

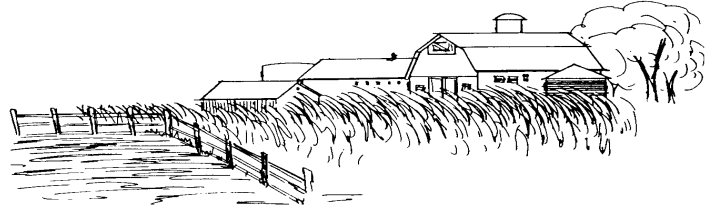


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Wool Production

Utah: wool production totaled 2.3 million pounds during 2004, up slightly from 2003, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. Total sheep shorn during 2004, at 245,000 head, was 2 percent above the 2003 level. The 2004 average fleece weight was 9.2 pounds. The 2004 average price of wool in Utah was \$0.83 per pound, 3 cents above the 2003 price. Total value of all wool produced during 2004 was \$1.9 million dollars, an increase of \$84,000 from 2003.

United States: shorn wool production in the United States during 2004 was 37.6 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2003. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2003. The average price paid for wool sold in 2004 was \$0.80 per pound for a total value of \$29.9 million dollars, up 6 percent from \$28.1 million dollars in 2003.