

GOATS and KIDS



The New England goat and kid inventory on January 1, 2009, totaled 23,850 head, decreasing 3,450 head from last year. Meat and other goats totaled 12,100 head and accounted for over half of the

New England goat population. Angora goats totaled 1,250 head, down 50 head from 2008. Milk goats totaled 10,500 head, a decrease of 1,500 head from last year. All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 3.07 million head, down two percent from 2008. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.54 million head, down two percent from 2008. All marketgoats and

kids totaled 528,000 head, up one percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2009, meat and all other goats totaled 2.55 million head, down two percent from 2008. Milk goat inventory increased four 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 two percent from 2007.

The number of operations by state will no longer be published on an annual basis. State level numbers will only be published in conjunction with the Census of Agriculture every five years. The number of operations at the US level will continue to be published on an annual basis.

NEW ENGLAND GOATS and KIDS: Inventory by Type and Total Inventory, January 1, 2005 – 2009 ¹

Year	Angora Goats	Milk Goats	Meat & Other Goats	Total All Goats
Head				
New England ²				
2005	1,300	11,300	10,000	22,600
2006	1,200	11,400	9,500	22,100
2007	1,100	9,000	12,100	22,200
2008	1,300	12,000	14,000	27,300
2009	1,250	10,500	12,100	23,850

¹ Data not available prior to 2005.

² Individual state values unavailable. New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI and VT.

NEW ENGLAND GOATS and KIDS: Number of Operations by Type, 2006 – 2008 ^{1 2}

Year	Angora Goats	Milk Goats	Meat & Other Goats	Total All Goats
Number				
New England ³				
2006	200	1,000	1,400	2,300
2007	270	1,200	1,900	2,900
2008	—	—	—	—

¹ Data not available prior to 2006.

² Estimated number of operations discontinued after 2007.

³ Individual state values unavailable. New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI and VT.

