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## KANSAS JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOATS

**MANHATTAN, Kan. January 29, 2021** - All sheep and lamb inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2021 totaled 70,000 head, down 3,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Breeding sheep inventory** totaled 45,000 head, down 4,000 from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 37,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 2,000 head, down 500 from last year. Total replacement lambs totaled 6,000 head, down 500 from last year.

**Market sheep and lambs** totaled 25,000 head, up 1,000 from last year. A total of 2,000 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: 8,000 were under 65 pounds; 2,500 were 65-84 pounds; 2,000 were 85-105 pounds; 10,500 were over 105 pounds.

**The 2020 lamb crop** totaled 45,000 head, down 2,000 from 2019. The 2020 **lambing rate** was 113 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 127 in 2019.

**Sheep deaths** totaled 3,000 head, down 1,000 from last year. **Lamb deaths** totaled 7,000 head, down 500 from last year.

**Sheep and lambs slaughtered on farm** totaled 2,000 head, unchanged from last year.

**Shorn wool production** during 2020 was 240,000 pounds, down 15,000 from 2019. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 39,000 head, down 3,000 from 2019. **Weight per fleece** was 6.2 pounds, up 0.1 from 2019. The average price paid for wool sold in 2020 was \$0.65 per pound, compared with \$0.80 in 2019. The total value of wool produced in Kansas was 156,000 dollars in 2020.

**All meat and other goat and kid inventory** in Kansas on January 1, 2021, totaled 40,000 head, down 3,000 from last year. **Milk goat inventory** totaled 4,000 head, down 200 from last year.

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