



News Release

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Michigan on January 1, 2015, was estimated at 76,000 head, a decrease of 6.2 percent from 2014, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 55,000 head, was down 4,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 21,000 head, a decrease of 1,000 from last year. The 2014 Michigan lamb crop was 60,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2015, totaled 5.28 million head, up 1 percent from 2014. Breeding sheep inventory increased to 3.94 million head on January 1, 2015, up 1 percent from 3.90 million head on January 1, 2014. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.11 million head, were 1 percent above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2015, totaled 1.35 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2014. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-four percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 20 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Michigan, 63,000 head, was down 2,000 from the previous year. Michigan shorn wool production in 2014 was 380,000 pounds, down 5 percent from 2013. The average price paid for wool in Michigan was \$0.86 per pound, an increase of 1 cent from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$327,000, 4 percent below the 2013 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2014 was 26.7 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2013. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.68 million head, also down 1 percent from 2013. The average price paid for wool sold in 2014 was \$1.46 per pound for a total value of 38.9 million dollars, down 1 percent from 39.2 million dollars in 2013.

As of January 1, 2015, there were 11,300 milk goats in Michigan, down 100 from a year earlier. The Michigan meat and other goat inventory estimates have been discontinued.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2015, totaled 2.68 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.20 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. Does one year old and older, at 1.65 million head, were 3 percent above last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 471 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2014 totaled 1.71 million head for all goats, up 2 percent from 2013. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.15 million head on January 1, 2015, up 2 percent from 2014. Milk goat inventory was 365 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2014, while Angora goats were up 8 percent, totaling 160 thousand head.

Sheep inventory, January 1, 2014-15

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	81	76	5,245	5,280
Breeding sheep and lambs	59	55	3,900	3,935
Ewes	43	40	3,090	3,110
Rams	3	3	175	175
Replacement lambs	13	12	635	650
Total market sheep and lambs	22	21	1,345	1,345
Previous year's lamb crop	63	60	3,370	3,440

Goat inventory, January 1, 2014-15

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	148	160
Milk	11.4	11.3	358	365
Meat and other	16.5	(NA)	2,105	2,150

(NA) Not Available