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## **Agricultural Atlas of Viet Nam A Depiction of the 2001 Rural Agriculture and Fisheries Census**

Livestock – Ruminant Livestock

### **Sheep and Goat Density**

Compared with other livestock species, small ruminant (sheep and goat) rearing is generally less popular in all regions of the country. The numbers of small ruminants are thus considerably lower. Goats are raised mainly in mountainous limestone areas with abundant grass and other greenery. High densities tend to occur in specific foci, for example Ninh Binh Province of the Red River Delta, Ha Giang Province of the Northeast, Son La Province of the Northwest, and Ninh Thuan Province in the Southeast region, where densities of 5 to 10 head per km<sup>2</sup> are not uncommon. Small ruminants do occur in other provinces, but at much lower densities. In recent years, small ruminant production has increased in order to satisfy a growing demand for meat, both for local consumption and for export. However, the most abundant grazing lands are restricted to the mountainous areas, so, despite increasing demand for commercial meat, which fetches high prices in tourist centres like Nha Trang, Phan Thiet and Ho Chi Minh City, it is difficult to develop a small ruminant industry in the lowlands due to constraints of feed and water provision, particularly in the dry season.

