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KANSAS JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOATS

MANHATTAN, Kan. January 31, 2024 - All sheep and lamb inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2024 totaled 82,000 head, down 2,000 from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 53,000 head, down 3,000 from last year. Ewes one year and older totaled 42,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year. Rams one year and older totaled 2,500 head, unchanged from last year. Total replacement lambs totaled 8,500 head, unchanged from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 29,000 head, up 1,000 from last year.

The 2023 lamb crop totaled 46,000 head, up 3,000 from 2022. The 2023 **lambing rate** was 102 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 108 in 2022.

Sheep deaths totaled 3,000 head, down 500 from last year. **Lamb deaths** totaled 8,000 head, up 500 from last year.

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

Shorn wool production during 2023 was 310,000 pounds, down 10,000 from 2022. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 50,000 head, down 3,000 from 2022. **Weight per fleece** was 6.2 pounds, up 0.2 from 2022. The average price paid for wool sold in 2023 was \$0.55 per pound, unchanged from last year. The total value of wool produced in Kansas was 171,000 dollars in 2023.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2024, totaled 47,000 head, up 2,000 from last year. **Milk goat inventory** totaled 4,100 head, up 300 from last year.

Access the national report at:

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

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