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On: TEXAS SHEEP AND LAMB
INVENTORY DOWN 5 PERCENT

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AUSTIN . . . The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 830,000 head on January 1, 2010, down 5 percent from last year's level of 870,000 head.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, the inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 650,000 head, down 2 percent from 2009. Breeding ewes one year old and older were down 2 percent, at 510,000 head. Replacement lambs were up from last year at 105,000 head. The 2009 lamb crop at 385 head was up 7 percent from 2008.

Market sheep and lambs in Texas were down 14 percent from last year, totaling 180,000 head. Sheep for market totaled 10,000 head, equal to 2009, while lambs for market totaled 170,000 head, down 15 percent from last year.

Lambs for market weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 75,000 head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 20,000 head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 15,000 head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 60,000 head.

The January 1 Texas goat inventory was down 1 percent from last year at 1.1 million head.

Angora goats totaled 95,000 head, down 21 percent from last year, while meat and other goats were up 1 percent at 990,000 head.

Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 5.6 million head, down 2 percent from 2009.

United States breeding sheep inventory on January 1, 2010 were at 4.2 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 3.3 million head, were 2 percent lower than last year.

The 2009 lamb crop was 3.7 million head, down 1 percent from 2008. The 2009 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, up 3 percent from 2008.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.4 million head on January 1, 2010. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total.

Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds accounted for 25 percent of the total; 65 to 84 pounds, 12 percent; 85 to 105 pounds, 19 percent; and more than 105 pounds, 38 percent. Market sheep account for 6 percent.

Nationally, the all goat inventory totaled 3.0 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.5 million head, down slightly. Milk goats were up 6 percent to 355,000 head while Angora goats were down 19 percent to 150,000 head.

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**SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY AND
LAMB CROP ^{1/}**

Item	Texas		
	January 1		2010 as percent of 2009
	2009	2010	
INVENTORY:	<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All sheep and lambs	870	830	95
Breeding sheep and lambs	660	650	98
Ewes 1 year old and older	520	510	98
Rams 1 year old and older	40	35	88
Replacement lambs under 1 year old	100	105	105
Market sheep and lambs	210	180	86
Sheep 1 year old and over	10	10	100
Lambs under 1 year old	200	170	85
Under 65 pounds	80	75	94
65-84 pounds	25	20	80
85-105 pounds	25	15	60
Over 105 pounds	70	60	86
All goats	1,120	1,105	99
Angora goats	120	95	79
Milk goats	20	20	100
Meat and other goats	980	990	101
	2008	2009	2009 as percent of 2008
	<u>1,000</u>		<u>Percent</u>
Lamb crop	360	385	107

^{1/} Inventory estimates now include Barbado and all hair sheep and lambs.