



## Texas Sheep and Wool

Southern Plains Regional Field Office · Post Office Box 70, Austin, Texas 78767 · 800-626-3142 · [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)

Cooperating with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and Texas Department of Agriculture

January 31, 2023

Contact: Kinsey Kappler or Meghan Healey

**Texas Sheep Inventory:** The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 675 thousand head on January 1, 2023, down 4 percent from last year's level of 700 thousand head. The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 540 thousand head, down 2 percent from 2022. Breeding ewes one year old and older were down 1 percent, at 425 thousand head. Replacement lambs were down from last year at 83 thousand head. The 2022 lamb crop at 345 thousand head was down 1 percent from 2021.

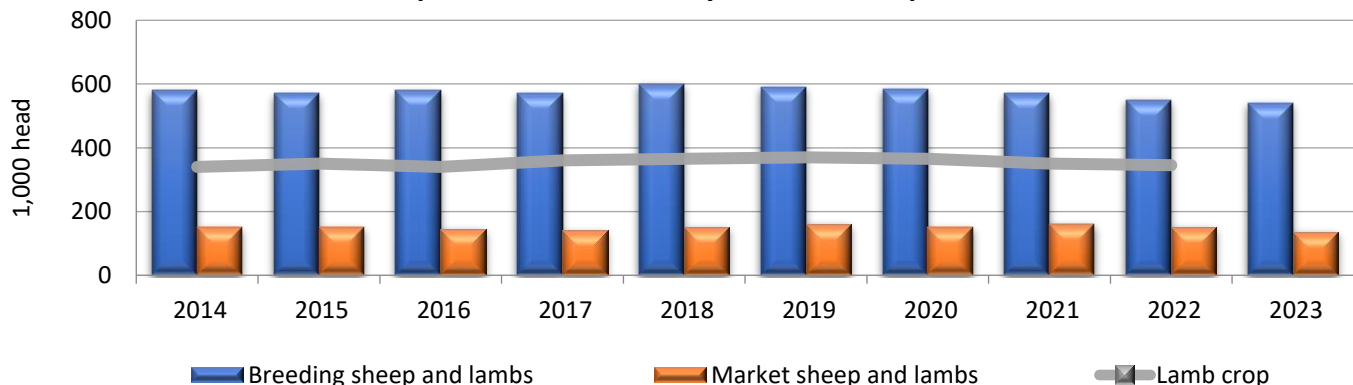
Market sheep and lambs in Texas were down 10 percent from last year, totaling 135 thousand head. Sheep for market totaled 6 thousand head, unchanged from 2022, while lambs for market totaled 129 thousand head, down 15 thousand head from last year.

**Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop – Texas**

Item	2021	2022	2023	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 .....	730	700	675	96
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	570	550	540	98
Ewes 1 year and older .....	445	430	425	99
Rams 1 year and older .....	35	32	32	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year .....	90	88	83	94
Market sheep and lambs .....	160	150	135	90
Market sheep 1 year and older .....	8	6	6	100
Lambs under 1 year .....	152	144	129	90
Lambs under 65 pounds .....	89	95	83	87
Lambs 65-84 pounds .....	30	26	25	96
Lambs 85-105 pounds .....	13	7	10	143
Lambs over 105 pounds .....	20	16	11	69
Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup> .....	365	350	345	99

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

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



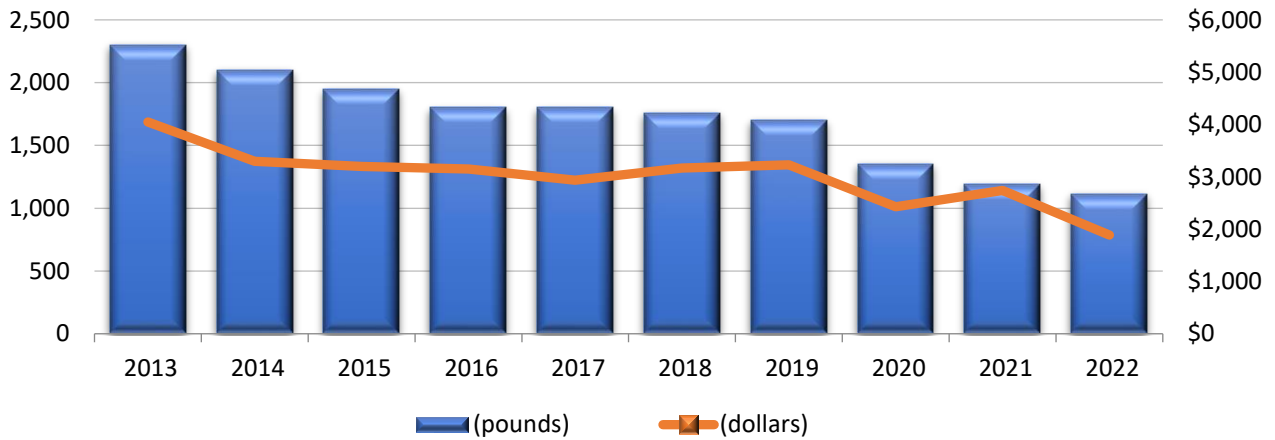
**Texas Wool Production:** Texas producers sheared 170 thousand sheep and lambs during 2022, up 6 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 1.11 million pounds during 2022, 7 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were down from 2021, at 6.5 pounds. Total value of the state's wool production was down 31 percent from the previous year to 1.89 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.70 during 2022, 26 percent lower than the average for 2021.

**Wool Production, Price, and Value – Texas**

Year	Sheep Shorn <i>1,000 head</i>	Weight per Fleece <i>pounds</i>	Shorn Wool Production <i>1,000 pounds</i>	Price per Pound <i>dollars</i>	Value <sup>1</sup> <i>1,000 dollars</i>
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
2022 .....	170	6.5	1,110	1.70	1,887

<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 5.02 million head on January 1, 2023, down 1 percent from 2022. United States breeding sheep inventory was 3.67 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 2.87 million head, were 1 percent lower than last year. The 2022 lamb crop totaled 3.11 million head, down 2 percent from 2021. The 2022 lambing rate was 107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2022, unchanged from 2021.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.36 million head on January 1, 2023. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 335 thousand head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 183 thousand head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 279 thousand head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 483 thousand head. Market sheep account for the remaining 75 thousand head.

United States producers sheared 3.17 million sheep and lambs during 2022, down 1 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 22.2 million pounds during 2022, 1 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were unchanged from 2021, at 7.0 pounds. Total value of the nation's wool production was down 11 percent from the previous year to 33.9 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.53 during 2022, 10 percent lower than the average for 2021.

### Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop – United States

Item	2021	2022	2023	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.....	5,170	5,065	5,020	99
Breeding sheep and Lambs.....	3,780	3,710	3,665	99
Ewes 1 year and older.....	2,960	2,910	2,870	99
Rams 1 year and older.....	170	160	160	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year.....	650	640	635	99
Market sheep and lambs.....	1,390	1,355	1,355	100
Sheep 1 year old and over.....	81	78	75	96
Lambs under 1 year.....	1,309	1,277	1,280	100
Lambs under 65 pounds.....	338	345	335	97
Lambs 65-84 pounds.....	195	187	183	98
Lambs 85-105 pounds.....	291	266	279	105
Lambs over 105 pounds.....	485	479	483	101
Lamb Crop <sup>1</sup> .....	3,210	3,160	3,110	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>
2020.....	3,275	7.1	23,124	1.66	38,387
2021.....	3,195	7.0	22,451	1.70	38,177
2022.....	3,170	7.0	22,224	1.53	33,907

<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 23,000 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.

NASS provides accurate, timely, useful and objective statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. In order to view the full national report, please visit the following website: [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/).