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KANSAS JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY

TOPEKA, KS, January 30, 2015 - **All sheep and lamb inventory** in Kansas on January 1, 2015 totaled 66,000 head, down 9,000 head from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 44,000 head, down 4,000 head from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 36,000 head, down 3,000 head from the previous year. Rams one year and older remained unchanged from last year's 2,000 head. Total replacement lambs totaled 6,000 head, down from last year at 7,000 head.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 22,000 head, down 5,000 head from last year. A total of 3,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 19,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 8,500 lambs were under 65 pounds; 2,500 were 65-84 pounds; 2,500 were 85-105 pounds; 5,500 were over 105 pounds.

The 2014 lamb crop totaled 42,000 head, down from 45,000 in 2013. The 2014 lambing rate was 108 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 136 per 100 ewes in 2013.

Shorn wool production during 2014 was 240,000 pounds, down 45,000 pounds from 2013. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 39,000 head, down 6,000 head from 2013. The average price paid for wool sold in 2014 was \$0.95 per pound, compared with \$0.85 in 2013. The total value of wool produced in Kansas was \$228,000 in 2014.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2015, totaled 40,000 head, up from last year's 37,000 head. Milk goat inventory totaled 4,200 head, down 600 from last year.

Access this complete report at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/SheeGoat/SheeGoat-01-30-2015.pdf>

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