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On: TEXAS WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 7 PERCENT  
MOHAIR PRODUCTION DOWN 15 PERCENT

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AUSTIN . . . The number of sheep and lambs shorn were down 3 percent from a year ago, while average fleece weights were down 4 percent from 2007 to 7.0 pounds. Mohair production was down 15 percent, while the average clip per goat was down 2 percent from last year.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, wool production totaled 4.2 million pounds during 2008, 7 percent below the previous year's total. Texas producers sheared 600,000 sheep and lambs during the year, 3 percent lower than 2007.

Total value of the state's wool production was down 11 percent from the previous year to 4.9 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.16, down 4 percent from the average for 2007.

Texas mohair production during 2008 totaled 820,000 pounds, down 15 percent from a year ago. Producers clipped 130,000 Angora goats and kids with an average clip weight of 6.3 pounds. The number of Angora goats and kids clipped was down 13 percent from the previous year, while the average clip weight was down 2 percent from 2007.

Value of the state's mohair production was 3.12 million dollars. Price per pound averaged \$3.80, down 5 percent from 2007.

United States shorn wool production during 2008 was 33.0 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2008 totaled 4.43 million head, down 5 percent from 2007. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.4 pounds per head, down 1 percent from 2007.

The average price paid for wool sold in 2008 was \$0.99 per pound, for a total value of 32.5 million dollars, up 7 percent from 30.2 million dollars in 2007.

Mohair production during 2008 was 1.18 million pounds, down 13 percent from 2007. Goats and kids clipped, at 193,500 head, were down 11 percent from 2007. Average weight per clip at 6.10 pounds, was down 3 percent from 2007. Value of mohair production was 3.91 million dollars, down 21 percent from 2007.