



Illinois Sheep and Goats

Released January 31, 2018

All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2018, at 55,000 head, is unchanged from January 1, 2017. Breeding sheep inventory, at 46,000 head, is the same as last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2018 totaled 9,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2017. The 2017 lamb crop of 43,000 head was down 7 percent from 2016.

Wool production during 2017 totaled 200,000 pounds, unchanged from 2016. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 33,000 head, the same as 2016.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2017 and 2018

Class	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	55.0	55.0	100
Breeding sheep and lambs	46.0	46.0	100
Ewes - one year old and older	36.0	36.0	100
Rams - one year old and older	2.0	2.0	100
Replacement lambs under one year old	8.0	8.0	100
Market sheep and lambs	9.0	9.0	100
Sheep	1.0	1.0	100
Lambs	8.0	8.0	100
	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
Lamb Crop	46.0	43.0	93

Meat and all other goat inventory totaled 19,000 head on January 1, 2018, up 6 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 6,000 head, is unchanged from January 1, 2017.

Goat Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2017 and 2018

Class	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats	6.0	6.0	100
Meat and other goats	18.0	19.0	106

It's time to fill out and return your 2017 Census of Agriculture! If you produce or grow any agricultural products, including field crops, fruits, vegetables, floriculture, and livestock, regardless of the size of your operation, return your 2017 Census of Agriculture by February 5, 2018.

The Census of Agriculture is Your Voice. Your Future. Your Opportunity! Visit agcensus.usda.gov for more information or to respond online.

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>
- Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit <http://www.nass.usda.gov> and in the "Follow NASS" box under "Receive reports by Email," click on "National" or "State" to select the reports you would like to receive.
- Follow us on Twitter [@usda_nass](https://twitter.com/usda_nass)

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the Heartland Regional Field Office at (314) 595-9594 or e-mail: nassrfohlr@nass.usda.gov.