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## SHEEP, LAMB, AND GOAT INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2022

### ARIZONA

The January 1, 2022 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Arizona totaled 100,000 head, down 9 percent from January 1, 2021, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 7 percent from last year to 75,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 14 percent to 25,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 12 percent to 15,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 7 percent from last year to 56,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 4,000 head, is unchanged from last year. Of the 25,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 5,000 head were market sheep and 20,000 head were market lambs. There were 6,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 3,000 head from a year earlier; 2,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 2,000 head from the previous year; 7,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 5,000 head last year; and 5,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 5,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2021. The 2021 lamb crop, at 32,000 head, was down 18 percent from the 2020 lamb crop. Wool production in Arizona during 2021 totaled 460,000 pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 68,000 head, was down 3 percent from 70,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2021 totaled \$368,000 and was down 13 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$0.80 per pound of wool sold compared with \$0.90 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was down 24 percent from last year to 16,000 head. Meat and other goats accounted for 29,000 head on January 1, 2022, down 9 percent from last year. Mohair production in Arizona totaled 56,000 pounds, down 33 percent from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 16,000 head, was down 24 percent from last year. The value of mohair production for 2021 totaled \$56,000 and was down 45 percent from the previous year as producers received \$1.00 per pound of mohair sold compared to \$1.20 the previous year.

### COLORADO

The January 1, 2022 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Colorado totaled 430,000 head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2021, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 7 percent from last year to 195,000 head while market sheep and lambs were unchanged at 235,000 head. The number of replacement lambs was unchanged at 35,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 8 percent from last year to 155,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 5,000 head, is down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 235,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 3,000 head were market sheep and 232,000 head were market lambs. There were 4,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from a year earlier; 17,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 5,000 head from the previous year; 61,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 56,000 head last year; and 150,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 149,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2021. The 2021 lamb crop, at 180,000 head, was down 5 percent from the 2020 lamb crop. Wool production in Colorado during 2021 totaled 2.18 million pounds, down 13 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 355,000 head, was down 4 percent from 370,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2021 totaled \$5.01 million and was down 4 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.30 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.10 per pound the previous year.

Meat and other goats accounted for 24,000 head on January 1, 2022, compared with 24,000 head last year and milk goats totaled 8,000 head, compared with 8,000 head a year ago.

### MONTANA

The January 1, 2022 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Montana totaled 190,000 head, down 5 percent from January 1, 2021, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 7 percent from last year to 161,000 head while market sheep and lambs increased by 7 percent to 29,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 8 percent to 34,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 6 percent from last year to 122,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 5,000 head, is down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 29,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 1,000 head were market sheep and 28,000 head were market lambs. There were 5,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 3,000 head from a year earlier; 8,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, unchanged from the previous year; 9,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 10,000 head last year; and 6,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 5,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2021. The 2021 lamb crop, at 158,000 head, was down 7 percent from the 2020 lamb crop. Wool production in Montana during 2021 totaled 1.49 million pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 170,000 head was down 6 percent from 180,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2021 totaled \$3.28 million and was down 4 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.20 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.20 per pound the previous year.

### NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2022 inventory of all sheep and lambs in New Mexico totaled 90,000 head, up 6 percent from January 1, 2021, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs increased 9 percent from last year to 75,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 6 percent to 15,000 head. The number of replacement lambs increased 6 percent to 17,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 8 percent from last year to 54,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 4,000 head, is up 1,000 head from last year. Of the 15,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 13,000 head were market lambs. There were 3,500 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, up 500 head from a year earlier; 2,500 head were in the 65-84

pound weight group, down 2,500 head from the previous year; 4,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 3,000 head last year; and 3,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 2,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2021. The 2021 lamb crop, at 38,000 head, was down 7 percent from the 2020 lamb crop. Wool production in New Mexico during 2021 totaled 635,000 pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 82,000 head, was up 3 percent from 80,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2021 totaled \$1.11 million and was up 3 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$1.75 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.80 per pound the previous year.

Angora goat inventory was down 11 percent from last year to 8,000 head. Mohair production in New Mexico totaled 25,000 pounds, unchanged from the previous year. The number of angora goats clipped at 6,500 head, was down 7 percent from last year. The value of mohair production for 2021 totaled \$35,000 and was down 8 percent from the previous year as producers received \$1.40 per pound of mohair sold compared to \$1.50 the previous year.

## UTAH

The January 1, 2022 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Utah totaled 270,000 head, down 5 percent from January 1, 2021, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 2 percent from last year to 240,000 head while market sheep and lambs decreased by 25 percent to 30,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 7 percent to 39,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 1 percent from last year to 194,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 7,000 head, is down 1,000 head from last year. Of the 30,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 1,000 head were market sheep and 29,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from a year earlier; 1,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, unchanged from the previous year; 11,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 13,000 head last year; and 16,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 22,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2021. The 2021 lamb crop, at 225,000 head, was down 2 percent from the 2020 lamb crop. Wool production in Utah during 2021 totaled 2.04 million pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 230,000 head, was down 2 percent from 235,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2021 totaled \$4.08 million and was up 3 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.00 per pound of wool sold compared with \$1.90 per pound the previous year.

## WYOMING

The January 1, 2022 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Wyoming totaled 330,000 head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2021, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 4 percent from last year to 260,000 head while market sheep and lambs were unchanged at 70,000 head. The number of replacement lambs decreased 12 percent to 38,000 head. The number of ewes one year old and older decreased 2 percent from last year to 215,000 head. The number of rams one year old and older, at 7,000 head, is unchanged from last year. Of the 70,000 head of market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 68,000 head were market lambs. There were 2,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from a year earlier; 8,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 2,000 head from the previous year; 26,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds compared with 34,000 head last year; and 32,000 head weighed over 105 pounds compared with 25,000 head in this weight group on January 1, 2021. The 2021 lamb crop, at 240,000 head, was up 4 percent from the 2020 lamb crop. Wool production in Wyoming during 2021 totaled 2.12 million pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 245,000 head, was down 2 percent from 250,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2021 totaled \$5.51 million and was up 3 percent from a year earlier as producers received \$2.60 per pound of wool sold compared with \$2.35 per pound the previous year.

## 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.

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.

For a full copy of the *Sheep and Goats* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For state specific questions, please contact:

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