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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, 2022, was 32,000 head, up 2,000 head from January 1, 2021.

Breeding sheep and lambs inventory totaled 28,000 head on January 1, 2022, up 2,000 head from 2021. Ewes totaled 22,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2021. Rams totaled 1,000 head, down 500 head from 2021. Replacement lambs totaled 5,000 head, up 1,500 head from 2021.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2022 totaled 4,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2021. Market sheep totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year. Market lambs totaled 3,500 head, unchanged from the previous year. Of these, 1,500 were under 65 pounds, 500 were 65 - 84 pounds, 500 were 85 - 105 pounds, and 1,000 were over 105 pounds.

The 2021 lamb crop totaled 26,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2020. The 2021 lambing rate was 124 per 100 ewes one year old and older, on hand January 1, 2021, up 10 lambs per 100 ewes from 2020.

Shorn wool production during 2021 was 74,000 pounds, up 4,000 pounds from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 13,000 head, unchanged from 2020. The average price paid for wool sold in 2021 was \$1.40 per pound, down \$0.10 per pound from the average price paid in 2020. Value was 104,000 dollars, down 1,000 dollars from the value of 105,000 dollars in 2020.

Sheep death loss during 2021 totaled 1,700 head, up 200 head from 2020. Lamb death loss during 2021 totaled 3,500 head, up 500 head from 2020.

Meat and other goats and kids inventory on January 1, 2022 was estimated at 20,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2021. **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, 2022 totaled 5.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2021.

Breeding sheep inventory at 3.71 million head on January 1, 2022, decreased 2 percent from 3.78 million head on January 1, 2021. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.91 million head, were 2 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2022 totaled 1.36 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2021. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2021 lamb crop of 3.16 million head was down 2 percent from 2020. The 2021 lambing rate was 107 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2021, down 1 percent from 2020.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2021 was 22.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.20 million head, down 2 percent from 2020. The average price paid for wool sold in 2021 was \$1.70 per pound for a total value of 38.2 million dollars, down 1 percent from 38.4 million dollars in 2020.

Sheep death loss during 2021 totaled 200,000 head, down 5 percent from 2020. Lamb death loss decreased 1 percent from 370,000 head to 365,000 head in 2021.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2022 totaled 2.55 million head, down 1 percent from 2021. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.09 million head, down 1 percent from 2021. Does one year old and older, at 1.55 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 457,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2021 totaled 1.60 million head for all goats, down 3 percent from 2020.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.03 million head on January 1, 2022, down 1 percent from 2021. Milk goat inventory was 410,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2021, while Angora goats were down 9 percent, totaling 110,000 head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2021 was 546,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 105,500 head. Average weight per clip was 5.2 pounds. Mohair price was \$5.58 per pound with a value of 3.05 million dollars.

Sheep and Goat Revisions

All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2021, 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 lamb inventory or lamb crop at the United States level. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to total goat and kid inventory and no change was made to the kid crop. State level estimates were reviewed, and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.