



Illinois Sheep and Goats

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All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2021, at 53,000 head, is down 4 percent from January 1, 2020. Breeding sheep inventory, at 45,000 head, is down 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2021 totaled 8,000 head, down 11 percent from January 1, 2020. The 2020 lamb crop of 41,000 head was down 2 percent from 2019.

Wool production during 2020 totaled 155,000 pounds, down 9 percent from 2019. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 27,000 head, down 7 percent from 2019.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(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
	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
Lamb Crop	42.0	41.0	98

Meat and all other goat inventory totaled 25,000 head on January 1, 2021, up 4 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 9,500 head, is down 5 percent from January 1, 2020.

Goat Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats	10.0	9.5	95
Meat and other goats	24.0	25.0	104

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