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On: TEXAS WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 17 PERCENT
MOHAIR PRODUCTION DOWN 15 PERCENT

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AUSTIN . . . The number of sheep and lambs shorn were down 17 percent from a year ago, while average fleece weights stayed the same as 2008 at 7.0 pounds. Mohair production was down 18 percent, while the average clip per goat was up 2 percent from last year.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, wool production totaled 3.5 million pounds during 2009, 17 percent below the previous year's total. Texas producers sheared 500,000 sheep and lambs during the year, 17 percent lower than 2008.

Total value of the state's wool production was down 25 percent from the previous year to 3.64 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.04, down 10 percent from the average for 2008.

Texas mohair production during 2009 totaled 670,000 pounds, down 18 percent from a year ago. Producers clipped 105,000 Angora goats and kids with an average clip weight of 6.4 pounds. The number of Angora goats and kids clipped was down 19 percent from the previous year, while the average clip weight was up 2 percent from 2008.

Value of the state's mohair production was approximate 2.08 million dollars. Price per pound averaged \$3.10, down 18 percent from 2008.

United States shorn wool production during 2009 was 30.9 million pounds, down 6 percent from a year earlier. Sheep and lambs shorn during 2009 totaled 4.2 million head, down 5 percent from 2008. Average fleece weight of shorn wool was 7.4 pounds per head, same as 2008.

The average price paid for wool sold in 2009 was \$.79 per pound, for a total value of 24.4 million dollars, down 25 percent from 32.5 million dollars in 2008.

Mohair production during 2009 was 1.01 million pounds, down 15 percent from 2008. Goats and kids clipped, at 160,500 head, were down 17 percent from 2008. Average weight per clip at 6.3 pounds, was up 3 percent from 2008. Value of mohair production was 2.7 million dollars, down 31 percent from 2008.