



# Texas Sheep and Wool

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**Texas Sheep Inventory:** The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 730 thousand head on January 1, 2021, down 1 percent from last year's level of 735 thousand head. The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 570 thousand head, down 3 percent from 2020. Breeding ewes one year old and older were unchanged, at 445 thousand head. Replacement lambs were down from last year at 90 thousand head. The 2020 lamb crop at 365 thousand head was down 1 percent from 2019.

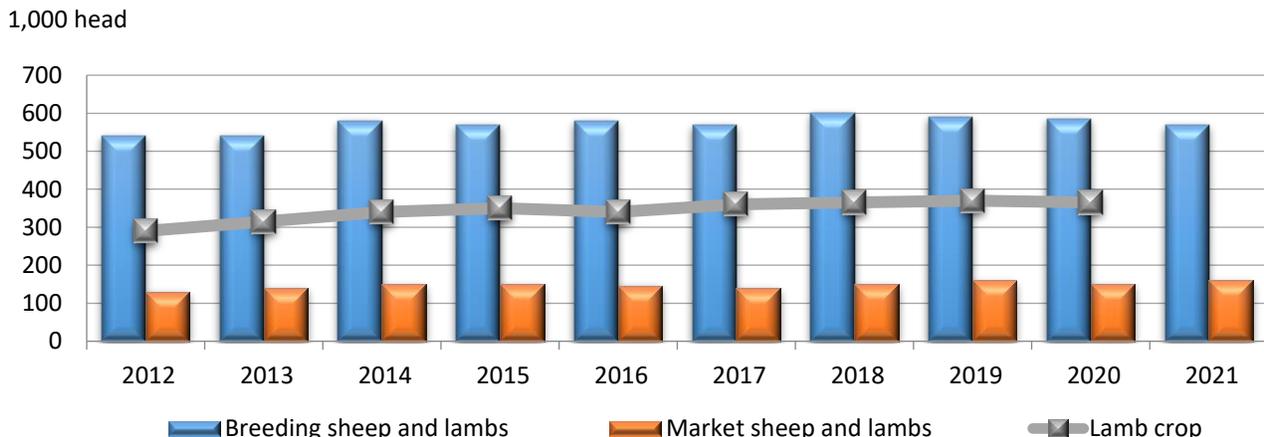
Market sheep and lambs in Texas were up 7 percent from last year, totaling 160 thousand head. Sheep for market totaled 8 thousand head, up 3 thousand head from 2020, while lambs for market totaled 152 thousand head, up 7 thousand head from last year.

Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop – Texas

Item	2019	2020	2021	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	735	730	99
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	590	585	570	97
Ewes 1 year and older .....	455	445	445	100
Rams 1 year and older .....	35	40	35	88
Replacement lambs under 1 year .....	100	100	90	90
Market sheep and lambs .....	160	150	160	107
Market sheep 1 year and older .....	10	5	8	160
Lambs under 1 year .....	150	145	152	105
Lambs under 65 pounds .....	95	85	89	105
Lambs 65-84 pounds .....	25	30	30	100
Lambs 85-105 pounds .....	10	10	13	130
Lambs over 105 pounds .....	20	20	20	100
Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup> .....	365	370	365	99

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

Sheep and Lambs Inventory and Lamb Crop – Texas



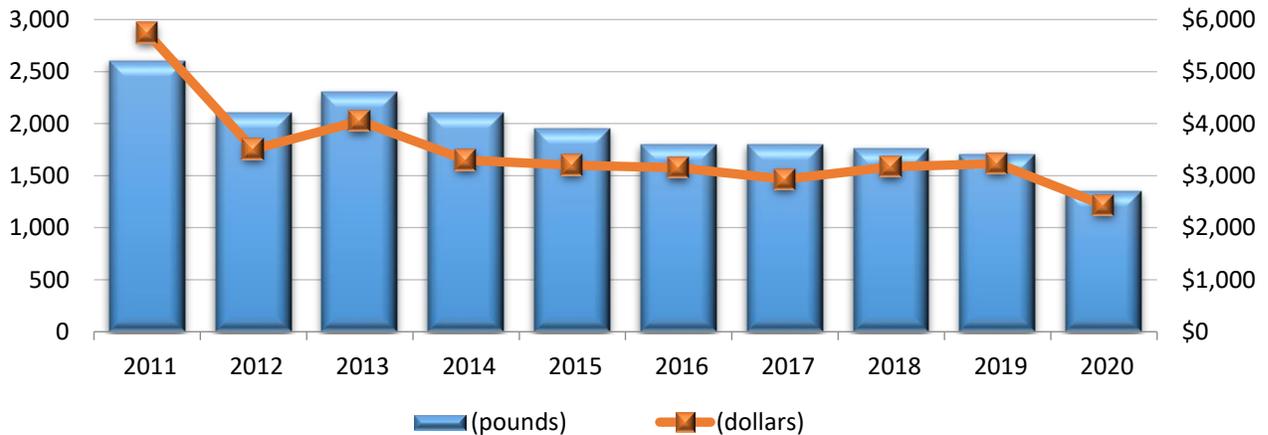
**Texas Wool Production:** Texas producers sheared 180 thousand sheep and lambs during 2020, down 22 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 1.35 million pounds during 2020, 21 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were up from 2019, at 7.5 pounds. Total value of the state's wool production was down 25 percent from the previous year to 2.43 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.80 during 2020, 5 percent lower than the average for 2019.

**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>
2012 .....	290	7.2	2,100	1.67	3,507
2013 .....	310	7.4	2,300	1.76	4,048
2014 .....	290	7.2	2,100	1.57	3,297
2015 .....	270	7.2	1,950	1.64	3,198
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
2019 .....	230	7.4	1,700	1.90	3,230
2020 .....	180	7.5	1,350	1.80	2,430

<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 5.17 million head on January 1, 2021, down 1 percent from 2020. United States breeding sheep inventory was 3.78 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 2.96 million head, were 1 percent lower than last year. The 2020 lamb crop totaled 3.21 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. The 2020 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, unchanged from 2019.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.39 million head on January 1, 2021. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 338 thousand head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 195 thousand head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 291 thousand head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 485 thousand head. Market sheep account for the remaining 81 thousand head.

United States producers sheared 3.28 million sheep and lambs during 2020, down 1 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 23.1 million pounds during 2020, 4 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were down from 2019, at 7.1 pounds. Total value of the national wool production was down 15 percent from the previous year to 38.4 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.66 during 2020, 12 percent lower than the average for 2019.

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

Item	2019	2020	2021	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.....	5,230	5,200	5,170	99
Breeding sheep and Lambs .....	3,820	3,810	3,780	99
Ewes 1 year and older .....	3,000	2,980	2,960	99
Rams 1 year and older.....	170	170	170	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year .....	650	660	650	98
Market sheep and lambs.....	1,410	1,390	1,390	100
Sheep 1 year old and over .....	82	84	81	96
Lambs under 1 year .....	1,328	1,306	1,309	100
Lambs under 65 pounds .....	358	347	338	97
Lambs 65-84 pounds .....	205	190	195	103
Lambs 85-105 pounds .....	290	271	291	107
Lambs over 105 pounds.....	475	498	485	97
Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup> .....	3,235	3,230	3,210	99

<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>
2018 .....	3,372	7.2	24,400	1.75	42,772
2019 .....	3,320	7.2	24,010	1.89	45,364
2020 .....	3,275	7.1	23,124	1.66	38,405

<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 21,400 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone, and personal web interviews and 62 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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