



# News Release

## Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Michigan on January 1, 2023, was 82,000 head, down 5,000 from 2022, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 59,000 head, was down 4,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 23,000 head, down 1,000 from last year. The 2022 Michigan lamb crop was 51,000 head, down 5,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2023 totaled 5.02 million head, down 1 percent from 2022. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.67 million head on January 1, 2023, decreased 1 percent from 3.71 million head on January 1, 2022. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.87 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2023 totaled 1.36 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2022. 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 Michigan, at 58,000 head, was down 5,000 from the previous year. Michigan shorn wool production in 2022 was 340,000 pounds, down 30,000 from 2021. The average price paid for wool in Michigan was \$0.60 per pound, up \$0.06 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$204,000, \$4,000 above the 2021 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2022 was 22.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2021. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.17 million head, down 1 percent from 2021. The average price paid for wool sold in 2022 was \$1.53 per pound for a total value of 33.9 million dollars, down 11 percent from 38.2 million dollars in 2021.

As of January 1, 2023, there were 11,000 milk goats in Michigan, down 1,000 from a year earlier.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2023 totaled 2.51 million head, down 2 percent from 2022. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.06 million head, down 2 percent from 2022. Does one year old and older, at 1.52 million head, were 2 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 451,000 head, down 1 percent from a year ago.

### Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Michigan and United States: January 1, 2022 and 2023

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
	((1,000 head))	((1,000 head))	((1,000 head))	((1,000 head))
All sheep and lambs .....	87	82	5,065	5,020
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	63	59	3,710	3,665
Ewes .....	46	43	2,910	2,870
Rams .....	3	3	160	160
Replacement lambs .....	14	13	640	635
Total market sheep and lambs .....	24	23	1,355	1,355
Previous year's lamb crop .....	56	51	3,160	3,110

### Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Michigan and United States: January 1, 2022 and 2023

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
	((1,000 head))	((1,000 head))	((1,000 head))	((1,000 head))
Angora .....	(NA)	(NA)	110	107
Milk .....	12	11	410	400
Meat and other .....	(NA)	(NA)	2,030	2,000

(NA) Not available.