



# Minnesota Ag News – Goats



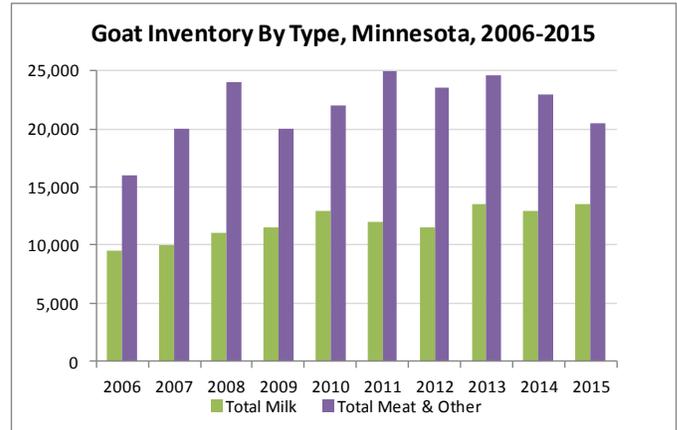
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**Meat and other** goat inventory in Minnesota as of January 1, 2015, totaled 20,500 head, down 11 percent from January 2014, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. Total **milk** inventory, at 13,500 head, was up 4 percent from the previous year.



## Goat Inventory: Selected States and United States, 2014-2015

	Milk Goats		Meat & Other Goats		Angora Goats	
	2014	2015	2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>	2014	2015 <sup>2</sup>
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
California .....	38,000	40,000	85,000	85,000	3,600	3,400
Iowa .....	30,000	31,000	25,000	25,500	(NA)	(NA)
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>(NA)</b>
Texas .....	20,000	23,000	810,000	820,000	76,000	85,000
Wisconsin .....	46,000	44,000	22,000	(NA)	900	(NA)
Unpublished States....	9,100	32,700	3,000	179,000	19,500	24,600
United States .....	358,000	365,000	2,105,000	2,150,000	148,000	160,000

(NA) Not Available

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 2015, Meat and Other Goats for Wisconsin is no longer published individually. It is now included in the Unpublished States total.

<sup>2</sup> Beginning in 2015, Angora Goats for Minnesota and Wisconsin is no longer published individually. It is now included in the Unpublished States total.

## United States Goat and Kid Inventory

**All goat** inventory in the United States on January 1, 2015, totaled 2.68 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. **Breeding goat** inventory totaled 2.20 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. **Does one year old and older**, at 1.65 million head, were 3 percent above last year's number. **Market goats and kids** totaled 471 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago.

**Kid crop** for 2014 totaled 1.71 million head for all goats, up 2 percent from 2013.

**Meat and all other goats** totaled 2.15 million head on January 1, 2015, up 2 percent from 2014. **Milk goat** inventory was 365 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2014, while **Angora goats** were up 8 percent, totaling 160 thousand head.

**Mohair production** in the United States during 2014 was 880 thousand pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 159 thousand head. **Average weight per clip** was 5.5 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$4.85 per pound with a value of 4.27 million dollars.