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On: TEXAS MILK GOAT ESTIMATES

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AUSTIN . . . For the first time, milk goats and meat and other goat inventory estimates are published separately in the Annual Sheep and Goat Report from the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Previously, milk goats and meat and other goat data was obtained solely from the Census of Agriculture which is conducted every five years; 2002 being the most recent.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the inventory of milk goats on January 1, 2005 totaled 30,000 head. This is a 33 percent increase from 2002. Meat and other goats, previously referred to as Spanish and other goats, totaled 1.01 million head. This is an increase of 7 percent above the 2002 estimate. Total state inventory of Angora goats is 210,000 head, down 9 percent from 2002.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2005, totaled 2.5 million head. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.1 million head and market goats totaled 0.4 million head. On January 1, 2005, meat and all other goats totaled 1.97 million head, milk goats totaled 283,500 head and Angora goats totaled 274,000 head. The 2004 kid crop was 1.67 million head for all goats.