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## TOTAL U.S. GOAT AND KID INVENTORY DOWN 4 PERCENT

On January 1, 2012, there were 5,800 milk, meat, and other goats on Wyoming farms and ranches, compared with 6,900 head the previous year according to the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. The number of **milk goats** was 1,100 in 2012, down 21 percent from the 1,400 in 2011. The number of **meat goats and other goats** on January 1 was 4,700 head, down 15 percent from 2011.

**UNITED STATES:** All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 2.86 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. **Breeding goat inventory** totaled 2.38 million head, down 4 percent from 2011. **Market goats and kids** totaled 487,000 head, down 5 percent from a year ago. **Kid crop** for 2011 totaled 1.88 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2010. **Meat and all other goats** totaled 2.36 million head on January 1, 2012, down 4 percent from 2011. **Milk goat** inventory was 360,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2011, while **Angora goats** were down 15 percent, totaling 146,000 head.

**Mohair production** in the United States during 2011 was 865 million pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 149,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.8 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$4.12 per pound with a value of 3.56 million dollars.

**GOATS BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 2011-2012, WYOMING AND U.S.**

Class	Wyoming			United States		
	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
Angora	1/	1/	1/	172,000	146,000	85
Milk	1,400	1,100	79	360,000	360,000	100
Meat & Other	5,500	4,700	85	2,464,000	2,468,000	98
All Goats	1/	1/	1/	3,038,000	3,000,000	99

1/ Not published.