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JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released its Sheep and Goats report showing the **Virginia** sheep inventory increased 7% from last year and the goat inventory decreased 7% from last year. Data in the report are based on a survey of farmers conducted in January.

The total number of **sheep** and lambs in **Virginia** on January 1, 2021 was estimated at 78,000 head, up 5,000 head from the previous year's estimate. All breeding sheep and lambs were estimated at 62,000 head and all market sheep and lambs were estimated at 16,000 head. Breeding ewes were estimated at 49,000 head, up 2,000 head from last year and breeding rams were estimated at 3,500 head, up 500 head from last year. Replacement lambs were estimated at 9,500 head, up 500 head from 2020. Lamb crop for 2020 was estimated at 57,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2019.

All **sheep** and lambs inventory in the **United States** on January 1, 2021 totaled 5.17 million head, down 1% from 2020. Breeding sheep inventory was estimated at 3.78 million head on January 1, 2021, down 1% from 2020. Ewes one year old and older were estimated at 2.96 million head, down 1% from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2021 totaled 1.39 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2020. Market lambs comprised 94% of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6% of total market inventory. The 2020 lamb crop was estimated at 3.21 million head, down 1% from 2019. The 2020 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2020, unchanged from 2019.

All meat and other **goats** in **Virginia** were estimated at 40,000 head, down 3,000 head from January 2020. Milk goats were at 4,800 head, down 200 head from the previous year's estimate.

All **goats** and kids inventory in the **United States** on January 1, 2021 totaled 2.58 million head, down 3% from 2020. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.12 million head, down 3% from 2020. Does one year old and older, at 1.57 million head, were down 3% from last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 465,000 head, down 3% from 2020. Kid crop for 2020 totaled 1.66 million head for all goats, up 1% from 2019. Meat and other goats totaled 2.05 million head on January 1, 2021, down 2% from 2020. Milk goat inventory was estimated at 420,000 head, down 3% from January 1, 2020, while Angora goats totaled 117,000 head, down 10% from last year.