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NORTH DAKOTA JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOATS

FARGO, N.D. January 31, 2023 - All sheep and lamb inventory in North Dakota on January 1, 2023 totaled 64,000 head, up 2,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 46,000 head, down 6,000 from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 37,000 head, down 6,000 from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 2,000, unchanged from last year. Replacement lambs totaled 7,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 18,000 head, up 8,000 from last year.

The 2022 lamb crop totaled 48,000 head, down 4,000 from 2021. The 2022 **lambing rate** was 112 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 121 in 2021.

Sheep deaths totaled 2,000 head, unchanged from 2021. **Lamb deaths** totaled 6,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Sheep and lambs slaughtered on farm totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from 2021.

Shorn wool production during 2022 was 390,000 pounds, down 5,000 from 2021. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 50,000 head, unchanged from 2021. **Weight per fleece** was 7.8 pounds, down 0.1 from 2021. The average price paid for wool sold in 2022 was \$1.05 per pound, compared with \$1.15 in 2021. The total value of wool produced in North Dakota was 410,000 dollars in 2022.

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:

<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/000000018>

Access the National Livestock Executive Briefing at:

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