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USDA to survey sheep and goat operations

HARRISBURG, PA – 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 during a nationwide survey.

“Interest in sheep and goat data continues to grow with increased diversification in agriculture and consumer demands,” said Kevin Pautler, deputy director of the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office. “The Sheep and Goat survey gives producers the opportunity to report the latest information on conditions and trends in the industry.”

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 Pautler.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data in aggregate form, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

NASS will publish the survey results January 31, 2024, in the *Sheep and Goats* report. This and all NASS reports are available online at nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call the NASS Northeastern Regional Field Office at (800) 498-1518.

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