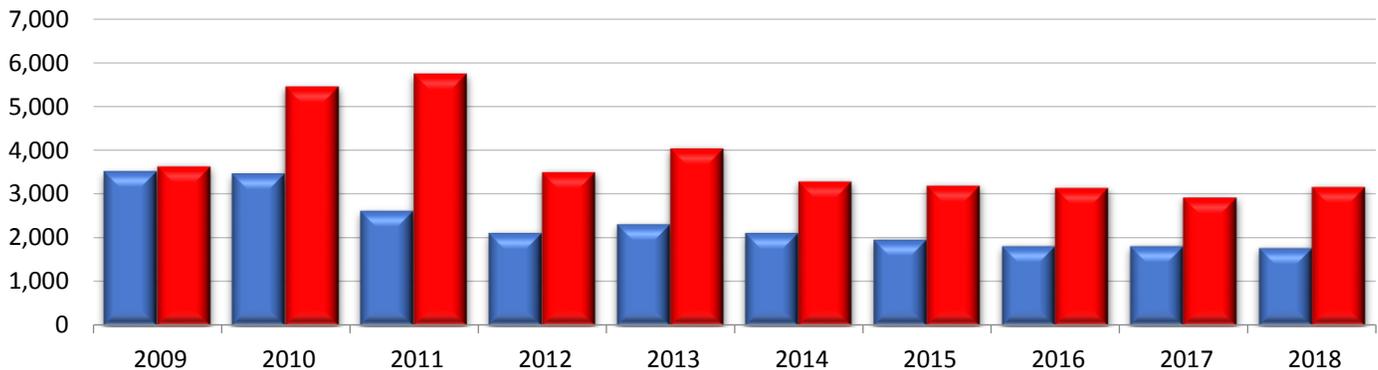
Texas Wool Production: Texas producers sheared 240 thousand sheep and lambs during 2018, unchanged from the previous year. Wool production totaled 1.76 million pounds during 2018, 2 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were down from 2017, at 7.3 pounds. Total value of the state's wool production was up 8 percent from the previous year to 3.17 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.80 during 2018, 10 percent higher than the average for 2017.

Texas Wool Production, Price and Value

Year	Sheep Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
2016	260	6.9	1,800	1.75	3,150
2017	240	7.5	1,800	1.63	2,934
2018	240	7.3	1,760	1.80	3,168

Texas Wool Production and Value

■ Production (1,000 pounds) ■ Value (1,000 dollars)



U.S. Highlights: Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 5.23 million head on January 1, 2019, down 1 percent from 2018. United States breeding sheep inventory was 3.82 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 3.00 million head, were 1 percent lower than last year. The 2018 lamb crop totaled 3.24 million head, up slightly from 2017. The 2018 lambing rate was 107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, 1 percent higher than 2017.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.41 million head on January 1, 2019. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 358 thousand head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 205 thousand head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 290 thousand head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 475 thousand head. Market sheep account for the remaining 82 thousand head.

United States Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop

Item	2017	2018	2019	Percent of Previous Year
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs.....	5,250	5,265	5,230	99
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	3,875	3,865	3,820	99
Ewes 1 year and older	3,058	3,033	3,000	99
Rams 1 year and older	170	170	170	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year old	660	662	650	98
Market Sheep and Lambs.....	1,375	1,400	1,410	101
Sheep 1 year old and over.....	75	80	82	103
Lambs under 1 year old.....	1,300	1,320	1,328	101
Under 65 pounds	350	346	358	103
65-84 pounds.....	185	206	205	100
85-105 pounds.....	300	293	290	99
Over 105 pounds	465	475	475	100
Lamb Crop	3,230	3,235		

A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep and goat producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. About 22,400 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 67 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.

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