



Sheep, Lambs, & Goats

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Sheep and Lamb Inventory

KANSAS: All sheep and lamb inventory in Kansas on January 1, 2009 totaled 80,000 head, down 11 percent from last year. **Breeding** sheep inventory, at 57,000 head, was 15 percent below the January 1, 2008 inventory. The inventory of ewes one year and older, at 47,000 head, was down 11 percent from last year. The inventory of rams one year old and older, at 3,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. Replacement lambs totaled 7,000 head, down 4,000 head from last year. The 2008 **lamb crop** was 58,000 head, down 9 percent from 2007. The 2008 lambing rate was 109 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2008, compared with a lambing rate of 120 in 2007. **Market** sheep and lambs on January 1, 2009 totaled 23,000 head, unchanged from a year ago. Of these, 12,000 lambs were less than 65 pounds, 1,000 weighed 65-84 pounds, 3,000 weighed 85-105 pounds, 3,000 weighed over 105 pounds, and 4,000 were market sheep.

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 5.75 million head, down 3 percent from 2008. **Breeding sheep inventory** decreased to 4.25 million head on January 1 2009, down 4 percent from 4.43 million head on January 1, 2008. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.40 million head, were 4 percent below last year. **Market sheep and lambs** on January 1, 2009, totaled 1.50 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2008. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-three percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 11 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 21 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 39 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings. **The 2008 lamb crop** of 3.71 million head, was down 8 percent from 2007. The 2008 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2008, down 5 percent from 2007.

Sheep and Lambs on Farms, by Classes, January 1

| Class | Kansas | | | | United States | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|-----------------|--------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | '09 % Of '08 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | '09 % Of '08 |
| | --- 1,000 Head --- | | | Percent | --- 1,000 Head --- | | | Percent |
| All Sheep & Lambs | 107.0 | 90.0 | 80.0 | 89 | 6,165.0 | 5,950.0 | 5,747.0 | 97 |
| Market | 30.0 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 100 | 1,555.0 | 1,518.5 | 1,500.0 | 99 |
| Breeding Sheep & Lambs | | | | | | | | |
| Replacement Lambs under 1 Year | 14.0 | 11.0 | 7.0 | 64 | 719.0 | 697.0 | 648.5 | 93 |
| Ewes 1 Yr. & Older | 60.0 | 53.0 | 47.0 | 89 | 3,696.0 | 3,540.0 | 3,403.5 | 96 |
| Rams 1 Yr. & Older | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 100 | 195.0 | 194.5 | 195.0 | 100 |
| Market Lambs | | | | | | | | |
| Under 65 Lbs. | 16.0 | 10.0 | 12.0 | 120 | 362.1 | 350.7 | 349.9 | 100 |
| 65-84 Lbs. | 1.0 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 33 | 200.8 | 197.5 | 170.4 | 86 |
| 85-105 Lbs. | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 75 | 372.6 | 355.9 | 314.0 | 88 |
| 105 Lbs. + | 5.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 100 | 530.5 | 531.9 | 584.7 | 110 |
| Total | 26.0 | 20.0 | 19.0 | 95 | 1,466.0 | 1,436.0 | 1,419.0 | 99 |
| Market Sheep | 4.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 133 | 89.0 | 82.5 | 81.0 | 98 |

Kansas and United States, Lamb Crop

| Year | Kansas | | | United States | | |
|------|---------------------------------|--|---------------|---------------------------------|--|--------------|
| | Breeding Ewes 1 Yr.+, Jan. 1 | Lambs Saved per 100 Ewes 1 Yr.+, Jan. 1 | Lamb Crop | Breeding Ewes 1 Yr.+, Jan. 1 | Lambs Saved per 100 Ewes 1 Yr.+, Jan. 1 | Lamb Crop |
| | --- 1,000 --- | Number | --- 1,000 --- | Number | --- 1,000 --- | |
| 2005 | 54.0 | 113 | 61.0 | 3,572.5 | 115 | 4,117.0 |
| 2006 | 52.0 | 131 | 68.0 | 3,661.0 | 111 | 4,065.0 |
| 2007 | 60.0 | 120 | 72.0 | 3,696.0 | 110 | 4,050.0 |
| 2008 | 53.0 | 109 | 58.0 | 3,540.0 | 105 | 3,710.0 |

Wool Production

Kansas shorn wool production during 2008 was 384,000 pounds, down 17 percent from a year earlier. **Sheep shorn**, at 56,000 head, showed a decrease of 14 percent from 2007. Average fleece weight was 6.9 pounds per fleece, down 0.2 pounds from 2008. The average **price paid** for wool sold in 2008 was 65 cents per pound, up 13 cents from 2007. Total value of shorn wool was \$250,000, up 5 percent from 2007.

U.S. Shorn wool production during 2008 was 33.0 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2007. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.43 million head, down 5 percent from 2007. The average price paid for wool sold in 2008 was \$0.99 per pound for a total value of 32.5 million dollars, up 7 percent from 30.2 million dollars in 2007.

Wool Production and Value

| Year | Sheep Shorn ¹ | Weight per Fleece | Shorn Wool Product Production | Price per Pound | Value |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | 1,000 Head | Pounds | 1,000 Pounds | Dollars | 1,000 Dol. |
| Kansas | | | | | |
| 2007 | 65.0 | 7.1 | 460 | 0.52 | 239 |
| 2008 | 56.0 | 6.9 | 384 | 0.65 | 250 |
| United States | | | | | |
| 2007 | 4,657.0 | 7.5 | 34,723 | 0.87 | 30,242 |
| 2008 | 4,434.0 | 7.4 | 32,963 | 0.99 | 32,486 |

¹ Includes shearing at commercial feedyards.

Goat and Kid Inventory

KANSAS: As of January 1, 2009, the total number of milk goats and kids was 4,750, while all meat goats and kids totaled 50,000 head, up 16 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES: **All goat inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 3.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. **Breeding goat inventory** totaled 2.54 million head down 2 percent from 2008. **All market goats and kids** totaled 528,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2009, **meat and all other goats**

totaled 2.55 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. **Milk goat** inventory increased 4 percent to 335,000 head while **angora goats** were down 10 percent totaling 185,000 head. The 2008 **kid crop** totaled 1.96 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2007. **Mohair production** in the United States during 2008 was 1.18 million pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 193,500 head, with an average weight per clip of 6.10 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$3.31 per pound with a value of 3.91 million dollars.

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