



Illinois Sheep and Goats

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All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2020, at 55,000 head, is up 4 percent from January 1, 2019. Breeding sheep inventory, at 46,000 head, is up 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2020 totaled 9,000 head, up 13 percent from January 1, 2019. The 2019 lamb crop of 42,000 head was up 2 percent from 2018.

Wool production during 2019 totaled 170,000 pounds, down 15 percent from 2018. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 29,000 head, down 9 percent from 2018.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2019 and 2020

Class	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	53.0	55.0	104
Breeding sheep and lambs	45.0	46.0	102
Ewes - one year old and older	35.0	36.0	103
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	8.0	9.0	113
Sheep	1.0	1.0	100
Lambs	7.0	8.0	114
	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
Lamb Crop	41.0	42.0	102

Meat and all other goat inventory totaled 24,000 head on January 1, 2020, up 4 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 10,000 head, is down 9 percent from January 1, 2019.

Goat Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2019 and 2020

Class	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats	11.0	10.0	91
Meat and other goats	23.0	24.0	104

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