

SHEEP and LAMBS



The New England sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2008, totaled 48,000 head, an increase of 4,000 head from a year earlier. Breeding stock totaled 40,500 head at the first of the year, an 11 percent increase from 2007. There were 36,000 lambs born on New England farms during 2007, compared to 32,000 born during 2006. Wool production in the six-state region totaled 266,000 pounds in 2007, up three percent from 2006.

Average prices received for sheep averaged \$46 per cwt, a reduction of \$4 per cwt from a year earlier. Producers received \$120 per cwt for lamb marketings in 2007, \$5 per cwt less than in 2006. Inventory expansion and increased value per head placed the total value of New England's sheep and lamb inventory at \$10.1 million, 13 percent above the previous year. The number of New England farms with one or more sheep on hand at any time during the year totaled 2,200 in 2007, an increase of 150 operations from the previous year.

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory by State 1999 – 2008

Year	Connecticut	Maine	Massachusetts	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	Vermont
1,000 head						
1999	4.5	11.0	8.5	7.0	1.0	17.0
2000	5.0	10.5	8.2	7.3	1.0	17.0
2001	5.0	9.8	8.7	7.2	1.3	17.0
2002	5.5	9.0	8.7	6.5	1.3	16.0
2003	5.5	8.6	9.6	7.5	1.3	14.5
2004	5.0	8.1	8.5	7.0	1.0	13.4
2005	5.0	7.0	10.2	7.6	1.2	14.5
2006	4.8	7.9	9.3	7.2	1.3	16.5
2007	5.1	8.0	9.0	7.1	1.0	13.8
2008	4.8	8.0	11.5	8.5	1.2	14.0

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory by Class, January 1, 1999 – 2008

Year	Total Inventory Sheep and Lambs	Total Market Sheep and Lambs	Breeding Sheep 1+ Year Old		Replacement Lambs ¹	Total Breeding Sheep and Lambs
			Ewes	Rams		
1,000 Head						
1999	49.0	6.0	33.0	3.0	7.0	43.0
2000	49.0	6.0	32.0	3.0	8.0	43.0
2001	49.0	6.0	32.0	3.0	8.0	43.0
2002	47.0	6.0	31.0	2.0	8.0	41.0
2003	47.0	7.0	29.0	3.0	8.0	40.0
2004	43.0	6.0	28.0	2.0	7.0	37.0
2005	45.5	6.5	29.0	2.5	7.5	39.0
2006	47.0	6.5	30.5	2.5	7.5	40.5
2007	44.0	7.5	26.5	2.5	7.5	36.5
2008	48.0	7.5	30.0	2.5	8.0	40.5

¹ Includes lambs born after September 30 the previous year that are still on hand January 1.

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Operations and Lambs Born, 1999 – 2007

Year	Lambs Born	Lambs Per 100 Ewes 1+ Year Old on Jan 1	Operations with Sheep
1,000 Head			Number
1999	38.0	115	2,100
2000	39.0	122	2,100
2001	37.5	117	2,000
2002	38.0	123	2,000
2003	34.0	117	2,000
2004	35.0	125	1,900
2005	36.0	124	2,000
2006	32.0	105	2,050
2007	36.0	136	2,200

**NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Lamb Crop, Inventory, Disposition,
and Lambing Rate, 1999 – 2007 ¹**

Year	All Sheep and Lambs Jan 1 ²	Lambs Born	Inshipments All Sheep and Lambs	Marketings ³		Farm Slaughter ⁴	Deaths		All Sheep and Lambs Jan 1 Following Year
				Sheep	Lambs		Sheep	Lambs	
				1,000 Head					
1999	49.0	38.0	2.4	8.1	26.5	0.9	1.8	3.1	49.0
2000	49.0	39.0	2.1	7.8	26.7	0.9	2.3	3.4	49.0
2001	49.0	37.5	1.9	9.9	25.6	0.9	2.0	3.0	47.0
2002	47.0	38.0	1.8	8.7	24.8	0.9	2.1	3.3	47.0
2003	47.0	34.0	1.7	10.0	23.9	0.9	1.7	3.2	43.0
2004	43.0	35.0	1.8	6.9	22.9	0.9	1.0	2.6	45.5
2005	45.5	36.0	2.2	5.7	25.0	0.9	1.6	3.5	47.0
2006	47.0	32.0	2.1	11.2	20.5	0.9	1.7	2.8	44.0
2007	44.0	36.0	2.4	4.5	21.9	2.0	2.2	3.8	48.0

¹ Balance sheet estimates by state; for example: the sum of inventory January 1, 2007, lamb crop and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths and inventory January 1, 2008.

² Includes new crop lambs.

³ Includes customer slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within New England.

⁴ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.



NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Production and Income, 1999 – 2007

Year	Production ¹	Marketings ²	Price Per 100 Pounds		Cash Receipts ³	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
			Sheep	Lambs			
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars		
1999	3,045	3,035	40.00	110.00	2,630	345	2,975
2000	3,227	3,135	40.00	110.00	2,766	354	3,120
2001	2,925	3,184	40.00	115.00	2,733	358	3,091
2002	3,159	3,086	35.00	110.00	2,578	339	2,917
2003	2,761	3,167	40.00	115.00	2,705	346	3,051
2004	3,057	2,690	45.00	125.00	2,672	376	3,048
2005	2,966	2,729	50.00	125.00	2,876	342	3,218
2006	2,316	2,743	50.00	125.00	2,378	329	2,707
2007	2,685	2,107	46.00	120.00	2,112	442	2,554

¹ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

² Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within New England.

³ Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter.

**NEW ENGLAND SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory and Value,
January 1, 1999 – 2008**

Year	All Sheep and Lambs	Average Value per Head	Value of Inventory
	1,000 Head	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1999	49.0	160	7,840
2000	49.0	170	8,330
2001	49.0	180	8,820
2002	47.0	200	9,400
2003	47.0	200	9,400
2004	43.0	195	8,385
2005	45.5	200	9,100
2006	47.0	203	9,541
2007	44.0	202	8,888
2008	48.0	210	10,080

NEW ENGLAND WOOL: Production and Value, 1999 – 2007

Year	Sheep & Lambs Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000 Head	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1999	43.0	7.3	315	0.33	104
2000	44.0	7.2	318	0.36	114
2001	40.0	7.4	295	0.40	118
2002	40.0	7.1	283	0.40	113
2003	37.0	7.0	260	0.35	91
2004	40.0	7.1	284	0.45	128
2005	41.0	7.1	293	0.45	132
2006	37.0	7.0	259	0.55	142
2007	38.0	7.0	266	0.55	146

