



# Wisconsin Ag News – Sheep and Lambs

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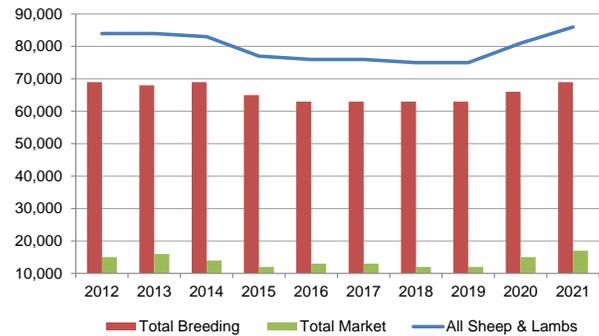
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All sheep and lambs inventory in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2021, totaled 86,000 head according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. Total **breeding stock**, at 69,000 head, was up 5% from a year ago. Total **market sheep and lambs** increased 13% from a year ago and totaled 17,000 head. The **lamb crop** for 2020 was 60,000 head. **Wool** production for the State was 345,000 pounds.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory - Wisconsin: January 1



## Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Wisconsin and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Wisconsin			United States		
	2020	2021	2021 as % of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as % of 2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs .....	81.0	86.0	106	5,200.0	5,170.0	99
Total breeding sheep .....	66.0	69.0	105	3,810.0	3,780.0	99
Ewes .....	50.0	52.0	104	2,980.0	2,960.0	99
Rams .....	3.0	3.0	100	170.0	170.0	100
Replacement lambs .....	13.0	14.0	108	660.0	650.0	98
Total market .....	15.0	17.0	113	1,390.0	1,390.0	100

## Lamb Crop – Wisconsin and United States: 2019 and 2020

	Wisconsin			United States		
	2019	2020	2020 as % of 2019	2019	2020	2020 as % of 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Lamb crop .....	62.0	60.0	97	3,230.0	3,210.0	99

## Wool Production, Price and Value – Wisconsin and United States: 2019 and 2020

Class	Wisconsin			United States			
	2019	2020	2020 as % of 2019	2019	2020	2020 as % of 2019	
Sheep shorn .....	(1,000 head)	49.0	50.0	102	3,320.0	3,275.0	99
Weight per fleece .....	(pounds)	6.9	6.9	100	7.2	7.1	99
Production .....	(1,000 pounds)	340	345	101	24,010	23,124	96
Price per pound .....	(dollars)	0.55	0.50	91	1.89	1.66	88
Value <sup>1</sup> .....	(1,000 dollars)	187	173	93	45,364	38,405	85

<sup>1</sup> Production multiplied by marketing year average price. United States value is the summation of State values.

## United States Sheep and Lambs

**All sheep and lambs inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2021, totaled 5.17 million head, down 1% from 2020. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.78 million head on January 1, 2021, decreased 1% from 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.96 million head, were 1% below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2021, totaled 1.39 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2020. Market lambs comprised 94% of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6% of total market inventory.

**The 2020 lamb crop** of 3.21 million head was down 1% from 2019. The 2020 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2020, unchanged from 2019.

**Shorn wool production** in the United States during 2020 was 23.1 million pounds, down 4% from 2019. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.28 million head, down 1% from 2019. The average price paid for wool sold in 2020 was \$1.66 per pound for a total value of 38.4 million dollars, down 15% from 45.4 million dollars in 2019.

**Sheep death loss** during 2020 totaled 210 thousand head, down 4% from 2019. Lamb death loss was down 5% from 388 thousand head to 370 thousand head in 2020.

**All Sheep and Lambs Inventory – United States:  
January 1**

