



# Minnesota Ag News – Goats

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**Meat and other goat** inventory in Minnesota as of January 1, 2018, totaled 24,000 head, up 9 percent from January 2017, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. Total **milk** goat inventory, at 14,000 head, was up 17 percent from the previous year.

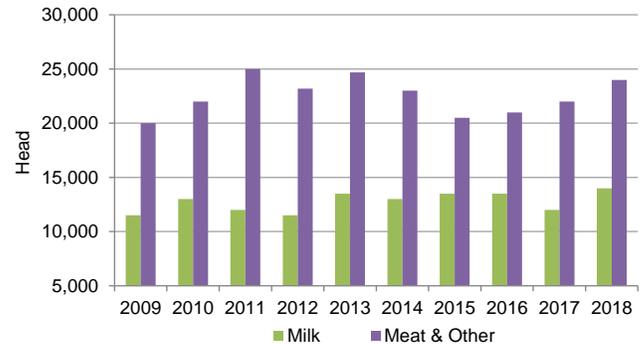
## Goat Inventory – Selected States and United States: 2017 and 2018

	Milk Goats		Meat & Other Goats	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
California .....	41,000	40,000	87,000	80,000
Iowa .....	30,500	31,000	32,000	35,000
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>
Tennessee .....	7,000	7,500	110,000	104,000
Texas .....	22,000	26,000	790,000	795,000
Wisconsin <sup>1</sup> .....	44,000	47,000	(NA)	(NA)
United States .....	373,000	380,000	2,115,000	2,098,000

(NA) Not Available

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 2016, Meat and Other Goats for Wisconsin is no longer published individually. It is now included in the Other States total.

Goat Inventory By Type - Minnesota: 2009-2018



## United States Goat and Kid Inventory

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2018 totaled 2.62 million head, down 1 percent from 2017. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.16 million head, down slightly from 2017. Does one year old and older, at 1.60 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 459 thousand head, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2017 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, down slightly from 2016.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.10 million head on January 1, 2018, down 1 percent from 2017. Milk goat inventory was 380 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2017, while Angora goats were down 7 percent, totaling 142 thousand head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2017 was 725 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 133 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.5 pounds. Mohair price was \$5.00 per pound with a value of 3.62 million dollars.

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