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JANUARY AGRICULTURAL SURVEYS ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct the January Cattle and Sheep and Goat surveys from December 30, 2025, through January 12, 2026. Survey data are collected across the country and are used to set state and national estimates for cattle, sheep, and goats.

Questionnaires will be mailed to producers in the sample on December 20, 2025; they can respond via mail or electronically. Enumerators from the Eastern Mountain Region Offices will collect data on cattle, sheep, and goat inventories. The cattle questions will cover milk and beef cow numbers including replacement heifers, steers, cattle on feed, milk production, and calf crop. Sheep and goat questions will include breeding and market sheep and goat numbers, lamb and kid crops, 2025 wool and mohair production, and death totals.

The Eastern Mountain Region is the home of more than 5,825 million head of cattle, 269 thousand head of sheep, and 240 thousand head of goats. The results of the surveys will be published on January 31 on our website at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>.

2025 Eastern Mountain Region Cattle, Sheep and Goats Inventory

	Cattle	Sheep	Total Goats*
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Kentucky	1,850.0	72.0	65.8
North Carolina	720.0	33.0	53.0
Tennessee	1,570.0	48.0	80.0
Virginia	1,320.0	80.0	41.0
West Virginia	365.0	36.0	
United States	86,662.2	5,050.0	2,507.0

*KY, NC, TN and VA goats are Milk and Meat combined. WV is not in the Goat program as of 2025.

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