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NEBRASKA JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY

LINCOLN, NE, January 31, 2014 - **All sheep and lamb inventory** in Nebraska on January 1, 2014 totaled 76,000 head, down 4,000 head from last year, according to the USDA'S National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 65,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 54,000 head, up 1,000 head from the previous year. Rams one year and older remained unchanged from last year's 3,000 head. Total of replacement lambs was 8,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 11,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year. A total of 1,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 10,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 3,000 lambs were under 65 pounds; 1,000 were 65-84 pounds; 2,000 were 85-105 pounds; 4,000 were over 105 pounds.

The 2013 lamb crop totaled 71,000 head, down from 73,000 in 2012. The 2013 lambing rate was 134 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 143 per 100 ewes in 2012.

Shorn wool production during 2013, remained unchanged from last year's 420,000 pounds. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 59,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2012. The average price paid for wool sold in 2013 was \$1.05 per pound, compared with \$0.68 in 2012. The total value of wool produced in Nebraska was \$441,000 in 2013.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in Nebraska totaled 17,500 head on January 1, 2014, up 500 head from last year. Milk goat inventory totaled 3,500 head, up 700 head from 2013.

Access this complete report at:

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

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