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KANSAS JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOATS

MANHATTAN, Kan. February 28, 2019 - All sheep and lamb inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2019 totaled 72,000 head, up 5,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 47,000 head, up 5,000 from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 37,000 head, up 3,000 from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 2,500 head, up 500 from last year. Total replacement lambs totaled 7,500 head, up 1,500 from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 25,000 head, unchanged from last year. A total of 3,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 22,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 10,000 lambs were under 65 pounds; 1,700 were 65-84 pounds; 2,800 were 85-105 pounds; 7,500 were over 105 pounds.

The 2018 lamb crop totaled 44,000 head, up 1,000 from 2017. The 2018 **lambing rate** was 129 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 119 in 2017.

Sheep deaths totaled 3,000 head, up 500 from last year. **Lamb deaths** totaled 6,000 head, up 500 from last year.

Sheep and lambs slaughtered on farm totaled 1,700 head, down 600 from last year.

Shorn wool production during 2018 was 275,000 pounds, down 10,000 from 2017. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 43,000 head, unchanged from 2017. **Weight per fleece** was 6.4 pounds, down 0.2 from last year. The average price paid for wool sold in 2018 was \$0.95 per pound, compared with \$0.85 in 2017. The total value of wool produced in Kansas was 261,000 dollars in 2018.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2018, totaled 44,000 head, up 3,000 from last year. **Milk goat inventory** totaled 4,000 head, down 400 from last year.

Access the national report at:

<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/000000018>

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