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## NORTH DAKOTA JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOATS

**FARGO, N.D. January 31, 2025** - All sheep and lamb inventory in North Dakota on January 1, 2025 totaled 62,000 head, down 1,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Breeding sheep inventory** totaled 43,000 head, down 2,000 from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 34,000 head, down 2,000 from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 2,000, unchanged from last year. Total replacement lambs totaled 7,000 head, unchanged from last year.

**Market sheep and lambs** totaled 19,000 head, up 1,000 from last year.

**The 2024 lamb crop** totaled 43,000 head, down 1,000 from 2023. The 2024 **lambing rate** was 119 per 100 ewes one year and older, unchanged from 2023.

**Sheep deaths** totaled 2,000 head, unchanged from 2023. **Lamb deaths** totaled 6,000 head, up 500 from last year.

**Sheep and lambs slaughtered on farm** totaled 1,500 head, up 1,000 from 2023.

**Shorn wool production** during 2024 was 370,000 pounds, unchanged from 2023. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 45,000 head, down 1,000 from 2023. **Weight per fleece** was 8.2 pounds, up 0.2 from 2023. The average price paid for wool sold in 2024 was \$0.90 per pound, compared with \$0.95 in 2023. The total value of wool produced in North Dakota was 333,000 dollars in 2024.

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:

[https://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Executive\\_Briefings/2025/01-31-2025.pdf](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Newsroom/Executive_Briefings/2025/01-31-2025.pdf)

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