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Pennsylvania Goat Inventory

HARRISBURG, PA, Jan 30, 2012 - - Goat data provided in this report are results of the annual goat survey conducted at the beginning of the year by the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Milk goats totaled 15,000 head, down 6 percent from January 1 of last year. In comparison with other states, Pennsylvania is considered 5th for the state having the largest number of milk goats. There were 45,500 meat goats on January 1, 2012, down 1 percent from the number reported year ago. Pennsylvania is currently 14th for the largest number of meat goats in the United States.

All goat inventories in the **United States** on January 1, 2012, totaled 2.86 million head. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.37 million head and market goats totaled 487,000 head. On January 1, 2012, meat and all other goats totaled 2.36 million head, milk goats totaled 360,000 head and angora goats totaled 146,000 head. The 2011 kid crop was 1.88 million head for all goats.

Mohair production in the United States during 2011 was 865,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 149,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.8 pounds. Mohair price was \$4.12 per pound with a total value of 3.56 million dollars.

Individual operation information is completely confidential by law. The National Agricultural Statistics Service safeguards the confidentiality of all survey responses. The data are only used in combination with reports from other farmers to prepare State and National statistics.

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