



Texas Goat Inventory

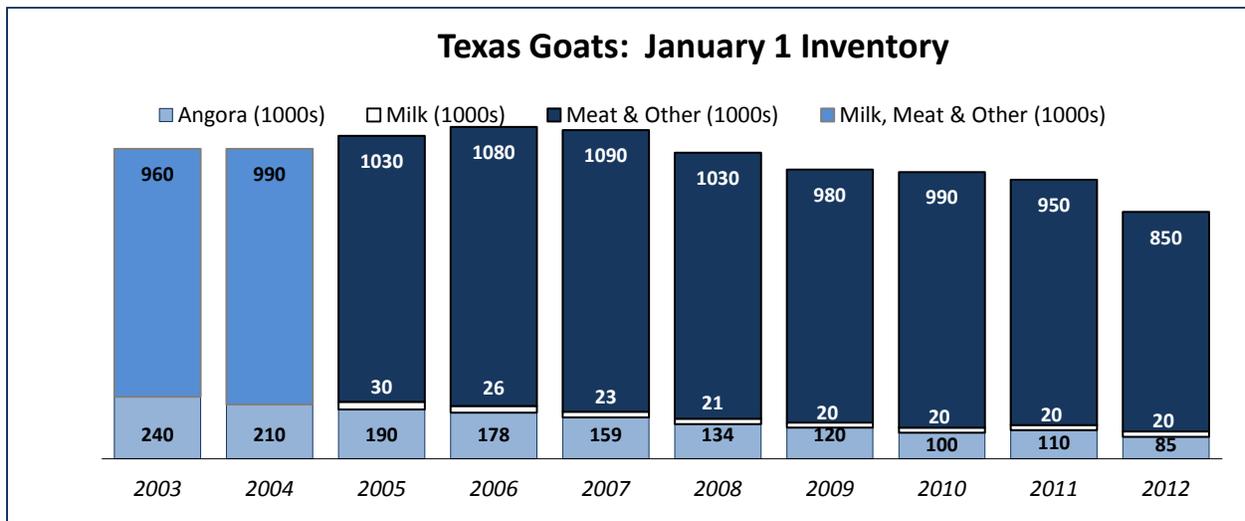
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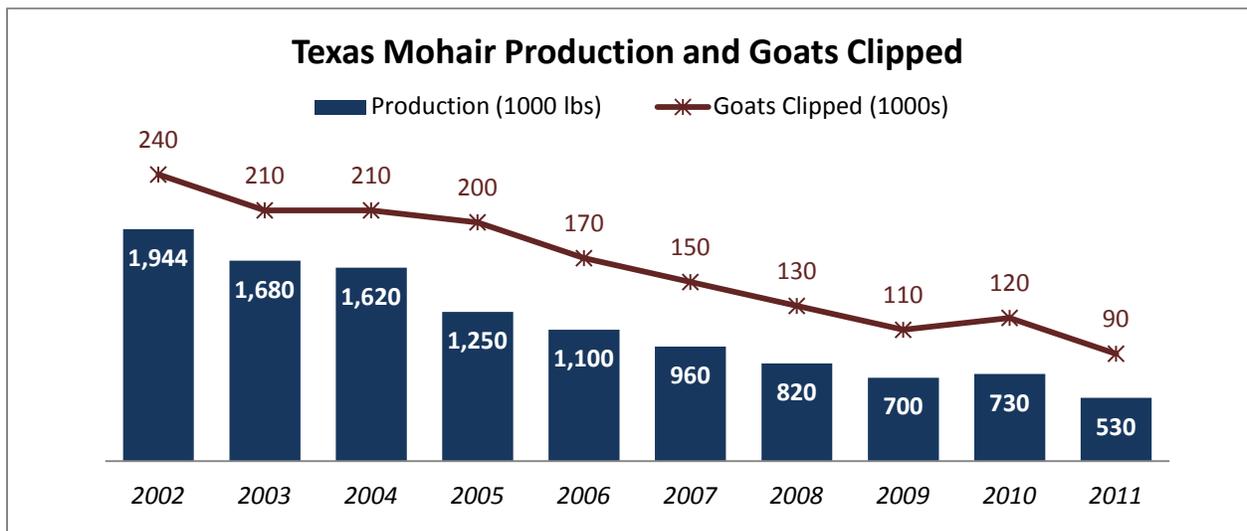
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Texas Goats: The total January 1, 2012 goat inventory in Texas declined 12 percent from last year. Meat and other goats accounted for the majority of the drop, decreasing 100 thousand to 850 thousand head. The Angora goat inventory decreased from 110 thousand to 85 thousand head, a 23 percent decrease. The inventory of milk goats on January 1, 2012 totaled 20 thousand head, unchanged from last year.

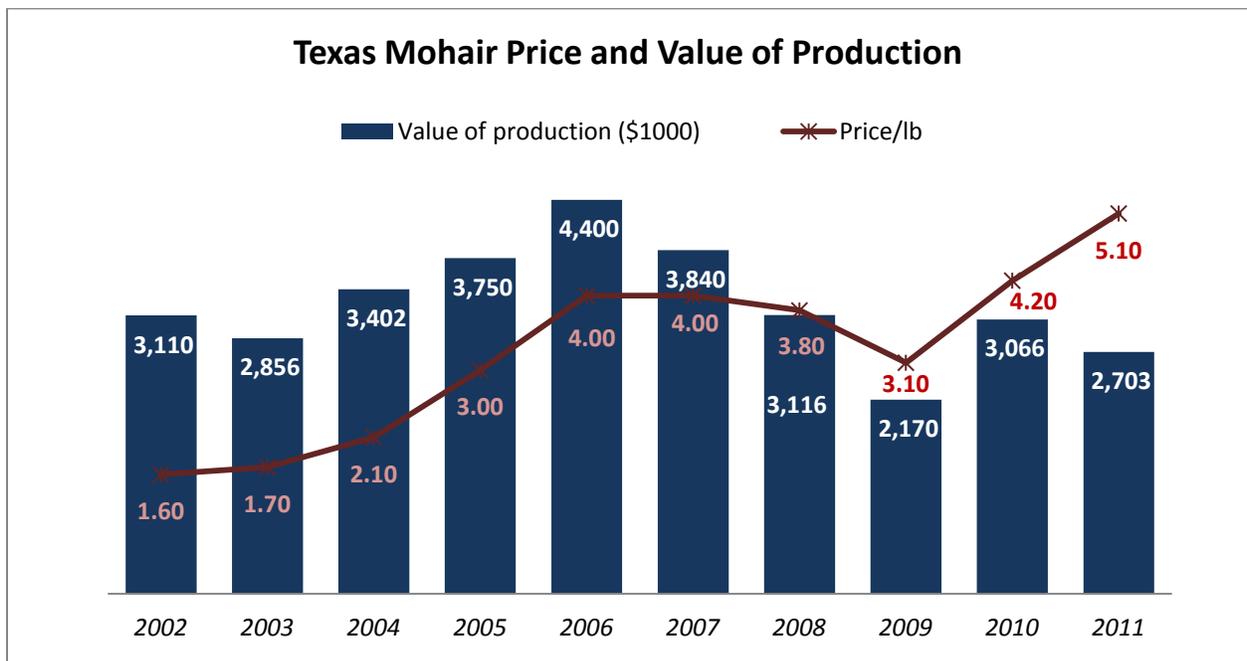
Texas Goat Inventory	2010	2011	2012	2012/2011
	1000 head			Percent
All Goats	1,110	1,080	955	88
Angora	100	110	85	77
Milk	20	20	20	100
Meat and Other	990	950	850	89



Texas Angora Goats and Mohair: The Angora goat inventory as of January 1, 2012 was 25 thousand lower than the previous year. During 2011, 90 thousand goats and kids were clipped, 30 thousand less than the year before. Mohair production decreased 200 thousand pounds to 530 thousand pounds. The average clip weight for 2011 was 5.9 pounds.



The price per pound of mohair increased \$0.90 in 2011 to \$5.10. This brought the total value of the state's mohair production to 2.70 million dollars, a decrease of 363 thousand dollars from 2010.



U.S. Highlights: All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 2.86 million head. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.38 million head and market goats totaled 487 thousand head. On January 1, 2012, meat and all other goats totaled 2.36 million head, milk goats totaled 360 thousand head and Angora goats totaled 146 thousand head. The 2011 kid crop was 1.88 million head for all goats.

Mohair production during 2011 was 865 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped, at 149,000 head, were down 18 percent from 2010. Average weight per clip at 5.8 pounds, was down 3 percent from 2010. Value of mohair production was 3.56 million dollars, down 6 percent from 2010.

A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep and goat producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. About 23,000 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 77 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.

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