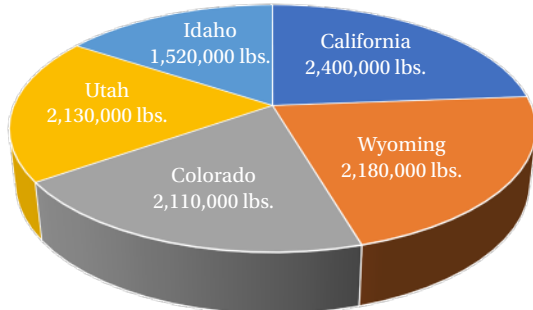


FAST FACTS

ABOUT WOOL PRODUCTION

Top Wool-Producing States in 2024¹



Wool Industry in the U.S. - American sheep producers traditionally harvest wool during the spring months. In fact, more than half of American-produced wool is shorn and sold during April, May and June. In 2024, the United States produced 22.5 million pounds of greasy wool.

The average weight of a fleece in the United States is 7.1 pounds. However, there is a variance from state to state; for example, an average fleece produced in Oklahoma weighs 4.9 pounds while an average fleece produced in Wyoming weighs 9.1 pounds.

Top 5 Wool-Producing Countries²

Australia - China - New Zealand - Turkey - Morocco

¹Source: USDA, NASS, Sheep & Goats, Jan. 31, 2025. ²Source: International Wool Textile Organization, 2024.

** Other States includes Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland (number of sheep and lambs listing only), Mississippi, New Jersey and South Carolina. NASS does not report individual numbers for these states.

Wool Production By State

	Sheep Shorn	Avg. Fleece Weight (lbs.)	Total Wool (lbs.)
Arizona	64,000	7.0	450,000
California	375,000	6.4	2,400,000
Colorado	340,000	6.2	2,110,000
Idaho	180,000	8.4	1,520,000
Illinois	25,000	6.6	164,000
Indiana	42,000	6.0	250,000
Iowa	135,000	5.6	760,000
Kansas	49,000	5.9	290,000
Kentucky	10,000	6.0	60,000
Michigan	59,000	5.9	350,000
Minnesota	98,000	6.2	610,000
Missouri	45,000	5.8	260,000
Montana	160,000	8.6	1,370,000
Nebraska	34,000	7.4	250,000
Nevada	48,000	9.4	450,000
New England*	18,000	8.1	145,000
New Mexico	66,000	7.9	520,000
New York	40,000	6.1	245,000
North Carolina	6,000	5.5	33,000
North Dakota	45,000	8.2	370,000
Ohio	83,000	6.0	500,000
Oklahoma	17,000	4.9	83,000
Oregon	130,000	6.5	850,000
Pennsylvania	43,000	6.3	270,000
South Dakota	195,000	7.6	1,480,000
Tennessee	9,000	5.6	50,000
Texas	190,000	6.3	1,200,000
Utah	245,000	8.7	2,130,000
Virginia	28,000	5.4	150,000
Washington	35,000	8.0	280,000
West Virginia	16,000	5.3	85,000
Wisconsin	49,000	6.5	320,000
Wyoming	240,000	9.1	2,180,000
Other States**	51,000	5.8	295,000



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