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USDA SURVEYING SHEEP AND GOAT OPERATIONS

St. Louis, Missouri -- December 2023 – Starting in late December, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will measure sheep and goat inventories and wool and mohair production through a nationwide survey.

"Interest in sheep and goat data continues to grow with increased diversification in agriculture and consumer demands," said Brad Summa, director of the NASS Heartland Regional Office. "The Sheep and Goat Survey gives producers the opportunity to report the latest information on conditions and trends in the industry." Missouri operators surveyed will be asked to provide information about their sheep and goat inventories, counts of lambs and kids born during 2023, and production and prices received for wool and mohair.

"Accurate data on sheep and goat inventory and production is a significant decision-making tool for USDA and the industry to be more responsive to domestic and international markets and consumer needs. The information can also help create public appreciation for the many benefits of U.S. sheep and goats and their needed products," added Summa.

To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS offers the option of responding online, by telephone or by mail. The results of this survey will be available in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. NASS will publish the survey results January 31, 2024 in the Sheep and Goats report available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

For assistance with the survey, or for more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014 or nassrfohlr@usda.gov.