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## S.C. MEAT AND OTHER GOAT INVENTORIES INCREASE FOR 2006

Based on January 1, 2007 estimates, SOUTH CAROLINA'S **milk goat inventory** is estimated at 3,500 head, unchanged from the same date in 2006, announced the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office today. **Meat and all other goats** totaled 45,500 head, up three percent from a year ago.

## U.S. TOTAL GOAT AND KID INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT

**All goat inventory** in the UNITED STATES on January 1, 2007, totaled 2.93 million head, up 3 percent from 2006. **Breeding goat inventory** totaled 2.44 million head up 3 percent from 2006. All **market goats and kids** totaled 494,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2007 **meat and all other goats** totaled 2.40 million head, up 5 percent from 2006. **Milk goat** inventory increased 2 percent to 296,000 head while **angora goats** were down 8 percent totaling 238,000 head. The 2006 **kid crop** totaled 1.92 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2005.

**Mohair production** in the UNITED STATES during 2006 was 1.35 million pounds. **Goats and kids** clipped totaled 216,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.30 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$3.68 per pound with a value of 4.98 million dollars.