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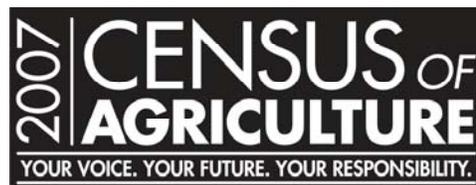
Idaho Sheep Inventory Down 8 Percent From Previous Year

All sheep and lamb inventory in Idaho on January 1, 2008, totaled 240,000 head, down 20,000 head from the previous year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2008, totaled 200,000 head. Breeding ewes one year old and older totaled 162,000 head, down 16,000 head from January 1, 2007. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2008 totaled 40,000 head. The 2007 lamb crop of 220,000 head was up 10,000 head from 2006.

Idaho meat goat inventory on January 1, 2008 was 7,900 head compared to 7,500 head a year ago. Milk goats totaled 3,000 head, unchanged from the previous year.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2008, totaled 6.06 million head, down 2 percent from 2007. After consecutive increases in 2005 and 2006, inventory has now declined for the past two years. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.51 million head on January 1, 2008, down 2 percent from 4.61 million head on January 1, 2007. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.62 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2008, totaled 1.55 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2007. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-four percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 26 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 36 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings. The 2007 lamb crop of 4.05 million head, was down slightly from 2006. The 2007 lambing rate was 110 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2007, down 1 percent from 2006.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2008, totaled 3.02 million head, up 3 percent from 2007. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.50 million head, up 2 percent from 2007. All market goats and kids totaled 520,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2008 meat and all other goats totaled 2.50 million head, up 4 percent from 2007. Milk goat inventory increased 4 percent to 305,000 head while angora goats were down 12 percent totaling 210,000 head. The 2007 kid crop totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2006.



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