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S.C. MEAT AND OTHER GOAT INVENTORIES DECREASE FOR 2007

Based on January 1, 2008 estimates, SOUTH CAROLINA'S **milk goat inventory** is estimated at 3,500 head, unchanged from the same date in 2007, announced the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office today. **Meat and other goats**, totaled 45,000 head, down one percent from a year ago.

Total Goat and Kid Inventory Up 3 Percent

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.

Mohair production in the United States during 2007 was 1.14 million pounds. **Goats and kids** clipped totaled 185,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.20 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$3.78 per pound with a value of 4.31 million dollars.