



Illinois Sheep and Goats

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All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2016, at 60,000 head, is up 5 percent from January 1, 2015. Breeding sheep inventory, at 50,000 head, is up 4 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2016, totaled 10,000 head, up 11 percent from January 1, 2015. The 2015 lamb crop of 49,000 head was down 2 percent from 2014.

Wool production during 2015 totaled 310,000 pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 44,000 head, up 2 percent from 2014.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2015 and 2016

Class	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	57.0	60.0	105
Breeding sheep and lambs	48.0	50.0	104
Ewes - one year old and older	38.0	39.0	103
Rams - one year old and older	3.0	3.0	100
Replacement lambs under one year old	7.0	8.0	114
Market sheep and lambs	9.0	10.0	111
Sheep	1.0	1.0	100
Lambs	8.0	9.0	113
	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
Lamb Crop	50.0	49.0	98

Meat and all other goat inventory totaled 19,000 head on January 1, 2016, up 14 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 5,600 head, was down 2 percent from January 1, 2015.

Goat Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2015 and 2016

Class	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats	5.7	5.6	98
Meat and other goats	16.7	19.0	114

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