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On: Texas Wool Production Down 12 Percent
Mohair Production Down 12 Percent

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AUSTIN . . .The number of sheep and lambs shorn were 100,000 less than a year ago, while average fleece weights were up from 6.9 to 7.0. Mohair production was down 12 percent as the average clip per goat was up 3 percent from last year.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, wool production totaled 4.90 million pounds during 2006, 12 percent below the previous year's total. Texas producers sheared 700,000 sheep and lambs during the year, 12 percent less than 2005. The average fleece weight was 7.0 pounds, up 1 percent from last year.

Total value of the state's wool production was down 16 percent from the previous year to 4.459 million dollars. Price per pound averaged \$0.91, down 5 percent from the average for 2005.

Texas mohair production during 2006 totaled 1.10 million pounds, down 12 percent from a year ago. Producers clipped 170,000 Angora goats and kids with an average clip weight of 6.5 pounds. The number of Angora goats and kids clipped was down 15 percent from the previous year, while the average clip weight was up 3 percent from 2005.

Value of the state's mohair production was 4.40 million dollars. Price per pound averaged \$4.00, compared with the \$3.00 average a year earlier. The higher average price is reflective of the larger percentage of kid hair being sold at a higher price.

United States shorn wool production during 2006 was 36.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2006 totaled 4.85 million head, down 4 percent from 2005. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.42 pounds per head up 1 percent from 2005.

The average price paid for wool sold in 2006 was \$0.68 per pound, for a total value of 24.4 million dollars, down 7 percent from 26.3 million dollars in 2005.

Mohair production during 2006 was 1.35 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2005. Goats and kids clipped, at 216,000 head, were down 15 percent from 2005. Average weight per clip at 6.30 pounds, was up 3 percent from 2005. Value of mohair production was 4.98 million dollars, up 16 percent from 2005.