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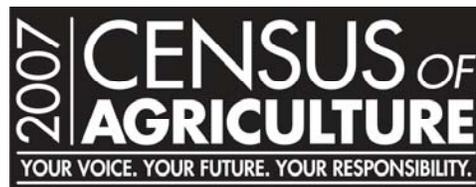
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### **Idaho Sheep Industry Suffers \$4.66 Million Death And Theft Loss**

Idaho sheep producers lost an estimated 34,000 head of sheep and lambs from all causes, valued at \$4.66 million, in 2007. This is an increase from sheep and lambs lost last year, at 32,000 head valued at \$4.63 million.

Predator losses at 32.9 percent, accounted for 11,200 losses worth a value of \$1.54 million. Coyotes did the most predator damage, at 7,200 head of sheep and lambs. Losses from coyotes alone were valued at \$986,000. Dogs claimed 600 head of sheep and lambs valued at \$82,000 while bears claimed 700 head valued at \$96,000. Wolves claimed 500 head of sheep and lambs, valued at \$69,000. Cougars killed 400 head, valued at \$55,000 and foxes took 100 head valued at \$14,000. Losses from other and unknown predators, including bobcats and eagles, accounted for an additional 1,700 head of sheep and lambs.

Non-predator losses accounted for 22,800 losses worth a value of \$3.13 million. Disease claimed 6,400 sheep and lambs in 2007 valued at \$877,000. Lambing complications claimed 4,500; weather killed 3,000 head; old age killed 1,600 and poison killed 800 head. Other causes such as accidents, fire, starvation and dehydration caused an additional 1,400 sheep and lamb deaths during 2007 while unknown causes claimed 4,800 head of sheep and lambs valued at \$658,000.



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