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Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2022, was 60,000 head, unchanged from 2021, according to Nathaniel Warenski, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. The breeding sheep inventory, at 52,000 head, was down 1,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 8,000 head, up 1,000 from last year. The 2021 Indiana lamb crop was 48,000 head, unchanged from the previous year.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2022 totaled 5.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2021. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.71 million head on January 1, 2022, decreased 2 percent from 3.78 million head on January 1, 2021. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.91 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2022 totaled 1.36 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2021.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Indiana, at 40,000 head, was down 2,000 from the previous year. Indiana shorn wool production in 2021 was 235,000 pounds, down 4 percent from 2020. The average price paid for wool in Indiana was \$0.85 per pound, an increase of \$0.03 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$200,000, unchanged from the 2020 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2021 was 22.5 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.20 million head, down 2 percent from 2020. The average price paid for wool sold in 2021 was \$1.70 per pound for a total value of 38.2 million dollars, down 1 percent from 38.4 million dollars in 2020.

As of January 1, 2022, there were 14,000 milk goats in Indiana, unchanged from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 36,000 head, 2,000 head below the January 1, 2021, inventory.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2022 totaled 2.55 million head, down 1 percent from 2021. Meat and other goats totaled 2.03 million head on January 1, 2022, down 1 percent from 2021. Milk goat inventory was 410,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2021, while Angora goats were down 9 percent, totaling 110,000 head.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Indiana and United States: January 1, 2021 and 2022

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>
All sheep and lambs	60	60	5,170	5,065
Breeding sheep and lambs	53	52	3,780	3,710
Ewes	41	39	2,960	2,910
Rams	4	4	170	160
Replacement lambs	8	9	650	640
Total market sheep and lambs	7	8	1,390	1,355
Previous year's lamb crop	48	48	3,210	3,160

Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Indiana and United States: January 1, 2021 and 2022

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>	<i>(1,000 head)</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	121	110
Milk	14	14	420	410
Meat and other	38	36	2,045	2,030

(NA) Not available.

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