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JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY

According to the Tennessee Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, both sheep and lamb inventories and goat inventories saw increases overall in Tennessee from last year.

The total number of **sheep** and lambs in **Tennessee** on January 1, 2020, was estimated at 49,000 head, up 1,000 from the previous year's estimate. All breeding sheep and lambs were estimated at 40,000 head and all market sheep and lambs were estimated at 9,000 head. Breeding ewes increased 1,000 head to 30,000 head, and breeding rams remained unchanged at 3,000 head. Replacement lambs numbered 7,000, an increase of 1,000 from 2019. Lamb crop for 2019 increased by 1,000 from last year to 34,000 head.

All **sheep** and lambs inventory in the **United States** on January 1, 2020 totaled 5.20 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020, decreased slightly from 3.82 million head on January 1, 2019. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.98 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2020 totaled 1.39 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2019. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2019 lamb crop of 3.23 million head was down slightly from 2018. The 2019 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2019, up 1 percent from 2018.

All meat and other **goats** and kids in **Tennessee** were estimated at 100,000 head, up 11,000 head from January 2019. Milk goats and kids at 7,400 head, were up 400 head from the previous year's estimate.

All **goats** and kids inventory in the **United States** on January 1, 2020 totaled 2.66 million head, up 1 percent from 2019. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.18 million head, up 2 percent from 2019. Does one year old and older, at 1.62 million head, were up 2 percent from last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 478 thousand head, up 1 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2019 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up slightly from 2018. Meat and other goats totaled 2.09 million head on January 1, 2020, up 2 percent from 2019. Milk goat inventory was 440 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2019, while Angora goats were down 5 percent, totaling 130 thousand head.