



News Release

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Ohio on January 1, 2025, was 145,000 head, up 2,000 from 2024, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 115,000 head, was up 1,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 30,000 head, up 1,000 from last year. The 2024 Ohio lamb crop was 104,000 head, up 1,000 from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Ohio, at 83,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. Ohio shorn wool production in 2024 was 500,000 pounds, unchanged from 2023. The average price paid for wool in Ohio was \$0.50 per pound, down \$0.05 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$250,000, down \$25,000 from the 2023 value.

As of January 1, 2025, there were 11,500 milk goats in Ohio, up 1,000 from a year earlier. The Ohio meat and other goat inventory was 50,000 head, unchanged from the January 1, 2024, inventory.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2025 totaled 5.05 million head, up slightly from 2024. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.68 million head on January 1, 2025, increased slightly from 3.67 million head on January 1, 2024. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.88 million head, were slightly above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2025 totaled 1.37 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2024.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2024 was 22.5 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2023. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.17 million head, down 2 percent from 2023. The average price paid for wool sold in 2024 was \$1.43 per pound for a total value of 32.1 million dollars, down 9 percent from 35.4 million dollars in 2023.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2025 totaled 2.51 million head, up 1 percent from 2024. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.07 million head, up 1 percent from 2024. Does one year old and older, at 1.54 million head, were 2 percent above last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 442,000 head, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	143	145	5,030	5,050
Breeding sheep and lambs	114	115	3,670	3,680
Ewes	88	89	2,870	2,880
Rams	7	7	165	165
Replacement lambs	19	19	635	635
Total market sheep and lambs	29	30	1,360	1,370
Previous year's lamb crop	103	104	3,030	3,040

Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	105,000	102,000
Milk	10,500	11,500	415,000	430,000
Meat and other	50,000	50,000	1,950,000	1,975,000

(NA) Not available.

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