



News Release

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2017, was estimated at 52,000 head, up 4 percent from 2016, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. The breeding sheep inventory, at 45,000 head, was up 2,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 7,000 head, unchanged from last year. The 2016 Indiana lamb crop was 40,000 head, down 1,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2017, totaled 5.2 million head, down 2 percent from 2016. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.86 million head on January 1, 2017, decreased 2 percent from 3.95 million head on January 1, 2016. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.04 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2017, totaled 1.35 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2016. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Indiana, 35,000 head, was up 1,000 from the previous year. Indiana shorn wool production in 2016 was 220,000 pounds, up 10,000 pounds from 2015. The average price paid for wool in Indiana was \$0.50 per pound, a decrease of 25 cents from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$110,000, 30 percent below the 2015 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2016 was 25.7 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2015. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.56 million head, down 3 percent from 2015. The average price paid for wool sold in 2016 was \$1.45 per pound for a total value of 37.2 million dollars, down 5 percent from 39.2 million dollars in 2015

As of January 1, 2017, there were 11,000 milk goats in Indiana, down 500 from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 33,000 head, 1,000 head above the January 1, 2016, inventory.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2017, totaled 2.64 million head, up 1 percent from 2016. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.17 million head, up slightly from 2016. Does one year old and older, at 1.61 million head, were slightly above last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 469 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2016 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2015. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.12 million head on January 1, 2017, up 1 percent from 2016. Milk goat inventory was 373 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2016, while Angora goats were up 1 percent, totaling 152 thousand head.

Sheep inventory, January 1, 2016-17

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	50	52	5,300	5,200
Breeding sheep and lambs	43	45	3,945	3,855
Ewes	33	35	3,105	3,035
Rams	3	4	175	170
Replacement lambs	7	6	665	650
Total market sheep and lambs	7	7	1,355	1,345
Previous year's lamb crop	41	40	3,275	3,250

Goat inventory, January 1, 2016-17

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	150	152
Milk	11.5	11.0	373	373
Meat and other	32.0	33.0	2,097	2,115

(NA) Not available.

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