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Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2018, was 53,000 head, up 2 percent from 2017, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. The breeding sheep inventory, at 46,000 head, was up 1,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 7,000 head, unchanged from last year. The 2017 Indiana lamb crop was 43,000 head, up 3,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2018, totaled 5.23 million head, down slightly from 2017. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.83 million head on January 1, 2018, decreased 1 percent from 3.88 million head on January 1, 2017. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.01 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2018, totaled 1.40 million head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2017. 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, 36,000 head, was up 1,000 from the previous year. Indiana shorn wool production in 2017 was 225,000 pounds, up 5,000 pounds from 2016. The average price paid for wool in Indiana was \$0.60 per pound, an increase of 10 cents from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$135,000, 23 percent above the 2016 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2017 was 24.7 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2016. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.44 million head, down 4 percent from 2016. The average price paid for wool sold in 2017 was \$1.47 per pound for a total value of 36.4 million dollars, down 3 percent from 37.7 million dollars in 2016

As of January 1, 2018, there were 11,000 milk goats in Indiana, unchanged from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 36,000 head, 3,000 head above the January 1, 2017, inventory.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2018, totaled 2.62 million head, down 1 percent from 2017. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.16 million head, down slightly from 2017. Does one year old and older, at 1.60 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 459 thousand head, down 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2017 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, down slightly from 2016. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.10 million head on January 1, 2018, down 1 percent from 2017. Milk goat inventory was 380 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2017, while Angora goats were down 7 percent, totaling 142 thousand head.

Sheep inventory, January 1, 2017-18

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	52	53	5,250	5,230
Breeding sheep and lambs	45	46	3,875	3,830
Ewes	35	35	3,045	3,005
Rams	4	4	170	170
Replacement lambs	6	7	660	655
Total market sheep and lambs	7	7	1,375	1,400
Previous year's lamb crop	40	43	3,250	3,200

Goat inventory, January 1, 2017-18

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	152	142
Milk	11.0	11.0	373	380
Meat and other	33.0	36.0	2,115	2,098

(NA) Not available.

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