



Sheep Supply CANADA

Year To Date for the Month Ending December, 1998

Fed. & Prov. Slaughter (head)			
1998 preliminary	1998	1997	% chg
B.C./Alta/Sask./Man.	65,489	73,834	-11.3
Ontario	174,859	174,057	0.5
Quebec	69,677	69,454	0.3
Atl. Provinces	2,838	7,262	-60.9
Canada	312,863	324,607	-3.6

Monthly Prices			
Ontario Average \$/cwt			
	1998	1997	% chg
A&B 80-94 lbs	121.90	122.59	-0.6
New Crop	217.60	145.23	49.8
Sheep	72.04	78.58	-8.3
1998	Mkt Lambs	Feeder Lambs	Sheep
Edmonton	94.85	112.88	63.50/HD
Central Alta	86.40	n/a	n/a

EXPORTS

(No. head) to U.S.	1998	1997	% chg
Slaughter	7,592	9,249	-17.9
Feeder	1,478	1,455	1.6

(Metric Tonnes)	For the period Jan 1 - Dec 5		
Lamb & Mutton	1998	1997	% chg
- United States	240	175	37.1
- Mexico	85	70	21.4
- Other	35	26	34.6
- Total	360	271	32.8

IMPORTS

(No. head) from U.S.	1998	1997	% chg
Slaughter	7,386	8,058	-8.3
Feeder	-	-	-

(Metric Tonnes)	Mutton & Lamb		
	1998	1997	% chg
- United States	417	279	49.5
- Australia	3,236	3,148	2.8
- New Zealand	7,794	7,268	7.2
- Total	11,447	10,695	7.0

UNITED STATES

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Total Sheep and Lambs

	1998	1997	% chg
Slaughter ('000 head)	3,623	3,722	-2.7
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	66	68	-2.9
Lamb/Mutton (mil lbs)	236.8	248.5	-4.7

U.S. Price Summary December, 1998

	Price Range
Choice Lambs - San Angelo	70.81

BOXED LAMB CUTS - Des Moines

Shoulder, Cross-Cut, 4 rib	73.00-95.00
Chuck 4-rib	95.00-135.00
Ribs, Denver style	179.00
Legs, double trotter-on	175.00-205.00
Loins, trimmed, 4x4	360.00

LAMB PELTS - SHORN

Fall Clips	n/a
N o.1	n/a

Source: USDA Market News

Year to Date for Month Ending October, 1998

U.S. Lamb & Mutton Exports (tonnes)

	1998	1997	% chg
Canada	5,642	1,932	65.8
Mexico	1,337	1,654	-23.7
Russia	332	88	73.5
Taiwan	212	13	93.9
Japan	244	463	-89.8
Other	729	788	-8.1
World Total	8,496	4,938	41.9