

## SHEEP and LAMBS

As of January 1, 2007 sheep and lambs on New England farms totaled 44,000, a decrease of 3,000 head from the previous year. Breeding stock totaled 36,500 head at the first of the year, nearly a 10 percent decrease from the previous year. Sheep inventory nationwide declined by nearly one percent from the previous year. Average prices received for New England sheep and lambs decreased by five and ten dollars per hundredweight respectively from 2005 to 2006. New England's value of inventory was estimated at nearly

\$8.9 million a decrease of seven percent from the previous year due to reduced inventory and lower prices. New England's wool production was 259,000 pounds in 2006, a decrease of 12 percent from 2005. Producers received an average of 55 cents per pound for wool, an increase of ten cents per pound from 2005 sales. The number of New England farms, with one or more sheep on hand at any time during the year was placed at 2,050 in 2006, an increase of 50 operations from the previous year.

NEW ENGLAND <sup>1/</sup> SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory By State 1999 – 2007

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

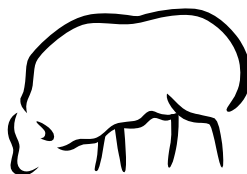
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NEW ENGLAND <sup>1/</sup> SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory by Class, January 1, 1999 – 2007

Year	January 1				
	All Sheep and Lambs <sup>2/</sup>	Market Sheep and Lambs	Breeding Sheep and Lambs		
			Breeding Sheep 1 Year Old and Older		Replacement Lambs <sup>2/</sup>
			Ewes	Rams	
	1,000 Head				
1999	49.0	6.0	33.0	3.0	7.0
2000	49.0	6.0	32.0	3.0	8.0
2001	49.0	6.0	32.0	3.0	8.0
2002	47.0	6.0	31.0	2.0	8.0
2003	47.0	7.0	29.0	3.0	8.0
2004	43.0	6.0	28.0	2.0	7.0
2005	45.5	6.5	29.0	2.5	7.5
2006	47.0	6.5	30.5	2.5	7.5
2007	44.0	7.5	26.5	2.5	7.5

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<sup>2/</sup> Includes lambs born after September 30 the previous year that are still on hand January 1.



NEW ENGLAND <sup>1/</sup> SHEEP and LAMBS: Operations and Lambs Born, 1999 – 2006

Year	Lambs Born	Lambs Per 100 Ewes 1+ on Jan 1	Operations with Sheep
			Number
	1,000 Head		
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	2,000
2005	36.0	124	2,000
2006	32.0	105	2,050

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NEW ENGLAND <sup>1/</sup> SHEEP and LAMBS: Lamb Crop, Inventory, Disposition,  
and Lambing Rate, 1999 – 2006 <sup>2/</sup>

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							
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
2006	47.0	32.0	2.1	11.2	20.5	0.9	4.5	44.0

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<sup>2/</sup> Balance sheet statistics; for example January 1, 2006 Inventory is equal to January 1, 2005 Inventory plus 2005 Lambs Born plus 2005 Inshipments minus 2005 Marketings minus 2005 Farm Slaughter minus 2005 Deaths.

NEW ENGLAND <sup>1/</sup> SHEEP and LAMBS: Production and Income, 1999– 2006

Year	Production <sup>2/</sup>	Marketings <sup>3/</sup>	Price per 100 Pounds		Cash Receipts <sup>4/</sup>	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
			Sheep	Lambs			
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars		
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
2006	2,316	2,743	45	115	2,174	302	2,476

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<sup>2/</sup> Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

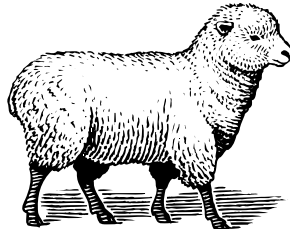
<sup>3/</sup> Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State.

<sup>4/</sup> Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter.

**NEW ENGLAND <sup>1/</sup> SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory and Value,  
January 1, 1999 – 2007**

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

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**NEW ENGLAND <sup>1/</sup> WOOL: Production and Value, 1999 – 2006**

Year	Sheep & Lambs Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000 Head	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
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
2006	37.0	7.0	259	55	142

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