



NORTHEAST SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY REPORT

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Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2017 and 2018

State	All sheep and lambs			Total breeding		Total market	
	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ¹	43.0	43.0	100	33.0	34.0	10.0	9.0
New York	80.0	85.0	106	67.0	71.0	13.0	14.0
Pennsylvania	93.0	96.0	103	75.0	78.0	18.0	18.0
United States	5,250.0	5,230.0	100	3,875.0	3,830.0	1,375.0	1,400.0

¹New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Breeding Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2017 and 2018

State	Breeding sheep				Replacement lambs		Total breeding sheep and lambs	
	Ewes		Rams		2017	2018	2017	2018
	2017	2018	2017	2018				
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ¹	24.0	25.0	2.0	2.0	7.0	7.0	33.0	34.0
New York	51.0	55.0	3.0	3.0	13.0	13.0	67.0	71.0
Pennsylvania	59.0	60.0	5.0	5.0	11.0	13.0	75.0	78.0
United States	3,045.0	3,005.0	170.0	170.0	660.0	655.0	3,875.0	3,830.0

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Lamb Crop – Northeastern States and United States: 2016 and 2017

State	Ewes 1 year and older January 1		Lambs per 100 ewes January 1		Lamb crop ¹		
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
New England ²	25.0	24.0	116	121	29.0	29.0	100
New York	50.0	51.0	120	114	60.0	58.0	97
Pennsylvania	59.0	59.0	110	114	65.0	67.0	103
United States	3,105.0	3,045.0	105	105	3,250.0	3,200.0	98

¹ Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

² New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Market Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Weight Group – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2017

State	Market lambs					Market sheep	Total market sheep and lambs
	Under 65 pounds	65 - 84 pounds	85 - 105 pounds	Over 105 pounds	Total		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ¹	2.8	1.4	1.0	1.8	7.0	3.0	10.0
New York	3.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	11.0	2.0	13.0
Pennsylvania	6.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	13.0	5.0	18.0
United States	350.0	185.0	300.0	465.0	1,300.0	75.0	1,375.0

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Market Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Weight Group – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2018

State	Market lambs					Market sheep	Total market sheep and lambs
	Under 65 pounds	65 - 84 pounds	85 - 105 pounds	Over 105 pounds	Total		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ¹	2.2	1.4	1.0	1.4	6.0	3.0	9.0
New York	4.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	12.0	2.0	14.0
Pennsylvania	7.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	14.0	4.0	18.0
United States	345.0	205.0	295.0	475.0	1,320.0	80.0	1,400.0

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Sheep and Lamb Farm Slaughter and Death Loss – Northeastern States and United States: 2016 and 2017

State	Farm slaughter ¹		Deaths			
			Sheep		Lambs	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ²	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.4	2.5	3.0
New York	2.3	2.3	3.5	3.0	6.0	7.0
Pennsylvania	1.5	1.5	4.0	4.0	8.0	9.0
United States	94.8	96.1	218.0	213.0	373.0	367.0

¹ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

² New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Wool Production – Northeastern States and United States: 2016 and 2017

State	Sheep shorn		Weight per fleece		Production	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
New England ¹	30.0	31.0	6.7	6.8	200	210
New York	53.0	48.0	5.8	6.3	310	300
Pennsylvania	45.0	47.0	6.9	6.7	310	315
United States	3,585.0	3,440.0	7.3	7.2	26,050	24,700

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Wool Price and Value – Northeastern States and United States: 2016 and 2017

[United States value may not add due to rounding]

State	Price per pound		Value ¹	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
New England ²	0.85	0.90	170	189
New York	0.70	0.90	217	270
Pennsylvania	0.60	0.60	186	189
United States	1.45	1.47	37,721	36,424

¹ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. United States value is the summation of State values.

² New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Milk Goat Inventory – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2017 and 2018

State	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
New England ¹	14,200	14,600	103
New York	13,700	13,000	95
Pennsylvania	15,000	15,000	100
United States	373,000	380,000	102

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Meat and Other Goat Inventory – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2017 and 2018

State	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
New York	17,000	15,500	91
Pennsylvania	37,000	38,000	103
United States	2,115,000	2,098,000	99

U.S. Sheep and Goat Summary

January 1 Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down Slightly

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2018 totaled 5.23 million head, down slightly from 2017. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.83 million head on January 1, 2018, decreased 1 percent from 3.88 million head on January 1, 2017. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.01 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2018 totaled 1.40 million head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2017. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2017 lamb crop of 3.20 million head was down 2 percent from 2016. The 2017 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2017, unchanged from 2016.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2017 was 24.7 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2016. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.44 million head, down 4 percent from 2016. The average price paid for wool sold in 2017 was \$1.47 per pound for a total value of 36.4 million dollars, down 3 percent from 37.7 million dollars in 2016.

Sheep death loss during 2017 totaled 213 thousand head, down 2 percent from 2016. Lamb death loss decreased 2 percent from 373 thousand head to 367 thousand head in 2017.

January 1 All Goats and Kids Inventory Down 1 Percent

All goat 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.

Sheep and Goat Revisions

All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2017, were reviewed using official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. No revisions were made to goats and kids inventory or kid crop at the United States level. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to sheep and lambs inventory and no change was made to the lamb crop. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

*For the complete "Sheep and Goats" report, go to
<https://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1145>*

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