



News Release

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Ohio on January 1, 2022, was 127,000 head, up 1 percent from 2021, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 101,000 head, was up 1,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 26,000 head, unchanged from last year. The 2021 Ohio lamb crop was 95,000 head, up 3,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2022 totaled 5.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2021. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.71 million head on January 1, 2022, decreased 2 percent from 3.78 million head on January 1, 2021. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.91 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2022 totaled 1.36 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2021.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Ohio, at 81,000 head, was up 1,000 from the previous year. Ohio shorn wool production in 2021 was 480,000 pounds, unchanged from 2020. The average price paid for wool in Ohio was \$0.65 per pound, a decrease of \$0.08 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$312,000, 11 percent below the 2020 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2021 was 22.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.20 million head, down 2 percent from 2020. The average price paid for wool sold in 2021 was \$1.70 per pound for a total value of 38.2 million dollars, down 1 percent from 38.4 million dollars in 2020.

As of January 1, 2022, there were 11,000 milk goats in Ohio, up 1,000 from a year earlier. The Ohio meat and other goat inventory was 42,000 head, 2,000 below the January 1, 2021, inventory.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2022 totaled 2.55 million head, down 1 percent from 2021. Meat and other goats totaled 2.03 million head on January 1, 2022, down 1 percent from 2021. Milk goat inventory was 410,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2021, while Angora goats were down 9 percent, totaling 110,000 head.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2021 and 2022

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	126	127	5,170	5,065
Breeding sheep and lambs	100	101	3,780	3,710
Ewes	76	76	2,960	2,910
Rams	6	6	170	160
Replacement lambs	18	19	650	640
Total market sheep and lambs	26	26	1,390	1,355
Previous year's lamb crop	92	95	3,210	3,160

Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2021 and 2022

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	121	110
Milk	10	11	420	410
Meat and other	44	42	2,045	2,030

(NA) Not available.

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