

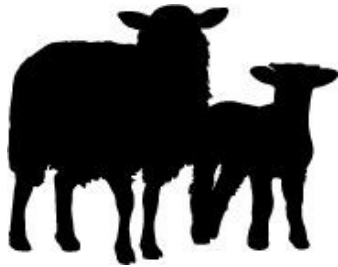
American WOOL



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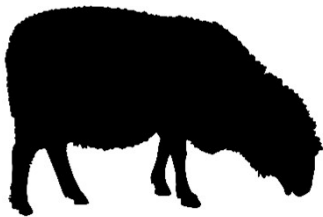
3.32 million

was the number of sheep and lambs shorn in the US in 2019.



Sheep produce

many types of wool, each with different qualities. Some sheep produce woolly fibers with very small fiber diameters (fine wool), whereas other breeds grow longer, coarser fibers. Some sheep produce dual-coated and/or multi-colored fleeces.



24 million lbs.

was the amount of shorn wool produced in the US in 2019.

Wool is grown

in all 50 states, with the majority being produced in the western states of California, Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah. Wool Festivals are popular all over the US.



Shearing

Most sheep are sheared annually, before lambing and/or the onset of hot weather. Shearing is a skilled job.



Wool is sold

collectively to a warehouse or wool pool. Some growers sell their wool to dealers or brokers. Adding value to the wool and/or direct marketing fleeces can increase the profitability of wool production. Wool is sold greasy (raw) or on a clean basis.

\$1.89 per lb.

was the average price paid for wool (raw) in the US in 2019.

7.2 lbs.

was the average weight of a sheep's fleece in 2019.

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