

(S.D.)-Sheep And Lamb Production Down Over The Year

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - The number of sheep and lambs in South Dakota is down from a year ago.

The federal Agriculture Department says in a new report that the state's sheep and lamb inventory on Jan. 1 totaled 275,000 animals, down 10,000 from the previous year.

The breeding herd was down 5,000 head to 220,000 animals. The marketing herd also decreased 5,000, to 55,000 head.

The 2012 lamb crop totaled 230,000 head, down 5,000 over the year. Wool production was down 80,000 pounds to 1.89 million pounds.