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Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Michigan on January 1, 2021, was 87,000 head, an increase of 2 percent from 2020, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 63,000 head, was up 3,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 24,000 head, down 1,000 from last year. The 2020 Michigan lamb crop was 56,000 head, up 2,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2021 totaled 5.17 million head, down 1 percent from 2020. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.78 million head on January 1, 2021, decreased 1 percent from 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.96 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2021 totaled 1.39 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2020.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Michigan, at 61,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. Michigan shorn wool production in 2020 was 360,000 pounds, down 4 percent from 2019. The average price paid for wool in Michigan was \$0.54 per pound, a decrease of \$0.14 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$194,000, 24 percent below the 2019 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2020 was 23.1 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2019. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.28 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. The average price paid for wool sold in 2020 was \$1.66 per pound for a total value of 38.4 million dollars, down 15 percent from 45.4 million dollars in 2019.

As of January 1, 2021, there were 13,000 milk goats in Michigan, up 1,000 from a year earlier.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2021 totaled 2.58 million head, down 3 percent from 2020. Meat and other goats totaled 2.05 million head on January 1, 2021, down 2 percent from 2020. Milk goat inventory was 420 thousand head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2020, while Angora goats were down 10 percent, totaling 117 thousand head.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Michigan and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	85	87	5,200	5,170
Breeding sheep and lambs	60	63	3,810	3,780
Ewes	45	47	2,980	2,960
Rams	3	4	170	170
Replacement lambs	12	12	660	650
Total market sheep and lambs	25	24	1,390	1,390
Previous year's lamb crop	54	56	3,230	3,210

Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Michigan and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	130	117
Milk	12	13	435	420
Meat and other	(NA)	(NA)	2,090	2,045

(NA) Not available.