



# Texas Sheep and Wool

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**Texas Sheep Inventory:** The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 735 thousand head on January 1, 2020, down 2 percent from last year's level of 750 thousand head. The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 585 thousand head, down 1 percent from 2019. Breeding ewes one year old and older were down 2 percent, at 445 thousand head. Replacement lambs were unchanged from last year at 100 thousand head. The 2019 lamb crop at 370 thousand head was up 1 percent from 2018.

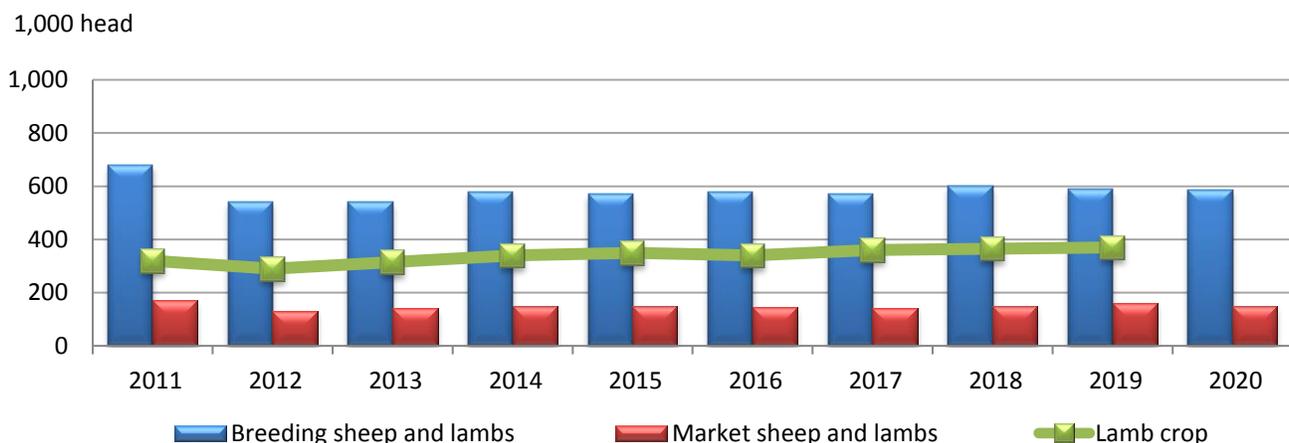
Market sheep and lambs in Texas were down 6 percent from last year, totaling 150 thousand head. Sheep for market totaled 5 thousand head, down 5 thousand head from 2019, while lambs for market totaled 145 thousand head, down 5 thousand head from last year.

Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop – Texas

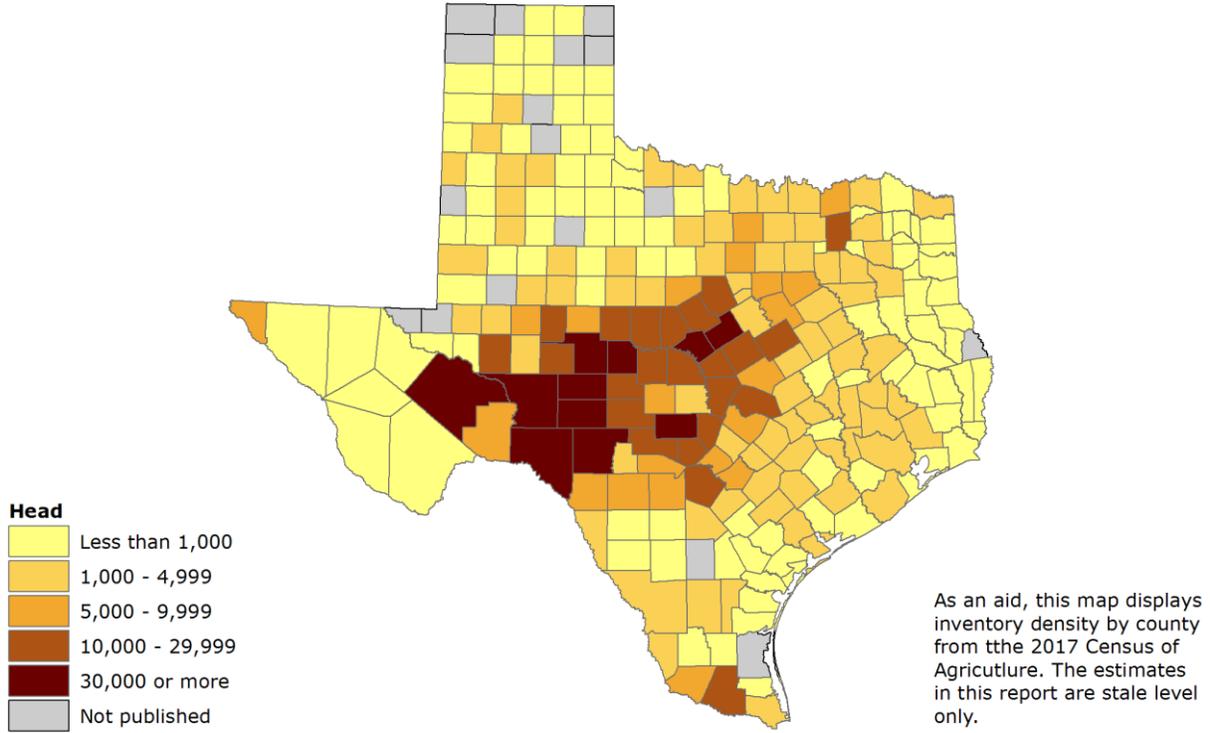
Item	2018	2019	2020	Percent of Previous Year
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs .....	750	750	735	98
Breeding sheep and lambs .....				
Ewes 1 year and older .....	465	455	445	98
Rams 1 year and older .....	35	35	40	114
Replacement lambs under 1 year .....	100	100	100	100
Market sheep and lambs .....	150	160	150	94
Market sheep 1 year and older .....	10	10	5	50
Lambs under 1 year .....	140	150	145	97
Lambs under 65 pounds .....	85	95	85	89
Lambs 65-84 pounds .....	25	25	30	120
Lambs 85-105 pounds .....	10	10	10	100
Lambs over 105 pounds .....	20	20	20	100
Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup> .....	360	365	370	101

<sup>1</sup> Lamb crop refers to lambs born during the previous year.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory and Lamb Crop – Texas



**All Sheep and Lamb Inventory - End of December 2017**  
**2017 Census of Agriculture**



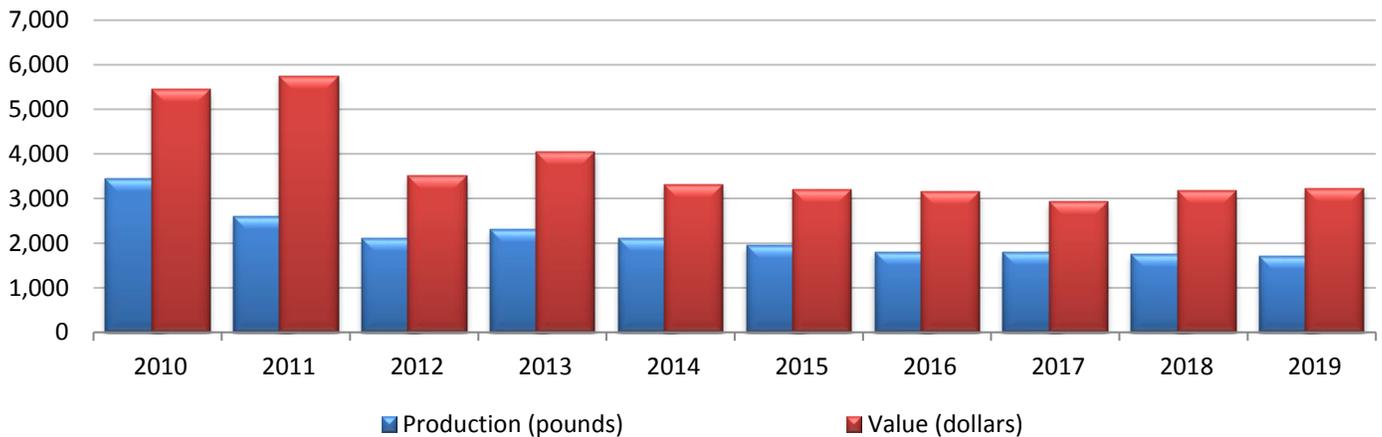
**Texas Wool Production:** Texas producers sheared 230 thousand sheep and lambs during 2019, down 4 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 1.70 million pounds during 2019, 3 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were up from 2018, at 7.4 pounds. Total value of the state's wool production was up 2 percent from the previous year to 3.23 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.90 during 2019, 6 percent higher than the average for 2018.

**Wool Production, Price and Value – Texas**

Year	Sheep Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value <sup>1</sup>
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
2017 .....	240	7.5	1,800	1.63	2,934
2018 .....	240	7.3	1,760	1.80	3,168
2019 .....	230	7.4	1,700	1.90	3,230

<sup>1</sup> Production multiplied by marketing year average price.

**Wool Production and Value – Texas**



**U.S. Highlights:** Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 5.20 million head on January 1, 2020, down 1 percent from 2019. United States breeding sheep inventory was 3.81 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 2.98 million head, were 1 percent lower than last year. The 2019 lamb crop totaled 3.23 million head, down slightly from 2018. The 2019 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, 1 percent higher than 2018.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.39 million head on January 1, 2020. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 347 thousand head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 190 thousand head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 271 thousand head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 498 thousand head. Market sheep account for the remaining 84 thousand head.

United States producers sheared 3.32 million sheep and lambs during 2019, down 2 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 24.0 million pounds during 2019, 2 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were unchanged from 2018, at 7.2 pounds. Total value of the state's wool production was up 6 percent from the previous year to 45.4 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.89 during 2019, 8 percent higher than the average for 2018.

**Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop – United States**

Item	2018	2019	2020	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.....	5,265	5,230	5,200	99
Breeding sheep and Lambs .....	3,865	3,820	3,810	100
Ewes 1 year and older .....	3,033	3,000	2,980	99
Rams 1 year and older.....	170	170	170	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year .....	662	650	660	102
Market sheep and lambs.....	1,400	1,410	1,390	99
Sheep 1 year old and over .....	80	82	84	102
Lambs under 1 year .....	1,320	1,328	1,306	98
Lambs under 65 pounds .....	346	358	347	97
Lambs 65-84 pounds .....	206	205	190	93
Lambs 85-105 pounds .....	293	290	271	93
Lambs over 105 pounds.....	475	475	498	105
Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup> .....	3,230	3,235	3,230	100

<sup>1</sup> Lamb crop refers to lambs born during the previous year.

**Wool Production, Price and Value – United States**

Year	Sheep Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value <sup>1</sup>
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
2017 .....	3,435	7.2	24,810	1.48	36,774
2018 .....	3,372	7.2	24,400	1.75	42,772
2019 .....	3,320	7.2	24,010	1.89	45,364

<sup>1</sup> Production multiplied by marketing year average price.

*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 21,600 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 66 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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