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WEST VIRGINIA SHEEP AND GOATS INVENTORIES

Charleston, West Virginia – All sheep and lambs inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2021, was 30,000 head, down 3,000 head from January 1, 2020.

Breeding sheep and lambs inventory totaled 26,000 head on January 1, 2021, down 1,000 head from 2020. Ewes totaled 21,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2020. Rams totaled 1,500 head, unchanged from 2020. Replacement lambs totaled 3,500 head, unchanged from 2020.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2021 totaled 4,000 head, down 2,000 head from January 1, 2020. Market sheep totaled 500 head, down 500 head from the previous year. Market lambs totaled 3,500 head, down 1,500 head from the previous year. Of these, 2,000 were under 65 pounds, 500 were 65 - 84 pounds, 500 were 85 - 105 pounds, and 500 were over 105 pounds.

The 2020 lamb crop totaled 25,000 head, down 3,000 head from 2019. The 2020 lambing rate was 114 per 100 ewes one year old and older, on hand January 1, 2020, down 19 lambs per 100 ewes from 2019.

Shorn wool production during 2020 was 70,000 pounds, down 17,000 pounds from 2019. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 13,000 head, down 3,000 head from 2019. The average price paid for wool sold in 2020 was \$1.50 per pound, unchanged from the average price paid in 2019. Value was 105,000 dollars, down 26,000 dollars from the value of 131,000 dollars in 2019.

Sheep death loss during 2020 totaled 1,500 head, down 500 head from 2019. Lamb death loss during 2020 totaled 3,000 head, down 1,500 head from 2019.

Meat and other goats and kids inventory on January 1, 2021 was estimated at 19,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2020. **Milk goat inventory** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. **Angora goat inventory** was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States – All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2021 totaled 5.17million head, down 1 percent from 2020.

Breeding sheep inventory at 3.78 million head on January 1, 2021, decreased 1 percent from 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.96 million head, were 1 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2021 totaled 1.39 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2020. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2020 lamb crop of 3.21 million head was down 1 percent from 2019. The 2020 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2020, unchanged from 2019.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2020 was 23.1 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2019. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.28 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. The average price paid for wool sold in 2020 was \$1.66 per pound for a total value of 38.4 million dollars, down 15 percent from 45.4 million dollars in 2019.

Sheep death loss during 2020 totaled 210 thousand head, down 4 percent from 2019. Lamb death loss was down 5 percent from 388 thousand head to 370 thousand head in 2020.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2021 totaled 2.58 million head, down 3 percent from 2020. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.12 million head, down 3 percent from 2020. Does one year old and older, at 1.57 million head, were down 3 percent from last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 465 thousand head, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2020 totaled 1.66 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2019.

Meat and other goats totaled 2.05 million head on January 1, 2021, down 2 percent from 2020. Milk goat inventory was 420 thousand head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2020, while Angora goats were down 10 percent, totaling 117 thousand head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2020 was 589 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 113 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.2 pounds. Mohair price was \$5.07 per pound with a value of 2.99 million dollars.

Sheep and Goat Revisions

All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2020, were reviewed using official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. No revisions were made to sheep and lambs inventory and no change was made to the lamb crop. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to goats and kids inventory and no change was made to kid crop at the United States level. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.