



Illinois Sheep and Goats

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All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2017, at 55,000 head, was down 8 percent from January 1, 2016. Breeding sheep inventory, at 46,000 head, was down 8 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2017, totaled 9,000 head, down 10 percent from January 1, 2016. The 2016 lamb crop of 46,000 head was up 2 percent from 2015.

Wool production during 2016 totaled 200,000 pounds, down 35 percent from 2015. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 33,000 head, down 25 percent from 2015.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2016 and 2017

Class	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	60.0	55.0	92
Breeding sheep and lambs	50.0	46.0	92
Ewes - one year old and older	39.0	36.0	92
Rams - one year old and older	3.0	2.0	67
Replacement lambs under one year old	8.0	8.0	100
Market sheep and lambs	10.0	9.0	90
Sheep	1.0	1.0	100
Lambs	9.0	8.0	89
	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
Lamb Crop	45.0	46.0	102

Meat and all other goat inventory totaled 18,000 head on January 1, 2017, down 5 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 6,000 head, was up 7 percent from January 1, 2016.

Goat Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2016 and 2017

Class	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats	5.6	6.0	107
Meat and other goats	19.0	18.0	95

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