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SOUTH DAKOTA JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY

SIOUX FALLS, SD, January 31, 2014 - **All sheep and lamb inventory** in South Dakota on January 1, 2014 totaled 270,000 head, down 5,000 head from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 210,000 head, down 10,000 head from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled a record low 172,000 head, down 8,000 head from the previous year. Rams one year and older remained unchanged from last year's 7,000 head. Total replacement lambs totaled 31,000 head, down 2,000 from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 60,000 head, up 5,000 head from last year. A total of 2,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 58,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 4,000 lambs were under 65 pounds; 7,000 were 65-84 pounds; 17,000 were 85-105 pounds; 30,000 were over 105 pounds.

The 2013 lamb crop remained unchanged from last year's 230,000 head. The 2013 lambing rate was 128 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 124 per 100 ewes in 2012.

Shorn wool production during 2013 was a record low 1,830,000 pounds, down 60,000 pounds from 2012. Sheep and lambs shorn remained unchanged from last year's 250,000 head. The average price paid for wool sold in 2013 was \$1.57 per pound, compared with \$1.67 in 2012. The total value of wool produced in South Dakota was \$2,870,000 in 2013.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in South Dakota totaled 7,300 head on January 1, 2014, up 200 head from last year. Milk goat inventory remained unchanged from last year's 2,100 head.

Access this complete report at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/current/SheeGoat/SheeGoat-01-31-2014.pdf>

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