



# Sheep, Lambs, & Goats

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## Sheep and Lamb Inventory

**KANSAS:** All sheep and lamb inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2006 totaled 95,000 head, down 10 percent from last year. Breeding ewes at least a year old decreased 4,000 head, while total market animals decreased by 6,000.

Breeding sheep inventory, at 60,000 head, was 8 percent below the January 1, 2005 inventory. The inventory of ewes one year and older, at 50,000 head, was down 7 percent from last year. The inventory of rams one year old and older, at 2,500 head, was down 500 head from the previous year. Replacement lambs totaled 7,500 head, down 500 head from last year.

The 2005 lamb crop was 61,000 head, down 14 percent from 2004. The 2005 lambing rate was 113 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2006, compared with a lambing rate of 134 in 2004.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2006 totaled 35,000 head. Of these, 12,500 were under 65 pounds, 3,500 weighed 65-84 pounds, 6,000 weighed 85-105 pounds, 7,000 weighed over 105 pounds, and 6,000 were market sheep.

**UNITED STATES:** All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 6.23 million head, up 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004. The inventory began increasing in 2005 and has shown two consecutive year to year increases for the first time since 1987 and 1988.

Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.66 million head, were 2 percent above last year.

The 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004. The 2005 lambing rate was 115 per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from 2004.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2006, totaled 1.59 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent 85 - 105 pounds, 35 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings.

*U.S. Sheep inventory values will be published in the Agricultural Prices report on February 28, 2006.*

### Sheep and Lambs on Farms, by Classes, January 1

Class	Kansas				United States			
	2004	2005	2006	'06 % of '05	2004	2005	2006	'06 % of '05
	--- 1,000 Head ---			Percent	--- 1,000 Head ---			Percent
<b>All Sheep &amp; Lambs</b>	100.0	106.0	95.0	90	6,105.0	6,135.0	6,230.0	102
Market	36.0	41.0	35.0	85	1,606.0	1,602.0	1,591.0	99
Breeding Sheep & Lambs								
Replacement Lambs under 1 Year	8.5	8.0	7.5	94	701.5	771.0	786.0	102
Ewes 1 Yr. & Older	53.0	54.0	50.0	93	3,609.5	3,573.0	3,657.0	102
Rams 1 Yr. & Older	2.5	3.0	2.5	83	188.0	190.0	196.0	103

### Kansas and United States, Lamb Crop

Year	Kansas			United States		
	Breeding Ewes 1 Yr.+ Jan. 1	Lambs Saved per 100 Ewes 1 Yr.+ Jan. 1	Lamb Crop	Breeding Ewes 1 Yr.+ Jan. 1	Lambs Saved per 100 Ewes 1 Yr.+ Jan. 1	Lamb Crop
	--- 1,000 ---	Number	--- 1,000 ---	Number	--- 1,000 ---	Number
2002	53.0	117	62.0	3,980.0	109	4,357.0
2003	47.0	140	66.0	3,773.0	110	4,140.0
2004	53.0	134	71.0	3,609.5	113	4,096.0
2005	54.0	113	61.0	3,572.5	115	4,125.0
<b>2006</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>3,657.0</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>

### Market Sheep & Lambs: Number by Weight Group, January 1

Item	Kansas			United States		
	2005	2006	% of 2005	2005	2006	% of 2005
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Market Lambs						
Under 65 Lbs. ....	13.5	12.5	93	413.2	416.3	101
65-84 Lbs. ....	3.0	3.5	117	214.7	210.4	98
85-105 Lbs. ....	13.5	6.0	44	381.9	362.4	95
105 Lbs. + ....	5.0	7.0	140	518.1	525.9	102
<b>Total</b> ....	<b>35.0</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1,527.9</b>	<b>1,515.0</b>	<b>99</b>
Market Sheep	6.0	6.0	100	74.1	76.0	103
<b>Total Market Sheep &amp; Lambs</b> .....	<b>41.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1,602.0</b>	<b>1,591.0</b>	<b>99</b>

## Wool Production

**Kansas shorn wool** production during 2005 was 430,000 pounds, down 11 percent from a year earlier. **Sheep shorn**, at 63,000 head, showed a 5 percent decrease from 2004. Average **fleece weight** from shorn wool was 6.8 pounds per head, down 0.5 from 2004. The average **price paid** for wool sold in 2005 was 40 cents per pound, down 17 cents from 2004. Total value of shorn wool was \$172,000, down 38 percent from 2004.

**U.S. shorn wool** production during 2005 was 37.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. **Sheep and lambs** shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2004. The average price paid for wool sold in 2005 was 71 cents per pound for a total value of \$26.3 million, down 12 percent from \$29.9 million in 2004.

## Wool Production and Value

Year	Sheep Shorn <sup>1/</sup>	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value
	1,000 Head	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dol.
<b>Kansas</b>					
2004	66.0	7.3	485	0.57	276
2005	63.0	6.8	430	0.40	172
<b>United States</b>					
2004	5,073.0	7.4	37,622	0.80	29,921
2005	5,072.0	7.3	37,232	0.71	26,272

<sup>1/</sup> Includes shearing at commercial feedyards.

## Goat and Kid Inventory

**KANSAS:** As of January 1, 2006, the total number of milk goats and kids was 3,410, while all meat goats and kids totaled 23,000 head, up 5 percent from last year. Total milk production of milk goats totaled 4.4 million pounds.

**UNITED STATES:** All goat inventory on January 1, 2006, totaled 2.8 million head. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.26 million head, milk goats totaled 288,000 head, and

angora goats totaled 278,000 head. The 2005 kid crop was 1.76 million head for all goats.

Mohair production during 2005 was 1.82 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 273,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.7 pounds. Mohair price was \$2.78 per pound with a value of 5.1 million dollars.