



Minnesota Ag News – Sheep and Lambs

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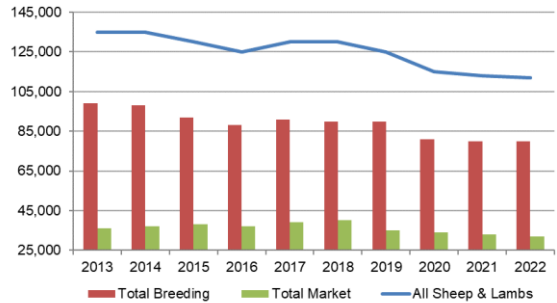
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All sheep and lambs inventory in Minnesota as of January 1, 2022, totaled 112,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2021, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Sheep and Goats* report. Total **breeding stock**, at 80,000 head, was unchanged from one year ago. **Market sheep and lambs** decreased 3 percent from a year ago and totaled 32,000 head. The 2021 **lamb crop** was estimated at 85,000 head, down 6 percent from the 2020 lamb crop. **Wool** production for 2021 was 605,000 pounds, up 1 percent from 2020, with fleece weights averaging 6.4 pounds.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory - Minnesota: January 1



Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class - Minnesota and United States: January 1, 2021 and 2022

Class	Minnesota			United States		
	2021	2022	2022 as % of 2021	2021	2022	2022 as % of 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	113.0	112.0	99	5,170.0	5,065.0	98
Total breeding sheep	80.0	80.0	100	3,780.0	3,710.0	98
Ewes	64.0	63.0	98	2,960.0	2,910.0	98
Rams	4.0	4.0	100	170.0	160.0	94
Replacement lambs	12.0	13.0	108	650.0	640.0	98
Total market	33.0	32.0	97	1,390.0	1,355.0	97

Lamb Crop - Minnesota and United States: 2020 and 2021

	Minnesota			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)
Lamb crop	90.0	85.0	94	3,210.0	3,160.0	98

Wool Production, Price and Value - Minnesota and United States: 2020 and 2021

Class	Minnesota			United States		
	2020	2021	2021 as % of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as % of 2020
Sheep shorn	99.0	95.0	96	3,275.0	3,195.0	98
Weight per fleece	6.1	6.4	105	7.1	7.0	99
Production	600	605	101	23,124	22,451	97
Price per pound	0.40	0.45	113	1.66	1.70	102
Value ¹	240	272	113	38,387	38,177	99

¹ 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, 2022 totaled 5.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2021. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.71 million head on January 1, 2022, decreased 2 percent from 3.78 million head on January 1, 2021. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.91 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2022 totaled 1.36 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2021. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2021 lamb crop of 3.16 million head was down 2 percent from 2020. The 2021 lambing rate was 107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2021, down 1 percent from 2020.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2021 was 22.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.20 million head, down 2 percent from 2020. The average price paid for wool sold in 2021 was \$1.70 per pound for a total value of 38.2 million dollars, down 1 percent from 38.4 million dollars in 2020.

Sheep death loss during 2021 totaled 200,000 head, down 5 percent from 2020. Lamb death loss decreased 1 percent from 370,000 head to 365,000 head in 2021.

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory – United States: January 1

Thousand head

