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NEBRASKA JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY

LINCOLN, NE, January 30, 2015 - **All sheep and lamb inventory** in Nebraska on January 1, 2015 totaled 81,000 head, up 5,000 head from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 67,000 head, up 2,000 head from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 55,000 head, up 1,000 head from the previous year. Rams one year and older remained unchanged from last year's 3,000 head. Total replacement lambs was 9,000 head, up 1,000 head from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 14,000 head, up 3,000 head from last year. A total of 1,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 13,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 3,500 lambs were under 65 pounds; 2,000 were 65-84 pounds; 2,500 were 85-105 pounds; 5,000 were over 105 pounds.

The 2014 lamb crop totaled 73,000 head, up from 71,000 in 2013. The 2014 lambing rate was 135 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 134 per 100 ewes in 2013.

Shorn wool production during 2014 was 445,000 pounds, up 25,000 pounds from last year. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 62,000 head, up 3,000 head from 2013. The average price paid for wool sold in 2014 was \$1.06 per pound, compared with \$1.05 in 2013. The total value of wool produced in Nebraska was \$472,000 in 2014.

Milk goat inventory in Nebraska totaled 3,700 head on January 1, 2015, down 100 head from last year.

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