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This report contains the results from the *July, 2006, Sheep and Goat Report, conducted during the first half of July*. The data are also posted on our web site at the Internet address above, and in more detailed U.S. statistics at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for the surveys.

2006 July 1 Sheep Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2006 totaled 7.77 million head, down slightly from July 1, 2005, but 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.64 million head on July 1, 2006 was down slightly from July 1, 2005. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.14 million head, were also down slightly from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.78 million ewes one year old and older, 185,000 rams one year old and older, and 670,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 3.06 million head was comprised of 1.80 million lambs under 65 pounds, 630,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 370,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 260,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 80,000 head.

The 2006 lamb crop in the United States is expected to total 4.10 million head, down 1 percent from the 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head. Lambs born during January through June 2006 totaled 3.62 million head or 88 percent of the yearly total. An additional 480,000 head are expected to be born during the period July through December 2006.

Region 3 (CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY) accounted for 34.1 percent of all sheep and lambs. Region 2 (NM & TX) accounted for 18.9 percent, Region 1 (AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA) for 16.5 percent, Region 4 (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK) for 15.4 percent, and Region 5 (all other States) for 15.1 percent.

**All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region
and United States, July 1, 2005-2006**

Regions ¹	All Sheep and Lambs		2006 as % of 2005	Breeding Sheep and Lambs		Market Sheep and Lambs	
	2005	2006		2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pct</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Region 1	1,300	1,280	98	805	800	495	480
Region 2	1,500	1,470	98	1,000	980	500	490
Region 3	2,650	2,650	100	1,460	1,460	1,190	1,190
Region 4	1,200	1,200	100	665	665	535	535
Region 5	1,150	1,170	102	725	730	425	440
US	7,800	7,770	100	4,655	4,635	3,145	3,135

¹ States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM, & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other States.

2006 July 1 Goat Inventory

This is the first publication of July 1 estimates of total goat inventory and kid crop for the United States. Estimates for July 2006 and 2005 are being published.

All goat inventory on July 1, 2006 totaled 3.47 million head, up 3 percent from the previous July. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.58 million head, up 3 percent from July 2005. All market goats and kids totaled 890,000 head, up 5 percent from the previous July. On July 1, 2006 meat and all other goats totaled 2.86 million head, up 4 percent from July 2005. Milk goat inventory remained steady at 320,000 head while angora goat numbers fell 2 percent to 285,000 head. The 2006 kid crop is expected to total 1.97 million head, up 7 percent from the 2005 kid crop of 1.84 million head.

Goats: Number by Class, United States, July 1, 2005-2006

Item	Total	Breeding	Market	Kid Crop ¹
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
2005				
Angora	290,000	230,000	60,000	148,100
Milk	320,000	270,000	50,000	199,500
Meat	2,740,000	2,000,000	740,000	1,488,100
All	3,350,000	2,500,000	850,000	1,835,700
2006				
Angora	285,000	225,000	60,000	150,000
Milk	320,000	270,000	50,000	215,000
Meat	2,860,000	2,080,000	780,000	1,600,000
All	3,465,000	2,575,000	890,000	1,965,000

¹ Kid Crop for 2005 refers to the actual kids born during 2005. Kid Crop for 2006 is the kids born alive during January 1, through June 30, 2006 plus the kids expected to be born July through December 2006.