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## S.C. MILK GOAT INVENTORIES INCREASE FOR 2013

Based on January 1, 2013 estimates, SOUTH CAROLINA'S **milk goat inventory** is estimated at 3,100 head, up 3 percent from the same date in 2012, announced the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office today. **Meat and other goats** totaled 43,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago.

## TOTAL GOAT AND KID INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

**All goat inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2013, totaled 2.81 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. **Breeding goat inventory** totaled 22.32 million head, down 2 percent from 2012. **All Market goats and kids totaled** 487 thousand head, down 5 percent from a year ago. **Meat and all other goats** totaled 2.32 million head on January 1, 2013, down 2 percent from 2012. **Milk goat inventory** was 360 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2012, while **Angora goats** were down 7 percent, totaling 136 thousand head.

**Kid crop** for 2012 totaled 1.79 million head for all goats, down 5 percent from 2011.

**Mohair production** in the United States during 2012 was 770 thousand pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 136 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.7 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$3.89 per pound with a value of 2.99 million dollars.