

**QUARTERLY COMMERCIAL SHEEP AND LAMB SLAUGHTER, PRODUCTION,
PER CAPITA LAMB DISAPPEARANCE AND LAMB PRICES ^a**

05/07/24
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Year Quarter	Comm'l Slaughter (1,000 Head)	% Chg. from Year Ago	Average Dressed Weight (Lbs.)	% Chg. from Year Ago	Comm'l Lamb Production (Mil. Lbs.)	% Chg. from Year Ago	Per Capita Consump- tion (Retail Wt.)	% Chg. from Year Ago	Sl. Lambs Natl. Direct Live Weight ^b (\$/Cwt.)	% Chg. from Year Ago	Lamb 3-Market Avg Live 60-90 lbs ^c (\$/Cwt.)	% Chg. from Year Ago
2019												
I	546	-0.0	67	-4.7	36.6	-4.7	0.33	4.2	136.52	-0.2	187.94	-12.4
II	621	10.1	65	-5.7	40.1	3.9	0.28	10.0	155.58	0.7	173.41	-10.9
III	571	2.4	62	-6.0	35.6	-3.8	0.24	-17.0	155.50	6.2	165.26	14.3
IV	584	-2.3	62	-5.5	36.2	-7.7	0.29	8.2	151.22	12.4	182.53	16.9
Year	2322	2.5	64	-5.5	148.5	-3.1	1.14	1.1	149.70	4.7	177.29	-0.1
2020												
I	535	-2.1	65	-2.6	34.9	-4.6	0.36	9.7	159.63	16.9	214.47	14.1
II	570	-8.3	64	-1.6	36.2	-9.7	0.26	-8.8	139.68	-10.2	169.21	-2.4
III	559	-2.0	61	-2.5	34.0	-4.5	0.30	28.1	135.82	-12.7	168.44	1.9
IV	562	-3.8	59	-4.4	33.3	-8.0	0.29	-0.2	165.01	9.1	214.87	17.7
Year	2225	-4.1	62	-2.8	138.4	-6.8	1.22	6.4	150.04	0.2	191.75	8.2
2021												
I	541	1.2	65	-0.0	35.3	1.1	0.28	-23.0	165.09	3.4	276.45	28.9
II	596	4.5	60	-4.9	36.0	-0.6	0.36	38.6	212.97	52.5	261.91	54.8
III	552	-1.3	58	-5.3	31.8	-6.5	0.35	15.3	257.46	89.6	258.17	53.3
IV	575	2.3	61	3.3	35.2	5.7	0.38	28.5	233.50	41.5	288.52	34.3
Year	2263	1.7	61	-1.7	138.3	-0.1	1.36	12.0	217.25	44.8	271.26	41.5
2022												
I	486	-10.1	65	-0.7	31.5	-10.8	0.31	12.6	224.17	35.8	322.03	16.5
II	538	-9.7	64	6.5	34.6	-3.9	0.33	-8.0	211.49	-0.7	256.99	-1.9
III	518	-6.2	64	10.2	32.9	3.5	0.31	-10.7	134.94	-47.6	161.46	-37.5
IV	530	-7.8	62	0.5	32.6	-7.4	0.33	-11.4	124.31	-46.8	191.45	-33.6
Year	2072	-8.5	64	3.9	131.6	-4.8	1.29	-5.4	173.72	-20.0	232.98	-14.1
2023												
I	527	8.4	63	-2.2	33.4	6.0	0.30	-5.3	134.25	-40.1	177.50	-44.9
II	553	2.8	61	-5.8	33.5	-3.2	0.25	-22.3	161.11	-23.8	188.88	-26.5
III	519	0.3	58	-8.1	30.3	-7.9	0.26	-16.0	194.59	44.2	186.67	15.6
IV	569	7.4	59	-4.9	33.3	2.1	0.30	-11.0	193.51	55.7	203.49	6.3
Year	2168	4.6	60	-5.2	130.5	-0.8	1.11	-13.7	170.87	-1.9	189.13	-19.8
2024												
I ^d	543	3.0	62	-1.8	33.8	1.2	0.31	5.6	193.76	44.3	295.42	66.4
II ^e	538	-2.7	58	-4.1	31.3	-6.7	0.26	1.8	202-204	26.0	248-251	32.1
III	516	-0.6	57	-2.9	29.3	-3.5	0.24	-7.4	204-207	5.6	213-217	15.2
IV	568	-0.1	58	-1.8	32.7	-1.9	0.28	-6.2	196-200	2.3	232-237	15.2
Year	2165	-0.1	59	-2.6	127.0	-2.7	1.10	-1.5	197-203	17.3	245-253	32.8
2025												
I	539	-0.8	60	-3.1	32.5	-3.8	0.27	-13.9	189-194	-1.2	264-270	-9.6
II	532	-1.1	58	0.5	31.1	-0.6	0.25	-5.3	199-205	-0.5	238-245	-3.2
III	512	-0.8	57	0.4	29.1	-0.4	0.24	-2.9	201-208	-0.5	210-218	-0.5
IV	563	-0.9	58	0.5	32.6	-0.4	0.26	-5.4	193-200	-0.8	229-238	-0.4
Year	2146	-0.9	58	-0.5	125.3	-1.3	1.02	-7.3	193-205	-0.5	233-245	-4.0

a/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

d/ Estimated quarter

b/ Slaughter lamb prices are negotiated purchases on a live weight basis.

e/ Forecasted quarters

c/ Feeder Lamb Prices are a three market (CO, SD, & TX) average; live weight basis.

Sources: Livestock Slaughter - USDA Publications; Lamb Prices - USDA Livestock Market News; Forecasts - LMIC Projections

Note: Second and third quarter of 2020 Slaughter Lamb prices are calculated from incomplete weeks of data due to confidentiality.