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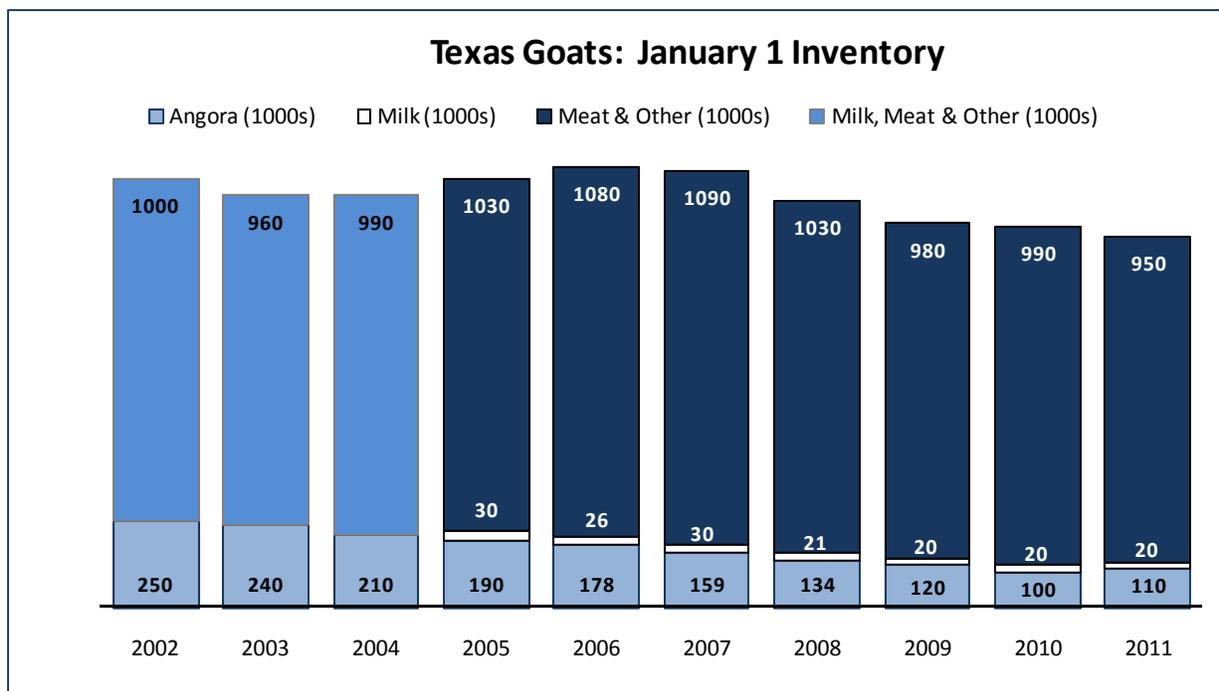
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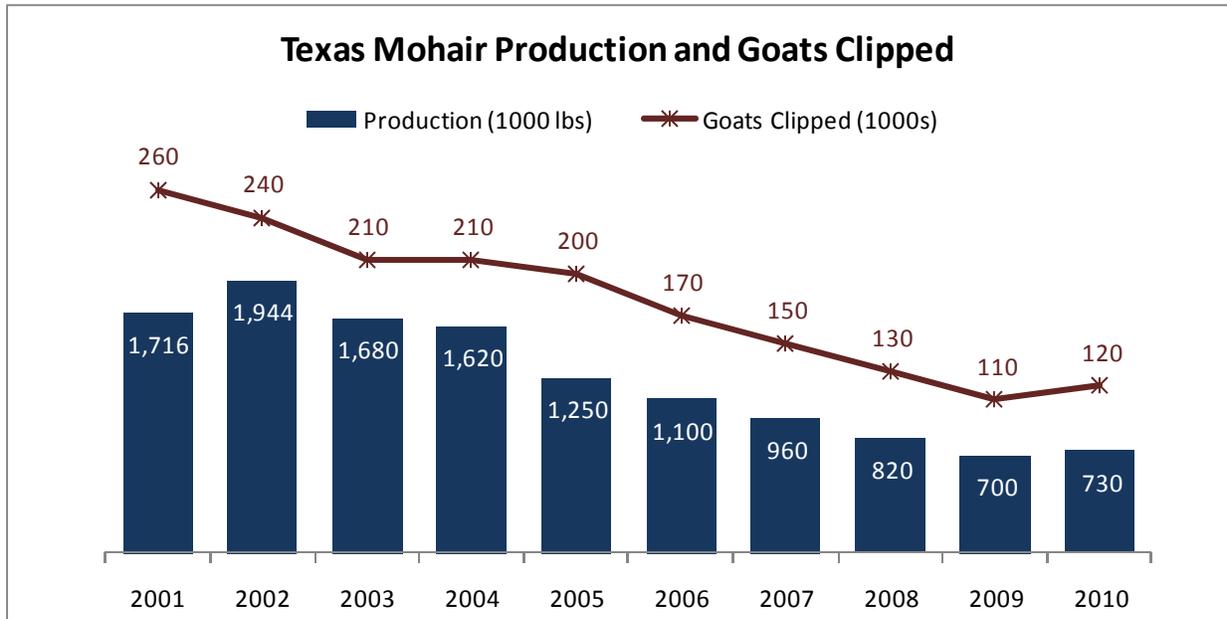
## 2011 All Goat Inventory Down 3 Percent, Angora Up 10 Percent

**Texas Goats:** The total January 1, 2011 goat inventory in Texas declined 3 percent from last year. Meat and other goats, previously referred to as Spanish and other goats, accounted for the drop, decreasing by 40,000 to 950,000 head. The Angora goat inventory increased from 100,000 to 110,000 head, a 10 percent increase. The inventory of milk goats on January 1, 2011 totaled 20,000 head, unchanged from last year.

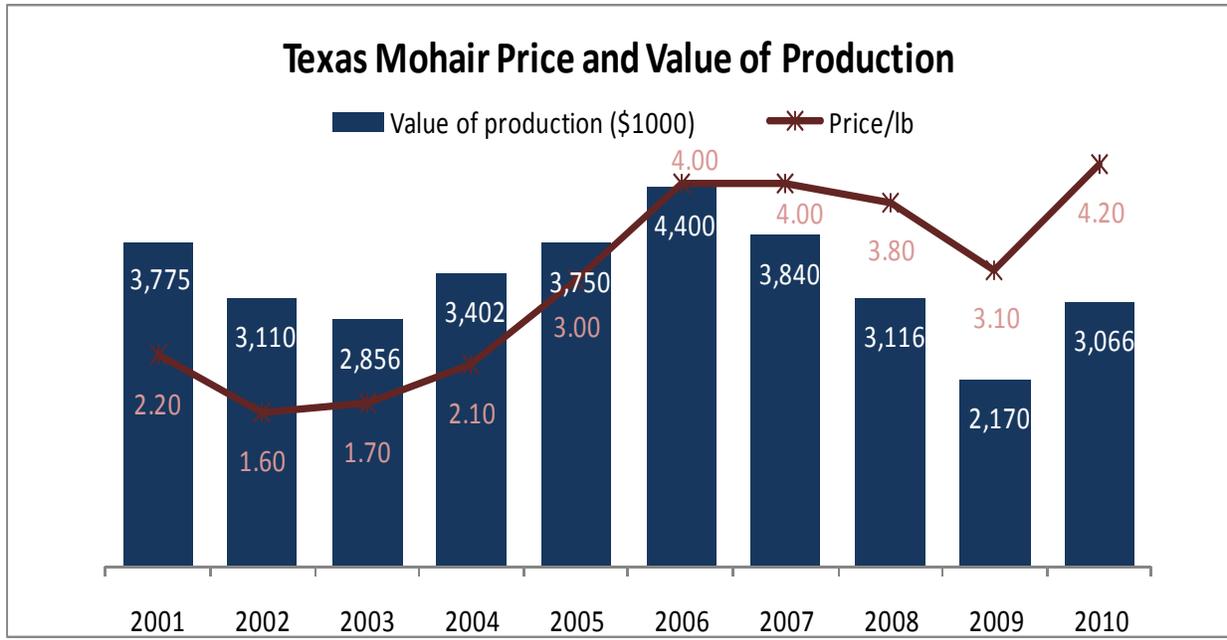
Texas Goat Inventory	2009	2010	2011	2011/2010
	1000 head			Percent
All Goats	1,120	1,110	1,080	97
Angora	120	100	110	110
Milk	20	20	20	100
Meat and Other	980	990	950	96



**Texas Angora Goats and Mohair:** The Angora goat on inventory as of January 1, 2011 was 10,000 higher than the previous year. During 2010, 120,000 goats and kids were clipped, also 10,000 greater than the year before. Mohair production grew by 30,000 pounds to 730,000 pounds. This is the first increase since 2002. The average clip weight for 2010 was 6.1 pounds.



The price per pound of mohair increased by \$1.10 in 2010 to \$4.20. This brought the total value of the state's mohair production to 3.066 million dollars, an increase of almost a million dollars over 2009.



**U.S. Highlights:** All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2011, totaled 3.00 million head. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.49 million head and market goats totaled 514,000 head. On January 1, 2011, meat and all other goats totaled 2.47 million head, milk goats totaled 360,000 head and Angora goats totaled 172,000 head. The 2010 kid crop was 1.91 million head for all goats.

Mohair production during 2010 was 1.09 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2009. Goats and kids clipped, at 181,000 head, were up 6 percent from 2009. Average weight per clip at 6.0 pounds, was down 3 percent from 2009. Value of mohair production was 3.79 million dollars, up 34 percent from 2009.

*A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep and goat producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. About 23,000 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 81 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.*

Link to the US report:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/SheeGoat//2010s/201F/SheeGoat-01-21-201F.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: [www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp)