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## New York Sheep and Goats Inventory

### Total Sheep and Lamb Inventory up 7 Percent

**All sheep and lamb inventory** in New York on January 1, 2015, totaled 80 thousand head, up 7 percent from 2014, according to Blair Smith, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Breeding sheep inventory increased to 70 thousand head on January 1, 2015, up 9 percent from 64 thousand head on January 1, 2014. Ewes one year old and older, at 51 thousand head, were 9 percent above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2015, totaled 10 thousand head, down 9 percent from January 1, 2014. Market lambs comprised 80 percent of the total market inventory. Thirty percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 30 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 10 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 10 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 20 percent of total market inventory.

**The 2014 lamb crop** of 55 thousand head was up 15 percent from 2013. The 2014 lambing rate was 117 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2014, up 3 percent from 2013.

**Shorn wool production** in the New York during 2014 was 260 thousand pounds, up 8 percent from 2013. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 40 thousand head, up 5 percent from 2013. The average price paid for wool sold in 2014 was \$0.70 per pound for a total value of 182 thousand dollars, up 26 percent from 144 thousand dollars in 2013.

**Sheep death loss** during 2014 totaled 3 thousand head, an increase of 50 percent from 2013. Lamb death loss increased 20 percent from 5.0 thousand head in 2013 to 6.0 thousand head in 2014.

### New York Goat Inventory

**Meat and all other goats** totaled 18,700 head on January 1, 2015, down 15 percent from 2014. **Milk goat** inventory was 13,400 head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2014.

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