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NEBRASKA JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOATS

LINCOLN, Neb. January 31, 2020 - All sheep and lamb inventory in Nebraska on January 1, 2020 totaled 78,000 head, up 3,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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

Market sheep and lambs totaled 11,000 head, unchanged 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: 2,600 lambs were under 65 pounds; 1,300 were 65-84 pounds; 2,400 were 85-105 pounds; 3,700 were over 105 pounds.

The 2019 lamb crop totaled 71,000 head, up 6,000 from 2018. The 2019 **lambing rate** was 134 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 118 in 2018.

Sheep deaths totaled 3,400 head, up 300 from last year. **Lamb deaths** totaled 9,000 head, up 1,500 from last year.

Sheep and lambs slaughtered on farm totaled 1,000 head, up 200 from last year.

Shorn wool production during 2019 was 440,000 pounds, up 30,000 from 2018. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 61,000 head, up 3,000 from 2018. **Weight per fleece** was 7.2 pounds, up 0.1 from last year. The average price paid for wool sold in 2019 was \$0.88 per pound, compared with \$0.88 in 2018. The total value of wool produced in Nebraska was 387,000 dollars in 2019.

Milk goats and kids inventory in Nebraska totaled 3,500 head, down 500 from last year.

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

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