



# Illinois Sheep and Goats

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**All sheep and lamb inventory** on January 1, 2024, at 55,000 head, is up 4 percent from January 1, 2023. Breeding sheep inventory, at 46,000 head, is up 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2024 totaled 9,000 head, up 13 percent from January 1, 2023. The 2023 lamb crop of 42,000 head was up 2 percent from 2022.

**Wool production** during 2023 totaled 167,000 pounds, up 11 percent from 2022. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 26,000 head, up 4 percent from 2022.

## Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(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
	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
Lamb Crop .....	41.0	42.0	102

**Meat and all other goat inventory** totaled 23,000 head on January 1, 2024, up 5 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 8,800 head, is down 8 percent from January 1, 2023.

## Goat Inventory by Class – Illinois: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats .....	9.6	8.8	92
Meat and other goats .....	22.0	23.0	105

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