



Illinois Sheep and Goats

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All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2019, at 53,000 head, is down 4 percent from January 1, 2018. Breeding sheep inventory, at 45,000 head, is down 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2019 totaled 8,000 head, down 11 percent from January 1, 2018. The 2018 lamb crop of 41,000 head was down 5 percent from 2017.

Wool production during 2018 totaled 200,000 pounds, unchanged from 2017. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 32,000 head, down 3 percent from 2017.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2018 and 2019

Class	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	55.0	53.0	96
Breeding sheep and lambs	46.0	45.0	98
Ewes - one year old and older	36.0	35.0	97
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	8.0	89
Sheep	1.0	1.0	100
Lambs	8.0	7.0	88
	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
Lamb Crop	43.0	41.0	95

Meat and all other goat inventory totaled 23,000 head on January 1, 2019, down 8 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 11,000 head, is up 10 percent from January 1, 2018.

Goat Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2018 and 2019

Class	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats	10.0	11.0	110
Meat and other goats	25.0	23.0	92

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