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NEBRASKA JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY

LINCOLN, NE, January 29, 2016 - **All sheep and lamb inventory** in Nebraska on January 1, 2016 totaled 80,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 67,000 head, unchanged from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 55,000 head, unchanged 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, unchanged from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 13,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year. A total of 1,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 12,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 2,500 lambs were under 65 pounds; 1,800 were 65-84 pounds; 3,000 were 85-105 pounds; 4,700 were over 105 pounds.

The 2015 lamb crop totaled 71,000 head, down from 73,000 in 2014. The 2015 lambing rate was 129 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 135 per 100 ewes in 2014.

Shorn wool production during 2015 was 460,000 pounds, up 15,000 pounds from last year. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 63,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2014. The average price paid for wool sold in 2015 was \$0.90 per pound, compared with \$1.06 in 2014. The total value of wool produced in Nebraska was \$414,000 in 2015.

Milk goat inventory in Nebraska totaled 3,200 head on January 1, 2016, down 500 head from last year.

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