



News Release

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Ohio on January 1, 2024, was 143,000 head, up 7,000 from 2023, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 114,000 head, was up 7,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 29,000 head, unchanged from last year. The 2023 Ohio lamb crop was 103,000 head, up 7,000 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 Ohio, at 83,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. Ohio shorn wool production in 2023 was 500,000 pounds, up 30,000 from 2022. The average price paid for wool in Ohio was \$0.55 per pound, unchanged from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$275,000, \$16,000 above 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 11,000 milk goats in Ohio, unchanged from a year earlier. The Ohio meat and other goat inventory was 50,000 head, 1,000 above 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 – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

| Class | Ohio | | United States | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
| | <i>(1,000 head)</i> | <i>(1,000 head)</i> | <i>(1,000 head)</i> | <i>(1,000 head)</i> |
| All sheep and lambs | 136 | 143 | 5,130 | 5,030 |
| Breeding sheep and lambs | 107 | 114 | 3,740 | 3,670 |
| Ewes | 84 | 88 | 2,930 | 2,870 |
| Rams | 7 | 7 | 167 | 165 |
| Replacement lambs | 16 | 19 | 644 | 635 |
| Total market sheep and lambs | 29 | 29 | 1,390 | 1,360 |
| Previous year's lamb crop | 96 | 103 | 3,099 | 3,030 |

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

| Class | Ohio | | United States | |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
| | <i>(1,000 head)</i> | <i>(1,000 head)</i> | <i>(1,000 head)</i> | <i>(1,000 head)</i> |
| Angora | (NA) | (NA) | 107 | 105 |
| Milk | 11 | 11 | 410 | 415 |
| Meat and other | 49 | 50 | 2,010 | 1,950 |

(NA) Not available.

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