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# Fast Facts...

In 2001, there were 65,120 sheep farms and ranches in the United States raising approximately 4.9 million head of sheep and lambs combined, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of lambs born during 2001 was estimated at 4.5 million head.

Following is a ranking of states by total sheep and lamb numbers as of January 1, 2002:

1. Texas	890,000
2. Wyoming	390,000
3. California	370,000
4. South Dakota	320,000
5. Utah	320,000
6. Montana	300,000
7. Idaho	224,000
8. Colorado	205,000
9. New Mexico	185,000
10. Iowa	175,000
11. Oregon	171,000
12. Ohio	120,000
13. Other*	117,000
14. Minnesota	115,000
15. North Dakota	105,000
16. Nevada	85,000
17. Nebraska	73,000
18. Pennsylvania	73,000

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## Production In America



19. Arizona	66,000
20. Kansas	65,000
21. Wisconsin	65,000
22. Missouri	59,000
23. Illinois	56,000
24. Michigan	52,000
25. New York	52,000
26. Indiana	48,000
27. Virginia	47,000
28. Washington	47,000
29. Oklahoma	45,000
30. New England**	42,000
31. West Virginia	31,000

\* Other includes Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

\*\* New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.





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Following is a 2001 ranking of sheep operations by state:

1. Texas	6,800
2. Other*	5,500
3. Iowa	4,700
4. Ohio	3,600
5. Oregon	3,000
6. California	2,900
7. Pennsylvania	2,500
8. Minnesota	2,400
9. Illinois	2,300
10. South Dakota	2,300
11. Wisconsin	2,200
12. Indiana	2,100
13. Colorado	2,000
14. New England**	2,000
15. Michigan	1,800
16. Montana	1,800
17. Missouri	1,700
18. Nebraska	1,600
19. Kansas	1,500
20. New York	1,500
21. Utah	1,500
22. Oklahoma	1,400
23. Virginia	1,400

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24. Washington	1,200
25. North Dakota	1,100
26. Idaho	1,000
27. West Virginia	1,000
28. Wyoming	900
29. New Mexico	850
30. Nevada	300
31. Arizona	270

\* Other includes Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

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