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## NORTH DAKOTA JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOATS

**FARGO, N.D. January 31, 2022** - All sheep and lamb inventory in North Dakota on January 1, 2022 totaled 62,000 head, down 11,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Breeding sheep inventory** totaled 52,000 head, down 1,000 from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 43,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 2,000, unchanged from last year. Total replacement lambs totaled 7,000 head, down 1,000 from last year.

**Market sheep and lambs** totaled 10,000 head, down 10,000 from last year. A total of 1,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 9,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 2,500 lambs were under 65 pounds; 2,500 were 65-84 pounds; 1,000 were 85-105 pounds; 3,000 were over 105 pounds.

**The 2021 lamb crop** totaled 52,000 head, unchanged from 2020. The 2021 **lambing rate** was 121 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 127 in 2020.

**Sheep deaths** totaled 2,000 head, down 1,000 from 2020. **Lamb deaths** totaled 6,000 head, down 1,000 from last year.

**Sheep and lambs slaughtered on farm** totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from 2020.

**Shorn wool production** during 2021 was 395,000 pounds, down 60,000 from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 50,000 head, down 12,000 from 2020. **Weight per fleece** was 7.9 pounds, up 0.6 from 2020. The average price paid for wool sold in 2021 was \$1.15 per pound, unchanged from 2020. The total value of wool produced in North Dakota was \$454,000 in 2021.

North Dakota goat inventory numbers are not separately published as part of NASS's annual program. The counts are included in the "other states" category and U.S. totals each year. State-level data for those "other states" are published as part of NASS's Census of Agriculture.

Access the national report at:

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Access the National Livestock Executive Briefing at:

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