



Sheep Supply CANADA

Year To Date for the Month Ending April, 1998

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)				Monthly Prices			
1998 preliminary	1998	1997	% chg	<i>Ontario Average \$/cwt</i>	1998	1997	% chg
B.C./Alta/Sask./Man.	22,389	22,617	-1.0	A&B 80-94 lbs	183.31	181.97	0.7
Ontario	56,578	58,940	-4.0	New Crop	196.26	209.87	-6.5
Quebec	26,071	25,987	0.3	Sheep	70.86	64.53	9.8
Atl. Provinces	982	2,386	-58.8	1998 Mkt Lambs	Feeder Lambs	Sheep	
Canada	106,020	109,930	-3.6	Edmonton 113.69	118.40	88.65/HD	
				Central Alta 106.46	n/a	.76/LB(rail)	
EXPORTS				IMPORTS			
(No. head) to U.S.	1998	1997	% chg	(No. head) from U.S.	1998	1997	% chg
Slaughter	6,009	6,837	-12.1	Slaughter	3,361	4,787	-29.8
Feeder	1,135	-	-	Feeder	-	-	-
(Metric Tonnes)	For the period Jan 1 - Apr 4			(Metric Tonnes)			
Lamb & Mutton				Mutton & Lamb			
- United States	50	30	66.7	- United States	123	91	35.2
- Mexico	31	19	63.2	- Australia	1,232	1,111	10.9
- Other	2	4	-50.0	- New Zealand	2,809	2,353	19.4
- Total	83	53	56.6	- Total	4,164	3,555	17.1

Canadian Inventory of Sheep & Lambs ('000 head) January 1

	1998	1997	% chg		1998	1997	% chg
Rams	23.2	22.8	1.8	British Columbia	48.7	51.0	-4.5
Ewes	424.7	420.5	1.0	Alberta	160.6	159.5	0.7
Replacement Lambs	68.7	69.9	-1.7	Sask/Man	101.3	96.6	4.9
Market Lambs	111.7	115.7	-3.5	Ontario	170.3	180.4	-5.6
Total	628.3	628.9	-0.1	Quebec	119.8	112.2	6.8
				Atlantic	28.2	28.6	-1.4

Source: Statistics Canada

U.S. Price Summary April, 1998

	Price Range
Choice Lambs - San Angelo	63.40
BOXED LAMB CUTS - Des Moines	
Shoulder, Cross-Cut, 4 rib	60.00-90.00
Chuck 4-rib	80.00-100.00
Ribs, Denver style	189.00
Legs, double trotter-on	150.00-180.00
Loins, trimmed, 4x4	275.00-350.00
LAMB PELTS - SHORN	
Fall Clips	18.00-19.00
No.1	16.00-17.00

Source: USDA Market News

UNITED STATES

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	Total Sheep and Lambs		
	1998	1997	% chg
Slaughter ('000 head)	1,358	1,345	1.0
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	67	70	-4.3
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	91.2	89.3	2.1

Source: Red Meat Section, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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