



Illinois Sheep and Goats

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All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2023, at 53,000 head, is unchanged from January 1, 2022. Breeding sheep inventory, at 45,000 head, is unchanged from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2023, totaled 8,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2022. The 2022 lamb crop of 41,000 head was unchanged from 2021.

Wool production during 2022 totaled 150,000 pounds, down 6 percent from 2021. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 25,000 head, down 4 percent from 2021.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2022 and 2023

Class	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	53.0	53.0	100
Breeding sheep and lambs	45.0	45.0	100
Ewes - one year old and older	35.0	35.0	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	8.0	8.0	100
Sheep	1.0	1.0	100
Lambs	7.0	7.0	100
	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
Lamb Crop	41.0	41.0	100

Meat and all other goat inventory totaled 22,000 head on January 1, 2023, down 4 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 9,600 head, is up 14 percent from January 1, 2022.

Goat Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2022 and 2023

Class	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats	8.4	9.6	114
Meat and other goats	23.0	22.0	96

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