

World Sheep Production⁴

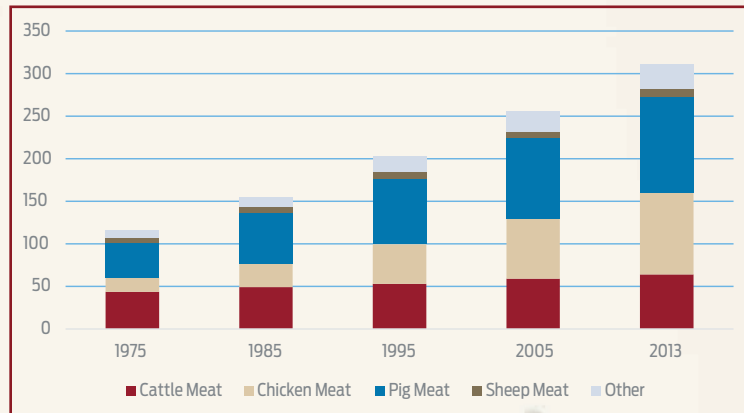
- In 2013 there were 1.62 billion head of sheep in the world at which time the United States had 5.34 million of that total.

Countries with Most Sheep

China.....	175,000,240
Australia.....	75,547,846
India.....	63,800,000
Sudan (former).....	52,500,000
Iran (Islamic Republic of).....	50,220,000
Nigeria.....	39,000,000
United Kingdom.....	32,856,000
New Zealand.....	30,786,761
Pakistan.....	28,755,000
Turkey.....	27,425,233

World Meat Production

(tons per million)



¹ USDA/NASS, Farms, Land in Farms and Livestock Operations 2012 Summary, February 2013

² USDA/NASS, Sheep and Goats, Released Jan. 31, 2017

³ USDA/NASS, Livestock Slaughter 2016 Summary, April 2017

⁴ Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, www.fao.org, Accessed June 2015

⁵ Dave Thomas, Ph.D., Animal Science Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison

⁶ USDA/NASS, Sheep and Goats Death Loss, September 2015

⁷ The American Sheep Industry Association

⁸ Sheep and Lamb Industry Economic Impact Analysis, Julie Stepanek Shiflett, Ph.D., April 2008, Revised March 2011, Revised August 2017

The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) is a federation of 45 state sheep associations representing sheep producers nationwide with a common goal to promote the well-being and profitability of the U.S. sheep industry. From East to West, farm flocks to range operations, ASI works to represent the interests of the producer. A team of volunteer producer leaders directs the actions of the association through their involvement on the executive board, the board of directors and councils and committees.



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Sheep Production

- ▶ In 2013, there were 88,338 sheep operations in the United States.¹
- ▶ As of Jan. 1, 2017, there were 5.20 million head of sheep in the United States.²

States with Most Sheep²

Texas	700,000
California	585,000
Colorado	395,000
Wyoming	360,000
Utah	275,000

States with Most Sheep Operations¹

Texas	10,674
Arizona	7,447
California	4,224
Pennsylvania	3,590
Ohio	3,568

Economic Impact⁸

- ▶ These retail receipts support an additional \$2.02 billion in economic activity for a total economic impact of \$5.8 billion.

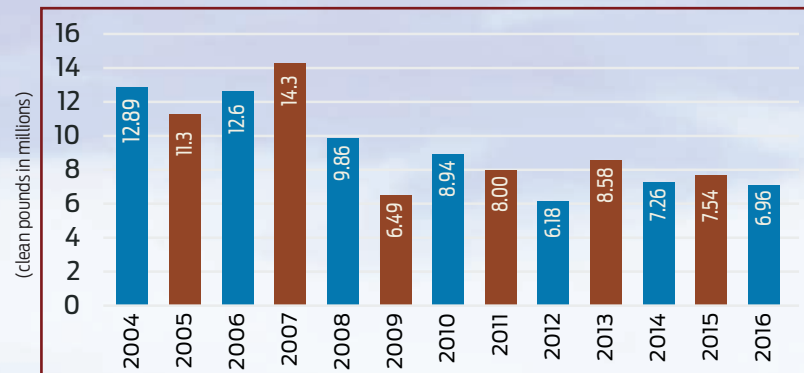
Added Value of U.S. Sheep Industry⁸

Retail Lamb Sales	\$374,766,407
Food Services Sales	\$701,927,351
Retail Wool: Military Purchases	\$117,295,721
Wholesale Variety Meat & Rendered Products	\$20,101,500
Wholesale Pelts	\$20,172,000
Value Added Wool Exports	\$14,215,000

Wool Production²

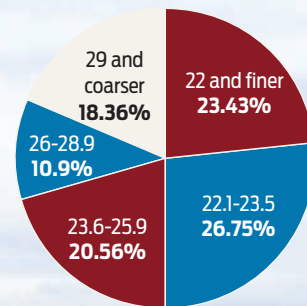
- ▶ More than 3.56 million sheep were shorn in 2016, producing approximately 25.7 million pounds of wool.
- ▶ The average weight of a single U.S. fleece is 7.2 pounds.

U.S. Exports of all Wool Categories⁷



*2006 and previous years include wool top exports to Mexico

U.S. Micron Profile of Greasy Wool⁷

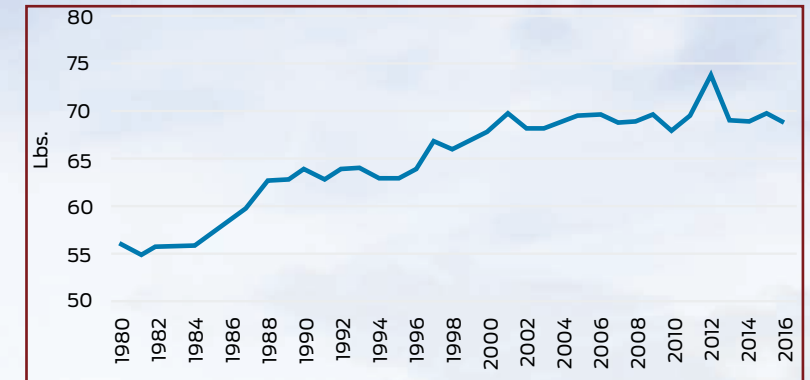


Meat Production³

- ▶ An estimated 2.24 million lambs were processed in the U.S. in 2016.
- ▶ The average live weight of a market lamb in 2016 was 134 pounds.

U.S. Average Lamb Carcass Weight (lbs.)

Source: USDA/NASS, ASI



Sheep Milk Production⁵

- ▶ In 2011, the United States produced approximately 3.0 million pounds of sheep milk cheese and imported more than 57 million pounds. Depending on the year, 45 to 55 percent of the world trade in sheep milk cheese comes to the United States.
- ▶ The price of sheep milk is \$0.80 to \$1.20 per pound, four to six times higher than the price of cow milk.
- ▶ Sheep milk is highly nutritious and richer in vitamins A, B and E, calcium, phosphorus, potassium and magnesium than cow milk.

Sheep/Lamb Death Loss to Predators⁶

- ▶ Death loss to predators is the single largest cause of mortality to sheep. In 2014, kills by predators resulted in the loss of \$32 million to sheep farmers and ranchers.
- ▶ In 2014, more than 58 percent of farmers and ranchers used one or more nonlethal methods of predator control.

* lions, bears, wolves, eagles, fox, vultures, ravens

