

All Sheep, January 1, 2024 Top Ten States (head)

1	Texas	655,000
2	California	500,000
3	Colorado	400,000
4	Wyoming	320,000
5	Utah	270,000
6	Idaho	235,000
7	South Dakota	210,000
8	Montana	180,000
9	Iowa	155,000
10	Oregon	155,000
These top ten states represent 61.2 % of all Sheep in the United States.		

All Sheep, January 1, 2024 Top Ten Counties (head)

1	Converse	51,000
2	Uinta	32,500
3	Washakie	30,000
4	Johnson	26,500
5	Lincoln	23,500
6	Campbell	21,000
7	Park	18,000
8	Natrona	17,400
9	Crook	16,700
10	Freemont	16,300
These top ten counties represent 78.7 % of all sheep in the state of Wyoming.		

Sheep and Lambs January 1, 2024

The January 1, 2024, inventory of all sheep and lambs in Wyoming totaled 320,000 head, down 4.5 percent from January 1, 2023, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs, at 245,000 head, was down 4 percent from last year, while the market sheep and lambs inventory, at 75,000 head, was down 6 percent from last year. Of the total breeding sheep, the number of ewes one year old and older decreased 2 percent to 200,000 head, rams one year old and older decreased 1,000 head to 6,000 head, and replacement lambs increased 9 percent to 39,000 head. Of the total market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 73,000 head were market lambs. The 2023 lamb crop totaled 220,000 head, down 4 percent from 2022.

Wool production in Wyoming during 2023 totaled 2.30 million pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 255,000 head, was down 4 percent from the 265,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2023 totaled \$5.06 million, a decrease of 15 percent from a year earlier, as producers received \$2.20 per pound of wool sold, compared with \$2.50 the previous year.

Wyoming All Sheep & Lambs Inventory



2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024

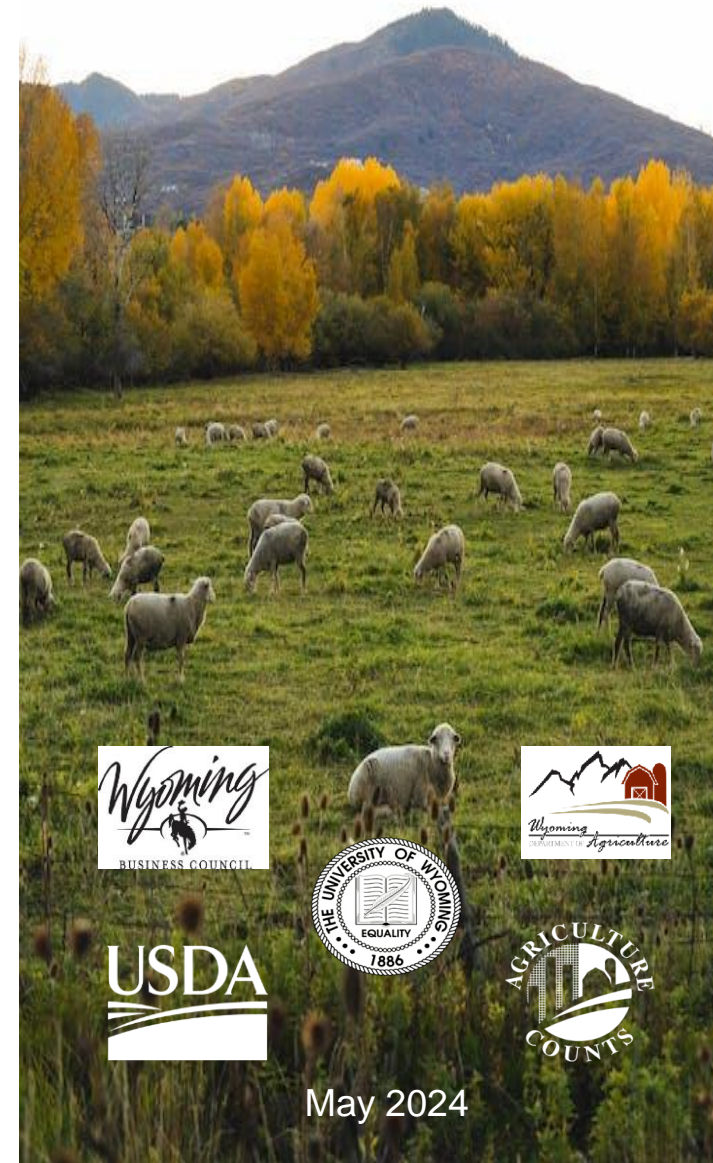
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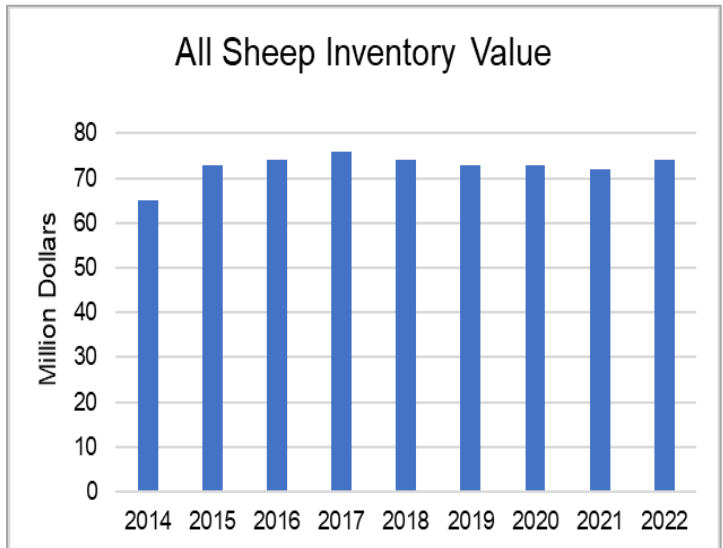
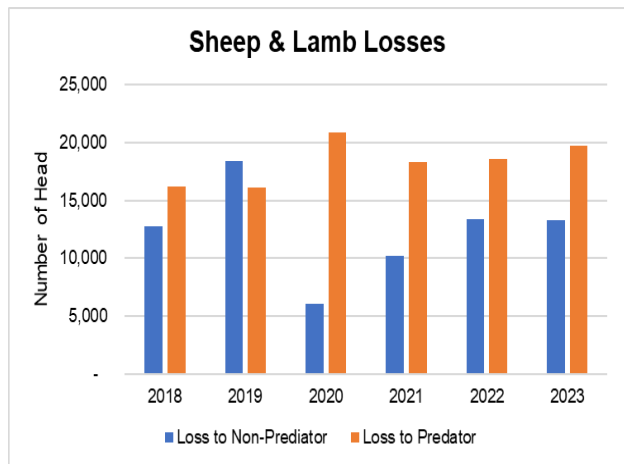
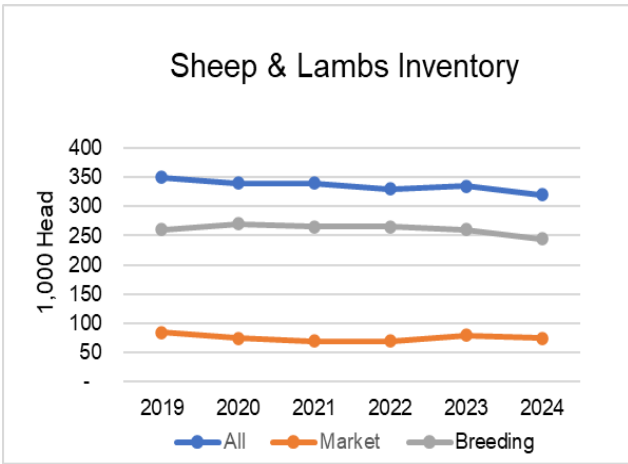
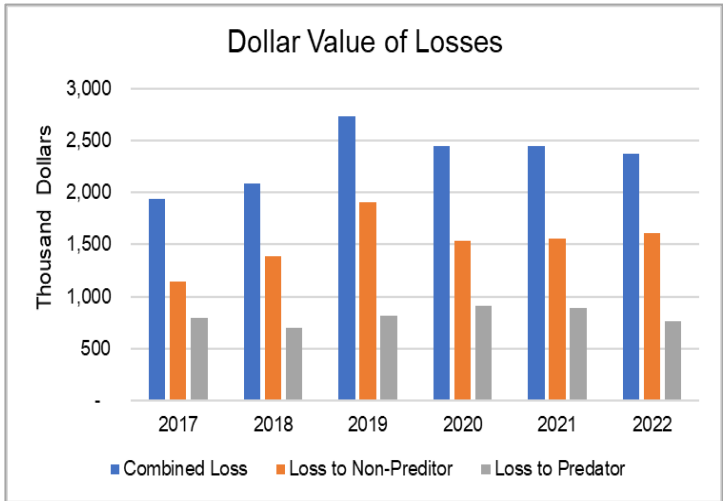
Wyoming Sheep Facts



May 2024

Sheep & Lamb Record					
Commodity	Unit	Record High	Year	Record Low	Year
All Sheep & Lambs	(1,000 head)	3,972	1932	320	2024
Breeding Sheep	(1,000 head)	3,792	1932	245	2024
Market Sheep	(1,000 head)	252	1995	70	2022
Lamb Crop	(1,000 head)	2,419	1931	205	2024
Wool Production (Annual)	(\$1,000)	23,653	1951	2,015	2001
Wool Price (Average)	(dollars per pound)	2.70	2019	.08	1932

Year record began, Sheep Inventory 1920, Lamb Crop 1924, and Market Sheep 1994.
Year record began, Wool Production and Wool Price, 1909.
In the case of a tie, the most recent year was used.



Wool: Production & Value – Wyoming: 2019–2023						
Commodity	Units	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Sheep & Lambs Shorn ¹	(head)	250,000	250,000	245,000	265,000	250,000
Weight per Fleece	(pounds)	8.8	9.1	8.7	8.9	8.9
Shorn Wool Production	(1,000 pounds)	2,200	2,270	2,120	2,370	2,300
Average Price per Pound	(dollars)	2.70	2.35	2.60	2.50	2.50
Value	(\$1,000)	5,940	5,335	5,512	5,925	5,060

¹ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.

Sheep by Class & Value of Inventory										
Item	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
		(1,000 head)								
All Sheep & Lambs	355	345	355	360	345	350	340	340	330	335
Market Sheep & Lambs, Total	90	85	90	85	85	85	75	70	70	80
Market Sheep	1	4	5	2	4	2	2	3	2	3
Market Lambs	89	81	85	83	81	83	73	67	68	77
Breeding Sheep & Lambs, Total	265	260	265	275	260	265	265	270	260	255
Ewes One Year & Over	220	210	215	225	210	215	215	220	215	205
Rams One Year & Over	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
All Replacement Lambs	38	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	38	43
All Sheep Value of Inventory	(dollars)									
Value per Head	182	211	207	210	214	209	215	212	225	238
Total Value of Inventory (\$1,000)	64,610	72,795	73,485	75,600	73,830	73,150	73,100	72,080	74,250	79,730