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NEBRASKA JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOATS

LINCOLN, Neb. January 31, 2022 - All sheep and lamb inventory in Nebraska on January 1, 2022 totaled 73,000 head, down 1,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 60,000 head, down 1,000 from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 49,000 head, down 1,000 from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 3,000, unchanged from last year. Total replacement lambs totaled 8,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 13,000 head, unchanged from last year.

The 2021 lamb crop totaled 64,000 head, down 1,000 from 2020. The 2021 **lambing rate** was 128 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 118 in 2020.

Sheep deaths totaled 3,000 head, unchanged from last year. **Lamb deaths** totaled 8,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Sheep and lambs slaughtered on farm totaled 1,500 head, up 500 from last year.

Shorn wool production during 2021 was 400,000 pounds, down 15,000 from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 56,000 head, unchanged from 2020. **Weight per fleece** was 7.1 pounds, down 0.3 from 2020. The average price paid for wool sold in 2021 was \$0.67 per pound, compared with \$0.77 in 2020. The total value of wool produced in Nebraska was \$268,000 in 2021.

Milk goats and kids inventory in Nebraska totaled 3,700 head, up 200 from last year.

Access the national report at:

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

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