

SECTOR PROFILE AT A GLANCE

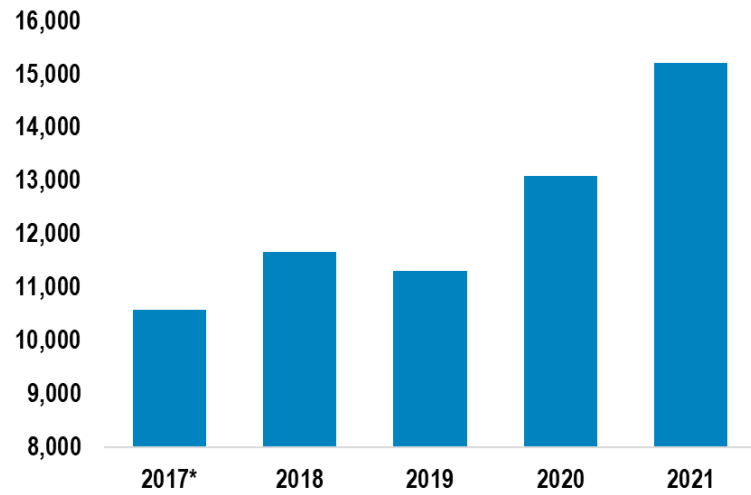
Sheep



Highlights

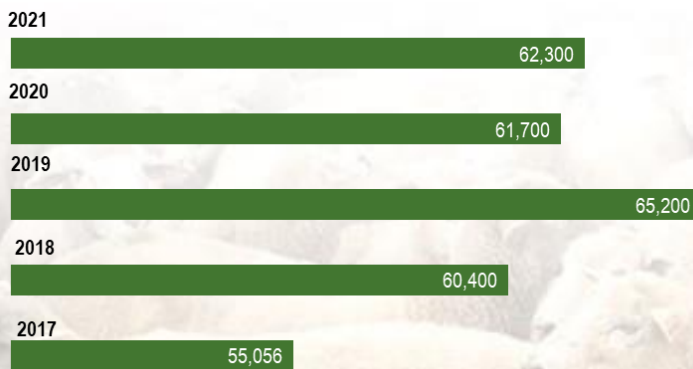
- In 2021, Manitoba sold 62,300 head, and reported \$15.2 million in cash receipts for sheep and lambs.
- Farm cash receipts have increased 30 per cent from 2018.
- Manitoba's affordable and resourceful land provides an excellent base for sheep production. Flocks are strategically located throughout the province.
- There was 96,000 kg of shorn wool sold or used on farms in 2020.
- Strong consumer demand for meat in Canada and "buying local" drove lamb prices to record highs in the spring of 2021 and latter part of 2020.

Farm Cash Receipts ('000 of dollars)



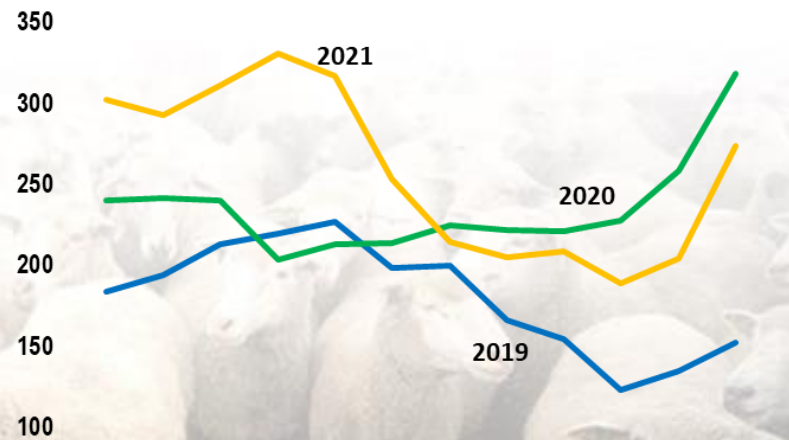
*2017 only lamb data
Source: Statistics Canada

Sales (head)



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Prices (lambs, dollars per cwt, monthly)



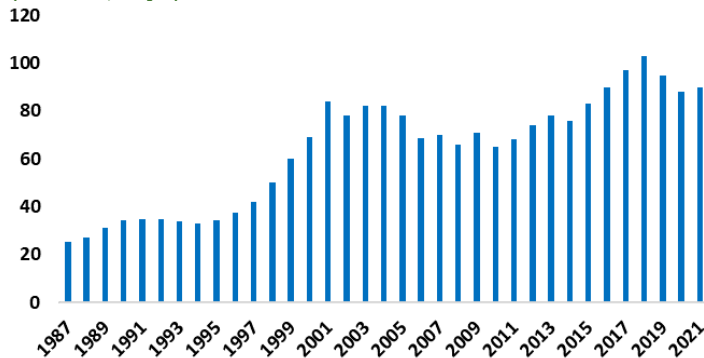
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Inventory

- On July 1, 2021, there were 89,500 head of sheep and lambs on farms, a decrease of two per cent compared to the previous year.
- Manitoba has approximately 8.5 per cent of the national number of sheep and lamb.

Sheep and Lamb on Farms

('000 head, July 1)



Source: Statistics Canada

Marketing, Processing and Trade

- In 2021 Manitoba sheep and lambs were sold to Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan for feeding and further processing.
- Manitoba origin sheep and lambs processed in Canada numbered 21,400 head in 2021.
- In 2021, 12 provincially licensed plants processed 3,688 sheep and lambs.
- There were 2,377 head of sheep imported into Manitoba from the United States in 2021 and no international exports.
- The average lamb and mutton consumption in Canada is one kilogram per capita.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Sheep are known as “grazing herbivores” as they feed on plants in small increments throughout the day.
- Farmers use sheep to assist in killing off invasive plants to keep the quality of their land.
- Most of the 96,000 kg of wool produced in 2020 was sold to the Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers.
- Lanolin, a waterproof fatty oil found in sheep wool, is a product highly sought by cosmetic companies as it is a key ingredient in cosmetic products.
- The majority of lambs in Manitoba are born between May and June.
- Sheep’s milk is high in protein making it popular for health and fitness.

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