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January Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 5,000 Head

Oregon

Oregon's sheep and lamb inventory totaled 220,000 head, a decrease of 5,000 head from last year, according to the Oregon Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Breeding sheep inventory held steady at 145,000 head. Market sheep and lambs totaled 75,000 head, down 5,000 from January 1, 2005. The 2005 lamb crop at 150,000 head was up 5,000 head from the previous year. Shorn wool production, at 1.19 million pounds, was up from 1.09 million pounds in 2004.

Total Sheep and Lamb Inventory Up 2 Percent

United States

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 6.23 million head, up 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004. The inventory began increasing in 2005 and has shown two consecutive year to year increases for the first time since 1987 and 1988.

Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.66 million head, were 2 percent above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2006, totaled 1.59 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 35 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings.

The 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004. The 2005 lambing rate was 115 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from 2004.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2005 was 37.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2004. The average price paid for wool sold in 2005 was \$0.71 per pound for a total value of 26.3 million dollars, down 12 percent from 29.9 million dollars in 2004.

Sheep: Inventory and lamb crop, selected states and United States, January 1, 2006

State	All sheep			Breeding sheep		2005 Lamb crop	Total market sheep and lambs
	2005	2006	2006 / 2005	Total sheep and lambs	Ewes 1 yr. and older		
California	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
Idaho	670	650	97	325	270	250	325
Montana	270	260	96	220	178	220	40
Oregon	305	295	97	270	208	275	25
Washington	225	220	98	145	114	150	75
United States	46	50	109	41	33	53	9
	6,135	6,230	102	4,639	3,657	4,125	1,591

Total US Goat and Kid Inventory Up 4 Percent

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.35 million head up 4 percent from 2005. All market goats and kids totaled 471,800 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2006 meat and all other goats totaled 2.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. Milk goat inventory increased 1 percent to 288,000 head while angora goats were down 1 percent totaling 278,000 head. The 2005 kid crop totaled 1.84 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2004.

For Oregon meat goat inventory declined to 19,500 head, milk goat inventory increased to 7,000 head, and Angora goat inventory declined to 2,000 head.

Goats: Inventory by class, selected states and United States, January 1, 2006

State	Angora goats	Milk goats	Meat and other goats	Total
California	Head	Head	Head	Head
Idaho	3,000	31,000	80,000	114,000
Oregon	-	2,800	5,900	8,700
Washington	2,000	7,000	19,500	28,500
United States	1,000	7,200	23,000	31,200
	278,000	288,000	2,260,000	2,826,000

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