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## Pennsylvania Sheep and Goats Inventory

### Total Sheep and Lamb Inventory down 9 Percent

**All sheep and lamb inventory** in Pennsylvania on January 1, 2015, totaled 86 thousand head, down 9 percent from 2014, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 71 thousand head on January 1, 2015, down 10 percent from 79 thousand head on January 1, 2014. Ewes one year old and older, at 56 thousand head, were 11 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2015, totaled 15 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2014. Market lambs comprised 80 percent of the total market inventory. Forty-one percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 19 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 13 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 7 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 20 percent of total market inventory.

**The 2014 lamb crop** of 61 thousand head was down 12 percent from 2013. The 2014 lambing rate was 97 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2014, down 18 percent from 2013.

**Shorn wool production** in Pennsylvania during 2014 was 320 thousand pounds, down 14 percent from 2013. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 48 thousand head, down 14 percent from 2013. The average price paid for wool sold in 2014 was \$0.50 per pound for a total value of 160 thousand dollars, down 6 percent from 170 thousand dollars in 2013.

**Sheep death loss** during 2014 totaled 4 thousand head, a decrease of 20 percent from 2013. Lamb death loss decreased 5 percent from 9.5 thousand head in 2013 to 9.0 thousand head in 2014.

### Pennsylvania Goat Inventory

Meat and all other goats in Pennsylvania totaled 37 thousand head on January 1, 2015, down 5 percent from 2014. Milk goat inventory was 13 thousand head, up 8 percent from January 1, 2014.

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