



## Texas Sheep and Wool

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**Texas Sheep Inventory:** The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 670 thousand head on January 1, 2025, up 5 percent from last year's level of 640 thousand head. The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 520 thousand head, up 4 percent from 2024. Breeding ewes one year old and older were up 4 percent, at 405 thousand head. Replacement lambs were up from last year at 87 thousand head. The 2024 lamb crop at 340 thousand head was up 1 percent from 2023.

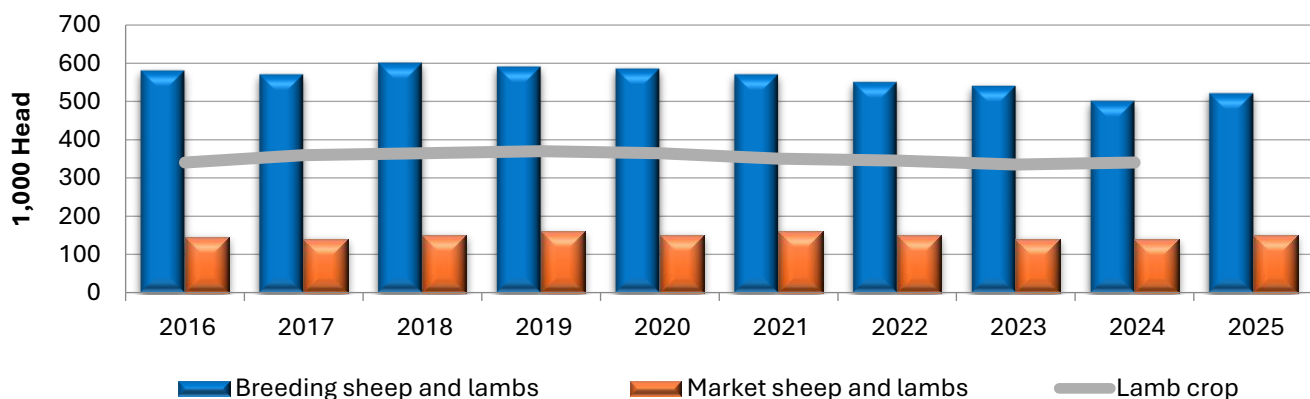
Market sheep and lambs in Texas were up 7 percent from last year, totaling 150 thousand head. Sheep for market totaled 4 thousand head, down 1 thousand head from 2024, while lambs for market totaled 146 thousand head, up 11 thousand head from last year.

**Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop – Texas**

Item	2023	2024	2025	Percent of Previous Year
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	
All Sheep and Lambs .....	680	640	670	105
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	540	500	520	104
Ewes 1 year and older .....	425	390	405	104
Rams 1 year and older .....	32	30	28	93
Replacement lambs under 1 year .....	83	80	87	109
Market sheep and lambs .....	140	140	150	107
Market sheep 1 year and older .....	6	5	4	80
Lambs under 1 year .....	134	135	146	108
Lambs under 65 pounds .....	84	94	101	107
Lambs 65-84 pounds .....	25	22	26	118
Lambs 85-105 pounds .....	10	7	8	114
Lambs over 105 pounds .....	15	12	11	92
Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup> .....	345	335	340	101

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

**Sheep and Lambs Inventory and Lamb Crop – Texas**



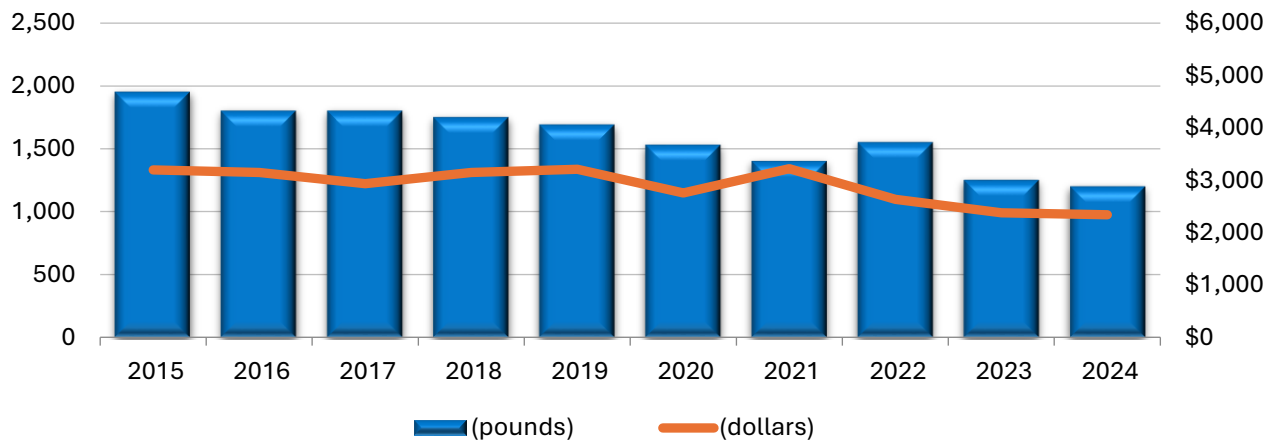
**Texas Wool Production:** Texas producers sheared 190 thousand sheep and lambs during 2024, down 7 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 1.20 million pounds during 2024, 4 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were up from 2023, at 6.3 pounds. Total value of the state's wool production was down 1 percent from the previous year to 2.34 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.95 during 2024, 3 percent higher than the average for 2023.

**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>
2016 .....	260	6.9	1,800	1.75	3,150
2017 .....	240	7.5	1,800	1.63	2,934
2018 .....	240	7.3	1,750	1.80	3,150
2019 .....	230	7.3	1,690	1.90	3,211
2020 .....	205	7.5	1,530	1.80	2,754
2021 .....	190	7.4	1,400	2.30	3,220
2022 .....	240	6.5	1,550	1.70	2,635
2023 .....	205	6.1	1,250	1.90	2,375
2024 .....	190	6.3	1,200	1.95	2,340

<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 5.05 million head on January 1, 2025, up slightly from 2024. United States breeding sheep inventory was 3.68 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 2.88 million head, were slightly higher than last year. The 2024 lamb crop totaled 3.04 million head, up slightly from 2023. The 2024 lambing rate was 106 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, up 3 percent from 2023.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.37 million head on January 1, 2025. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 355 thousand head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 195 thousand head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 273 thousand head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 465 thousand head. Market sheep account for the remaining 82 thousand head.

United States producers sheared 3.17 million sheep and lambs during 2024, down 2 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 22.5 million pounds during 2024, 1 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were unchanged from 2023, at 7.1 pounds. Total value of the nation's wool production was down 9 percent from the previous year to 32.1 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.43 during 2024, 8 percent lower than the average for 2023.

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

Item	2023	2024	2025	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.....	5,130	5,030	5,050	100
Breeding sheep and Lambs.....	3,740	3,670	3,680	100
Ewes 1 year and older.....	2,930	2,870	2,880	100
Rams 1 year and older.....	167	165	165	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year.....	644	635	635	100
Market sheep and lambs.....	1,390	1,360	1,370	101
Sheep 1 year old and over.....	87	81	82	101
Lambs under 1 year.....	1,303	1,279	1,288	101
Lambs under 65 pounds.....	343	350	355	101
Lambs 65-84 pounds.....	188	195	195	100
Lambs 85-105 pounds.....	283	269	273	101
Lambs over 105 pounds.....	490	465	465	100
Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup> .....	3,099	3,030	3,040	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>
2022.....	3,303	7.0	23,269	1.53	35,527
2023.....	3,222	7.1	22,740	1.56	35,387
2024.....	3,170	7.1	22,480	1.43	32,097

<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 25,000 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 55 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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