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Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2016 and 2017

State	All sheep and lambs			Total breeding		Total market	
	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016	2016	2017	2016	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ¹	42.0	43.0	102	33.0	33.0	9.0	10.0
New York	80.0	75.0	94	68.0	62.0	12.0	13.0
Pennsylvania	94.0	93.0	99	77.0	75.0	17.0	18.0
United States	5,300.0	5,200.0	98	3,945.0	3,855.0	1,355.0	1,345.0

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, 2016 and 2017

State	Breeding sheep				Replacement lambs		Total breeding sheep and lambs	
	Ewes		Rams		2016	2017	2016	2017
	2016	2017	2016	2017				
	(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	25.0	24.0	2.0	2.0	6.0	7.0	33.0	33.0
New York	50.0	47.0	3.0	3.0	15.0	12.0	68.0	62.0
Pennsylvania	59.0	59.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	11.0	77.0	75.0
United States	3,105.0	3,035.0	175.0	170.0	665.0	650.0	3,945.0	3,855.0

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

Lamb Crop – Northeastern States and United States: 2015 and 2016

State	Ewes 1 year and older January 1		Lambs per 100 ewes January 1		Lamb crop ¹		
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
New England ²	26.0	25.0	108	116	28.0	29.0	104
New York	51.0	50.0	118	120	60.0	60.0	100
Pennsylvania	56.0	59.0	116	110	65.0	65.0	100
United States	3,110.0	3,105.0	105	105	3,275.0	3,250.0	99

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, 2016

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	1.3	1.2	1.3	6.0	3.0	9.0
New York	3.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	11.0	1.0	12.0
Pennsylvania	7.0	5.0	2.0	1.0	15.0	2.0	17.0
United States	332.0	180.0	264.0	504.0	1,280.0	75.0	1,355.0

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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	345.0	180.0	295.0	450.0	1,270.0	75.0	1,345.0

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: 2015 and 2016

State	Farm slaughter ¹		Deaths			
			Sheep		Lambs	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England ²	2.3	2.0	1.5	1.5	2.3	2.5
New York	2.6	2.3	4.0	3.5	6.5	6.0
Pennsylvania	2.0	1.5	5.0	4.0	9.0	8.0
United States	95.1	94.8	229.0	217.0	374.0	372.0

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: 2015 and 2016

State	Sheep shorn		Weight per fleece		Production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
New England ¹	31.0	30.0	6.5	6.7	200	200
New York	53.0	53.0	6.1	5.8	325	310
Pennsylvania	48.0	45.0	6.6	6.9	315	310
United States	3,675.0	3,560.0	7.4	7.2	27,015	25,740

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

Wool Price and Value – Northeastern States and United States: 2015 and 2016

[United States value may not add due to rounding]

State	Price per pound		Value ¹	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
New England ²	0.80	0.85	160	170
New York	0.60	0.70	195	217
Pennsylvania	0.60	0.60	189	186
United States	1.45	1.45	39,205	37,214

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

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Milk Goat Inventory – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2016 and 2017

State	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
New England ¹	14,500	14,200	98
New York	12,300	13,700	111
Pennsylvania	14,000	15,000	107
United States	373,000	373,000	100

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, 2016 and 2017

State	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
New York	17,000	17,000	100
Pennsylvania	37,000	37,000	100
United States	2,097,000	2,115,000	101

U.S. Sheep and Goat Summary

January 1 Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 2 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2017 totaled 5.20 million head, down 2 percent from 2016. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.86 million head on January 1, 2017, decreased 2 percent from 3.95 million head on January 1, 2016. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.04 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2017 totaled 1.35 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2016. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2016 lamb crop of 3.25 million head was down 1 percent from 2015. The 2016 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2016, unchanged from 2015.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2016 was 25.7 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2015. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.56 million head, down 3 percent from 2015. The average price paid for wool sold in 2016 was \$1.45 per pound for a total value of 37.2 million dollars, down 5 percent from 39.2 million dollars in 2015.

Sheep death loss during 2016 totaled 217 thousand head, down 5 percent from 2015. Lamb death loss decreased 1 percent from 374 thousand head to 372 thousand head in 2016.

January 1 Goat and Kid Inventory Up 1 Percent

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2017 totaled 2.64 million head, up 1 percent from 2016. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.17 million head, up slightly from 2016. Does one year old and older, at 1.61 million head, were slightly above last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 469 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2016 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2015.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.12 million head on January 1, 2017, up 1 percent from 2016. Milk goat inventory was 373 thousand head, unchanged from January 1, 2016, while Angora goats were up 1 percent, totaling 152 thousand head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2016 was 800 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 41 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.7 pounds. Mohair price was \$4.56 per pound with a value of 3.65 million dollars.

Sheep and Goat Revisions

All sheep and goat inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2016, were reviewed using official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. A revision of 0.4 percent was made to sheep inventory and a revision of 5 percent to lamb crop at the United States level. No revisions were made to all goat inventory and a 3 percent change was made to the kid 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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