



# News Release

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## KANSAS JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY

TOPEKA, KS, January 31, 2014 - **All sheep and lamb inventory** in Kansas on January 1, 2014 totaled 75,000 head, up 10,000 head from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Breeding sheep inventory** totaled 48,000 head, up 6,000 head from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 39,000 head, up 6,000 head from the previous year. Rams one year and older remained unchanged from last year's 2,000 head. Total replacement lambs were also unchanged from last year at 7,000 head.

**Market sheep and lambs** totaled 27,000 head, up 4,000 head from last year. A total of 4,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 23,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 11,000 lambs were under 65 pounds; 3,000 were 65-84 pounds; 3,000 were 85-105 pounds; 6,000 were over 105 pounds.

**The 2013 lamb crop** totaled 45,000 head, up from 43,000 in 2012. The 2013 lambing rate was 136 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 126 per 100 ewes in 2012.

**Shorn wool production** during 2013 was 285,000 pounds, up 30,000 pounds from 2012. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 45,000 head, up 3,000 head from 2012. The average price paid for wool sold in 2013 was \$0.85 per pound, compared with \$0.70 in 2012. The total value of wool produced in Kansas was \$242,000 in 2013.

**All meat and other goat and kid** inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2014, remained unchanged from last year's 34,000 head. Milk goat inventory totaled 4,800 head, down 100 head from last year.

Access this complete report at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/current/SheeGoat/SheeGoat-01-31-2014.pdf>

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