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## Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2024, was 80,000 head, up 2,000 from 2023, according to Nathaniel Warenski, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. The breeding sheep inventory, at 70,000 head, was up 2,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year. The 2023 Indiana lamb crop was 59,000 head, up 1,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2024 totaled 5.03 million head, down 2 percent from 2023. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.67 million head on January 1, 2024, decreased 2 percent from 3.74 million head on January 1, 2023. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.87 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2024 totaled 1.36 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2023.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Indiana, at 44,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. Indiana shorn wool production in 2023 was 250,000 pounds, unchanged from 2022. The average price paid for wool in Indiana was \$0.70 per pound, an increase of \$0.10 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$175,000, up \$25,000 from the 2022 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2023 was 22.7 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.22 million head, down 2 percent from 2022. The average price paid for wool sold in 2023 was \$1.56 per pound for a total value of 35.3 million dollars, down 1 percent from 35.5 million dollars in 2022.

As of January 1, 2024, there were 14,000 milk goats in Indiana, up 1,000 from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 37,000 head, unchanged from the January 1, 2023, inventory.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2024 totaled 2.47 million head, down 2 percent from 2023. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.03 million head, down 2 percent from 2023. Does one year old and older, at 1.51 million head, were 2 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 438,700 head, down 4 percent from a year ago.

### Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Indiana and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs .....	78	80	5,130	5,030
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	68	70	3,740	3,670
Ewes .....	51	52	2,930	2,870
Rams .....	6	6	167	165
Replacement lambs .....	11	12	644	635
Total market sheep and lambs .....	10	10	1,390	1,360
Previous year's lamb crop .....	58	59	3,099	3,030

### Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Indiana and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Angora .....	(NA)	(NA)	107	105
Milk .....	13	14	410	415
Meat and other .....	37	37	2,010	1,950

(NA) Not available.

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