

SHEEP and LAMBS

The sheep and lambs inventory as of January 1, 2006, on New England farms totaled 47,000 head, an increase of 1,500 head from previous year. Breeding stock totaled 40,500 head at the first of the year, a four percent increase from the 2005 inventory number count. Nationally, sheep numbers increased two percent from the previous year. This is the first time that the US had two consecutive year to year increases since 1987 and 1988. Prices received in 2004 for sheep and lambs increased five and 10 cents per cwt,

respectively from 2003 prices. Sheep and lambs 2005 total value of inventory was placed at \$9.1 million, an increase of eight percent from 2004. New England's wool production improved to 293,000 pounds for 2005, an increase of three percent from 2004. Producers received an average of 45 cents per pound for wool, unchanged from 2004 sales. New England sheep operations, with one or more sheep on hand at any time during the year was placed at 1,900 in 2005, decreased 100 head from previous year.

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Operations and Lambs Born, 1996 – 2005**

State and Year	January 1					Previous Year		
	All Sheep and Lambs ^{1/}	Market Sheep and Lambs	Breeding Sheep and Lambs			Lambs Born	Lambs Per 100 Ewes on Jan 1	Operations with Sheep During Previous Year
			Breeding Sheep 1 Year Old and Older		Replacement Lambs ^{1/}			
			Ewes	Rams				
1,000 Head					Number			
Connecticut								
1997	5.0	0.6	3.5	0.3	0.6	4.2	131	250
1998	5.0	0.7	3.4	0.3	0.6	4.3	123	240
1999	4.5	0.7	2.7	0.3	0.8	4.5	132	240
2000	5.0	0.6	3.2	0.4	0.8	4.0	148	240
2001	5.0	0.6	3.2	0.4	0.8	5.0	156	250
2002	5.0	0.4	3.6	0.3	1.2	5.0	156	250
2003	5.5	0.7	3.3	0.4	1.1	4.5	125	250
2004	5.0	0.8	3.1	0.2	0.9	4.0	121	250
2005	5.0	0.9	3.0	0.2	0.9	3.7	119	250
2006	4.8	0.6	3.0	0.3	0.9	2.7	90	250
Maine								
1997	10.0	1.2	6.7	0.7	1.4	8.5	129	500
1998	11.0	1.5	7.0	0.8	1.7	8.5	127	500
1999	11.0	1.4	7.5	0.7	1.4	8.0	114	450
2000	10.5	1.2	7.0	0.7	1.6	8.0	107	450
2001	9.8	1.1	6.7	0.6	1.4	7.0	100	440
2002	9.0	0.9	6.7	0.4	1.0	7.0	104	410
2003	8.6	0.9	5.4	0.7	1.6	7.0	104	410
2004	8.1	1.0	5.3	0.5	1.3	6.2	115	410
2005	7.0	0.8	4.6	0.4	1.2	5.7	108	410
2006	7.9	1.1	5.2	0.4	1.2	5.6	122	390
Massachusetts								
1997	10.0	1.5	6.5	0.6	1.4	8.0	118	500
1998	8.5	1.0	5.7	0.5	1.3	7.0	108	500
1999	8.5	0.9	6.0	0.5	1.1	6.5	114	450
2000	8.2	0.5	6.0	0.5	1.2	7.0	117	450
2001	8.7	0.8	6.0	0.6	1.3	7.0	117	450
2002	8.7	1.0	6.0	0.4	1.3	7.0	117	430
2003	9.6	1.4	6.0	0.6	1.6	7.5	125	430
2004	8.5	1.1	5.5	0.4	1.5	6.5	108	430
2005	10.2	1.4	6.5	0.6	1.7	7.5	136	430
2006	9.3	1.4	6.1	0.6	1.2	8.5	131	400

See footnotes after the New England table.



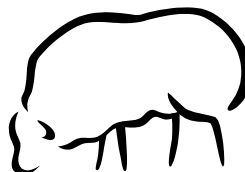
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			Ewes	Rams				
1,000 Head					Number			
New Hampshire								
1997	6.5	1.0	4.0	0.5	1.0	5.5	110	450
1998	7.0	1.0	4.5	0.5	1.0	5.0	125	400
1999	7.0	0.9	4.5	0.5	1.1	5.5	122	400
2000	7.3	0.9	4.7	0.5	1.2	5.5	122	400
2001	7.2	0.7	4.8	0.5	1.2	6.0	128	400
2002	6.5	0.7	4.3	0.3	1.2	5.5	115	380
2003	7.5	1.0	4.5	0.5	1.5	5.5	128	380
2004	7.0	0.5	4.7	0.3	1.5	5.5	122	380
2005	7.6	0.6	4.9	0.5	1.6	5.8	123	380
2006	7.2	0.5	4.8	0.4	1.5	5.9	120	370
Rhode Island								
1997	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1998	1.3	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.9	–	–
1999	1.0	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.9	113	60
2000	1.0	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.9	150	60
2001	1.3	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.8	133	60
2002	1.3	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.8	114	60
2003	1.3	0.1	0.9	0.1	0.2	1.0	143	60
2004	1.0	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.8	89	70
2005	1.2	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.8	114	70
2006	1.3	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.8	100	60
Vermont								
1997	16.4	2.1	11.0	0.8	2.5	13.0	127	600
1998	14.5	2.5	9.5	0.5	2.0	11.5	105	600
1999	17.0	2.0	11.7	0.9	2.4	13.1	138	500
2000	17.0	2.7	10.5	0.8	3.0	12.6	108	500
2001	17.0	2.6	10.6	0.8	3.0	13.2	126	500
2002	16.0	2.8	9.7	0.5	3.0	12.2	115	470
2003	14.5	2.9	8.9	0.7	2.0	12.5	129	470
2004	13.4	2.5	8.7	0.5	1.7	11.0	124	460
2005	14.5	2.6	9.2	0.7	2.0	11.5	132	460
2006	16.5	2.7	10.6	0.7	2.5	12.5	136	430
New England ^{2/3/}								
1997	47.9	6.4	31.7	2.9	6.9	39.2	117	2,300
1998	47.3	6.9	30.9	2.7	6.8	37.2	125	2,240
1999	49.0	6.0	33.0	3.0	7.0	38.5	115	2,100
2000	49.0	6.0	32.0	3.0	8.0	38.0	122	2,100
2001	49.0	6.0	32.0	3.0	8.0	39.0	117	2,100
2002	46.5	6.0	31.0	2.0	8.0	37.5	123	2,000
2003	47.0	7.0	29.0	3.0	8.0	38.0	117	2,000
2004	43.0	6.0	28.0	2.0	7.0	34.0	121	2,000
2005	45.5	6.5	29.0	2.5	7.5	35.0	125	2,000
2006	47.0	6.5	30.5	2.5	7.5	36.0	124	1,900

^{1/} Includes lambs born after September 30, the previous year those are still on hand January 1.

^{2/} New England include Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont from 1995 – 1998; New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont beginning in 1999.

^{3/} State totals may not add to New England due to rounding.

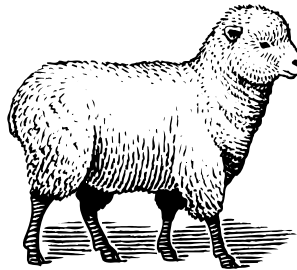


**SHEEP and LAMBS: Lamb Crop, Inventory, Disposition,
and Lambing Rate, 1996 – 2005 ^{1/}**

State and Year	All Sheep and Lambs Jan 1	Lambs Born	Inshipments All Sheep and Lambs	Marketings		Farm Slaughter	Deaths	All Sheep and Lambs Jan 1 Following Year
				Sheep	Lambs			
1,000 Head								
New England ^{2/}								
1996	47.0	39.2	—	4.3	27.2	1.0	5.9	47.8
1997	47.9	37.2	—	6.7	25.5	1.0	5.2	46.7
1998	47.3	38.5	2.6	4.8	28.0	0.9	5.4	49.3
1999	49.0	38.0	2.4	8.1	26.5	0.9	4.9	49.0
2000	49.0	39.0	2.1	7.8	26.7	0.9	5.7	49.0
2001	49.0	37.5	1.9	9.9	25.6	0.9	5.0	47.0
2002	47.0	38.0	1.8	8.7	24.8	0.9	5.4	47.0
2003	47.0	34.0	1.7	10.0	23.9	0.9	4.9	43.0
2004	43.0	35.0	1.8	6.9	22.9	0.9	3.6	45.5
2005	45.5	36.0	2.2	5.7	25.0	0.9	5.1	47.0

^{1/} Balance sheet statistics; for example January 1, 2005 Inventory is equal to January 1, 2004 Inventory plus 2004 Lambs Born plus 2004 inshipments minus 2004 Marketings minus 2004 Farm Slaughter minus 2004 Deaths.

^{2/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont from 1996 - 1997; New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont beginning in 1998.



SHEEP and LAMBS: Production and Income, 1995 – 2004

State and 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 Pounds		
New England ^{4/ 5/}							
1996	3,079	2,648	—	—	2,467	357	2,824
1997	2,981	2,900	—	—	2,669	372	3,041
1998	3,148	2,852	37	109	2,683	360	3,043
1999	3,045	3,035	40	110	2,630	345	2,975
2000	3,227	3,135	40	110	2,766	354	3,120
2001	2,925	3,184	40	115	2,733	358	3,091
2002	3,159	3,086	35	110	2,578	339	2,917
2003	2,761	3,167	40	115	2,705	346	3,051
2004	3,057	2,690	45	125	2,672	376	3,048
2005	2,966	2,729	50	125	2,876	342	3,218

^{1/} Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

^{2/} Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and inter-farm sales within the State.

^{3/} Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter.

^{4/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont from 1996 - 1997; New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont beginning in 1998.

^{5/} New England price per 100 pounds was not available prior to 1998.

**SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory and Value,
January 1, 1996 – 2005**

State and Year	All Sheep and Lambs	Average Value per Head	Value of Inventory
	1,000 Head	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
New England ^{1/}			
1996	47.0	114	5,345
1997	47.9	128	6,119
1998	48.0	123	5,908
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

^{1/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont from 1996 - 1998; New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont beginning in 1999.



WOOL: Production and Value, 1996 – 2005

State and Year	Sheep Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000 Head	Pounds 1,000	Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
New England ^{1/}					
1996	41.2	7.2	295	50	147
1997	39.1	7.3	285	58	165
1998	43.0	7.3	312	52	162
1999	43.0	7.3	315	33	104
2000	44.0	7.2	318	36	114
2001	40.0	7.4	295	40	118
2002	40.0	7.1	283	40	113
2003	37.0	7.0	260	35	91
2004	40.0	7.1	284	45	128
2005	41.0	7.1	293	45	132

^{1/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont from 1996 - 1997. New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont beginning in 1998.