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NEBRASKA JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOATS

LINCOLN, Neb. January 29, 2021 - All sheep and lamb inventory in Nebraska on January 1, 2021 totaled 74,000 head, down 4,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 61,000 head, down 6,000 from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 50,000 head, down 5,000 from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 3,000, unchanged from last year. Total replacement lambs totaled 8,000 head, down 1,000 from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 13,000 head, up 2,000 from last year. A total of 3,000 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; 1,800 were 65-84 pounds; 2,000 were 85-105 pounds; 3,200 were over 105 pounds.

The 2020 lamb crop totaled 65,000 head, down 6,000 from 2019. The 2020 **lambing rate** was 118 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 134 in 2019.

Sheep deaths totaled 3,000 head, down 400 from last year. **Lamb deaths** totaled 8,000 head, down 1,000 from last year.

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

Shorn wool production during 2020 was 415,000 pounds, down 25,000 from 2019. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 56,000 head, down 5,000 from 2019. **Weight per fleece** was 7.4 pounds, up 0.2 from 2019. The average price paid for wool sold in 2020 was \$0.77 per pound, compared with \$0.88 in 2019. The total value of wool produced in Nebraska was 320,000 dollars in 2020.

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

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

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