



## Texas Sheep and Wool

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**Texas Sheep Inventory:** The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 700 thousand head on January 1, 2022, down 4 percent from last year's level of 730 thousand head. The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 550 thousand head, down 4 percent from 2021. Breeding ewes one year old and older were down 3 percent, at 430 thousand head. Replacement lambs were down from last year at 88 thousand head. The 2021 lamb crop at 350 thousand head was down 4 percent from 2020.

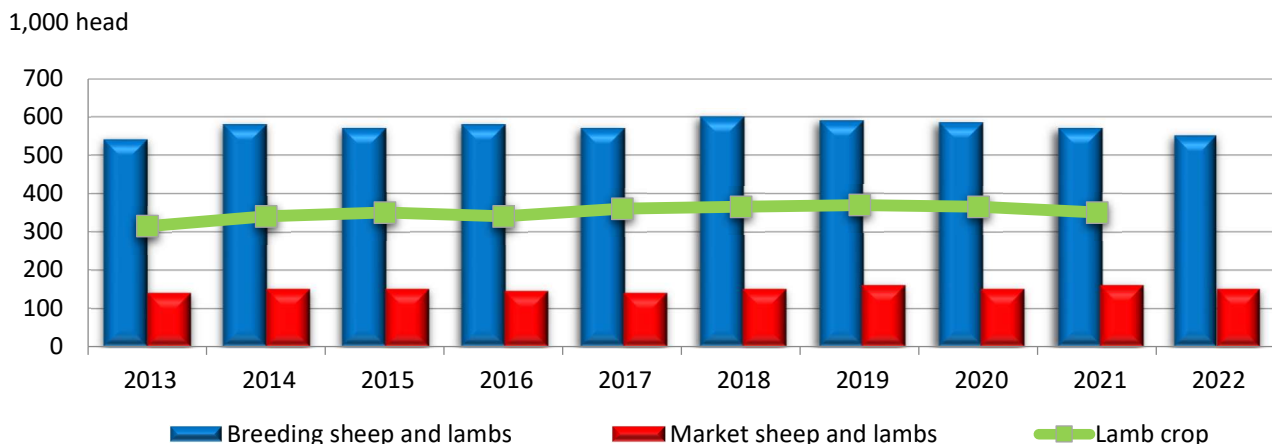
Market sheep and lambs in Texas were down 6 percent from last year, totaling 150 thousand head. Sheep for market totaled 6 thousand head, down 2 thousand head from 2021, while lambs for market totaled 144 thousand head, down 8 thousand head from last year.

Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop – Texas

Item	2020	2021	2022	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 .....	735	730	700	96
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	585	570	550	96
Ewes 1 year and older .....	445	445	430	97
Rams 1 year and older .....	40	35	32	91
Replacement lambs under 1 year .....	100	90	88	98
Market sheep and lambs .....	150	160	150	94
Market sheep 1 year and older .....	5	8	6	75
Lambs under 1 year .....	145	152	144	95
Lambs under 65 pounds .....	85	89	95	107
Lambs 65-84 pounds .....	30	30	26	87
Lambs 85-105 pounds .....	10	13	7	54
Lambs over 105 pounds .....	20	20	16	80
Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup> .....	370	365	350	96

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

Sheep and Lambs Inventory and Lamb Crop – Texas



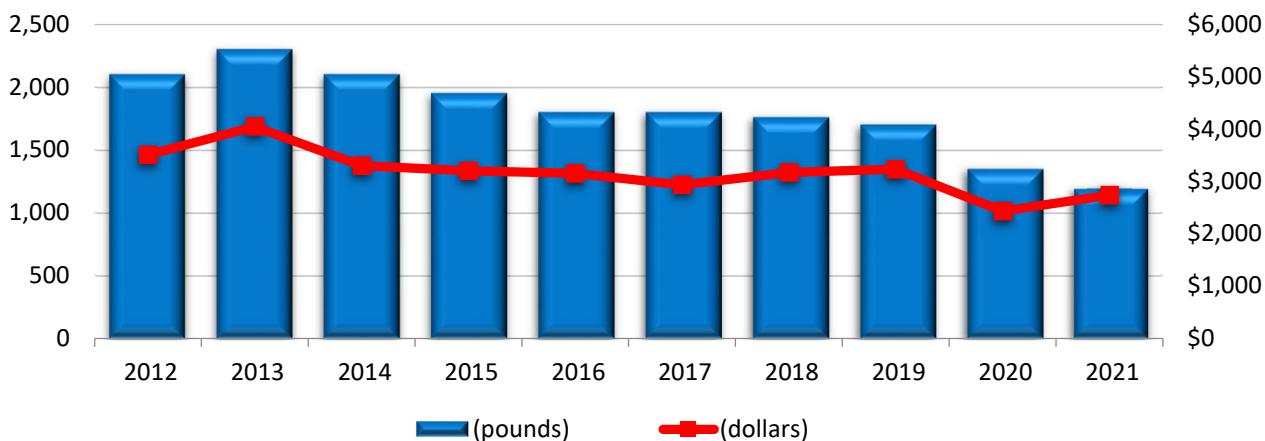
**Texas Wool Production:** Texas producers sheared 160 thousand sheep and lambs during 2021, down 11 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 1.19 million pounds during 2021, 12 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were down from 2020, at 7.4 pounds. Total value of the state's wool production was up 13 percent from the previous year to 2.74 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$2.30 during 2021, 28 percent higher than the average for 2020.

**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>
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
2021 .....	160	7.4	1,190	2.30	2,737

<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 5.07 million head on January 1, 2022, down 2 percent from 2021. United States breeding sheep inventory was 3.71 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 2.91 million head, were 2 percent lower than last year. The 2021 lamb crop totaled 3.16 million head, down 2 percent from 2020. The 2021 lambing rate was 107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, 1 percent lower than 2020.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.36 million head on January 1, 2022. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 345 thousand head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 187 thousand head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 266 thousand head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 479 thousand head. Market sheep account for the remaining 78 thousand head.

United States producers sheared 3.20 million sheep and lambs during 2021, down 2 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 22.5 million pounds during 2021, 3 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were down from 2020, at 7.0 pounds. Total value of the nation's wool production was down 1 percent from the previous year to 38.2 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.70 during 2021, 2 percent higher than the average for 2020.

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

Item	2020	2021	2022	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.....	5,200	5,170	5,065	98
Breeding sheep and Lambs .....	3,810	3,780	3,710	98
Ewes 1 year and older .....	2,980	2,960	2,910	98
Rams 1 year and older.....	170	170	160	94
Replacement lambs under 1 year .....	660	650	640	98
Market sheep and lambs.....	1,390	1,390	1,355	97
Sheep 1 year old and over.....	84	81	78	96
Lambs under 1 year .....	1,306	1,309	1,277	98
Lambs under 65 pounds .....	347	338	345	102
Lambs 65-84 pounds .....	190	195	187	96
Lambs 85-105 pounds .....	271	291	266	91
Lambs over 105 pounds.....	498	485	479	99
Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup> .....	3,230	3,210	3,160	98

<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>
2019 .....	3,320	7.2	24,010	1.89	45,364
2020 .....	3,275	7.1	23,124	1.66	38,387
2021 .....	3,195	7.0	22,451	1.70	38,177

<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 21,800 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 61 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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