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INDIANA SHEEP NUMBERS DOWN 2 PERCENT

Sheep and lambs on Indiana farms January 1, 2008 totaled 52,000 head, down 2 percent from last year's inventory. The breeding sheep totaled 46,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago. The sheep inventory included 35,000 ewes one year old and older, down 3 percent from the previous year. The 2007 lamb crop in Indiana was 44,000 head, down 2 percent from 2006.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2008 totaled 6.06 million head, down 2 percent from 2007. After consecutive increases in 2005 and 2006, inventory has now declined for the past two years. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.51 million head on January 1, 2008, down 2 percent from 4.61 million head on January 1, 2007. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.62 million head, were 2 percent below last year. The 2007 lamb crop of 4.05 million head, was down slightly from 2006. The 2007 lambing rate was 110 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2007, down 1 percent from 2006.

SHEEP AND LAMBS, BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 2008 1/

Class	Indiana			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as a % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as a % of 2007
	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All Sheep and Lambs	53.0	52.0	98	6,165.0	6,055.0	98
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	47.0	46.0	98	4,610.0	4,505.0	98
Ewes	36.0	35.0	97	3,696.0	3,617.0	98
Rams	2.5	2.5	100	195.0	193.0	99
Replacement Lambs	8.5	8.5	100	719.0	695.0	97
Market Sheep and Lambs	6.0	6.0	100	1,555.0	1,550.0	100
Market Sheep	1.0	1.0	100	89.0	80.0	90
Market Lambs	5.0	5.0	100	1,466.0	1,470.0	100
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>07/06</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>07/06</u>
Lamb Crop (entire year)	45.0	44.0	98	4,065.0	4,050.0	100