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NEBRASKA JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOATS

LINCOLN, Neb. January 31, 2023 - All sheep and lamb inventory in Nebraska on January 1, 2023 totaled 74,000 head, up 1,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 63,000 head, up 3,000 from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 51,000 head, up 2,000 from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 3,000, unchanged from last year. Replacement lambs totaled 9,000 head, up 1,000 from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 11,000 head, down 2,000 from last year. A total of 1,000 head were mature sheep (one year and older) while the remaining 10,000 were under one year. Market lamb weight groups were estimated as follows: 3,500 lambs were under 65 pounds; 1,500 were 65-84 pounds; 1,500 were 85-105 pounds; 3,500 were over 105 pounds.

The 2022 lamb crop totaled 65,000 head, up 1,000 from 2021. The 2022 **lambing rate** was 133 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 128 in 2021.

Sheep deaths totaled 3,000 head, unchanged from last year. **Lamb deaths** totaled 7,500 head, down 500 from last year.

Sheep and lambs slaughtered on farm totaled 1,000 head, down 500 from last year.

Shorn wool production during 2022 was 410,000 pounds, up 10,000 from 2021. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 58,000 head, up 2,000 from 2021. **Weight per fleece** was 7.1 pounds, unchanged from 2021. The average price paid for wool sold in 2022 was \$0.70 per pound, compared with \$0.67 in 2021. The total value of wool produced in Nebraska was 287,000 dollars in 2022.

Milk goats and kids inventory in Nebraska totaled 3,300 head, down 400 from last year.

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

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