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VIRGINIA'S SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DECREASE FROM 2014

- Virginia's sheep and lamb inventory totaled 75 thousand head on January 1, 2015, according to the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. This is down 10 percent from last year's inventory of 83 thousand head.
- Breeding sheep inventory, at 62 thousand head, was down 6 percent from last year's total of 66 thousand head. Market sheep inventory totaled 13 thousand head, down 24 percent from 2014.
- Sheep shorn totaled 27 thousand head, down 16 percent from last year's total of 32 thousand head shorn. Wool production was 150 thousand total pounds, down 21 percent from last year's total of 190 thousand pounds.
- The 2014 lamb crop totaled 55 thousand head, down 3 thousand head from the 2013 lamb crop.

MEAT GOAT INVENTORY INCREASE FROM 2014

- Virginia's meat and other goat inventory totaled 46 thousand head on January 1, 2015. This is up 2 percent from last year's inventory of 45 thousand head.
- Milk goat inventory totaled 4,500 head on January 1, 2015, up 1,200 head from last year's total of 3,300 head.

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