



# NORTHEAST SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY REPORT

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### Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

State	All sheep and lambs			Total breeding		Total market	
	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	48.0	52.0	108	40.0	42.0	8.0	10.0
New York .....	80.0	87.0	109	67.0	73.0	13.0	14.0
Pennsylvania .....	95.0	96.0	101	77.0	79.0	18.0	17.0
United States .....	5,230.0	5,200.0	99	3,820.0	3,810.0	1,410.0	1,390.0

<sup>1</sup> New 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, 2019 and 2020

State	Breeding sheep				Replacement lambs		Total breeding sheep and lambs	
	Ewes		Rams		2019	2020	2019	2020
	2019	2020	2019	2020				
	(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 <sup>1</sup> .....	30.0	31.0	3.0	3.0	7.0	8.0	40.0	42.0
New York .....	51.0	54.0	3.0	3.0	13.0	16.0	67.0	73.0
Pennsylvania .....	60.0	61.0	5.0	5.0	12.0	13.0	77.0	79.0
United States .....	3,000.0	2,980.0	170.0	170.0	650.0	660.0	3,820.0	3,810.0

<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Lamb Crop – Northeastern States and United States: 2018 and 2019

State	Ewes 1 year and older January 1		Lambs per 100 ewes January 1		Lamb crop <sup>1</sup>		
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
New England <sup>2</sup> .....	30.0	30.0	117	123	35.0	37.0	106
New York .....	55.0	51.0	104	112	57.0	57.0	100
Pennsylvania .....	60.0	60.0	110	112	66.0	67.0	102
United States .....	3,033.0	3,000.0	107	108	3,235.0	3,230.0	100

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

<sup>2</sup> 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, 2019

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 <sup>1</sup> .....	2.0	1.4	1.6	1.0	6.0	2.0	8.0
New York .....	3.0	4.0	3.0	1.0	11.0	2.0	13.0
Pennsylvania .....	8.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	14.0	4.0	18.0
United States .....	358.0	205.0	290.0	475.0	1,328.0	82.0	1,410.0

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## Market Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Weight Group – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2020

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 <sup>1</sup> .....	2.3	1.7	1.7	1.3	7.0	3.0	10.0
New York .....	3.5	3.5	3.5	1.5	12.0	2.0	14.0
Pennsylvania .....	7.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	14.0	3.0	17.0
United States .....	347.0	190.0	271.0	498.0	1,306.0	84.0	1,390.0

<sup>1</sup> 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: 2018 and 2019

State	Farm slaughter <sup>1</sup>		Deaths			
			Sheep		Lambs	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
New England <sup>2</sup> .....	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.8	2.6	3.0
New York .....	2.1	2.5	4.0	3.7	6.0	8.0
Pennsylvania .....	1.5	2.0	4.0	4.0	10.0	11.0
United States .....	92.2	91.5	216.0	219.0	388.0	388.0

<sup>1</sup> Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

<sup>2</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Wool Production – Northeastern States and United States: 2018 and 2019

State	Sheep shorn		Weight per fleece		Production	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	27.0	27.0	6.7	7.0	180	188
New York .....	46.0	49.0	5.9	5.9	270	290
Pennsylvania .....	46.0	48.0	6.7	6.7	310	320
United States .....	3,372.0	3,320.0	7.2	7.2	24,400	24,010

<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Wool Price and Value – Northeastern States and United States: 2018 and 2019

[United States value may not add due to rounding]

State	Price per pound		Value <sup>1</sup>	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
New England <sup>2</sup> .....	0.85	0.85	153	160
New York .....	0.90	0.80	243	232
Pennsylvania .....	0.60	0.60	186	192
United States .....	1.75	1.89	42,772	45,364

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

<sup>2</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Milk Goat Inventory – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

State	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	19,000	18,000	95
New York .....	12,000	13,300	111
Pennsylvania .....	15,000	14,000	93
United States .....	430,000	440,000	102

<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

## Meat and Other Goat Inventory – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2019 and 2020

State	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
New York .....	17,000	20,000	118
Pennsylvania .....	38,000	38,000	100
United States .....	2,055,000	2,090,000	102

## U.S. Sheep and Goat Summary

### January 1 Sheep and Lambs Inventory Down 1 Percent

**All sheep and lambs inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2020 totaled 5.20 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020, decreased slightly from 3.82 million head on January 1, 2019. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.98 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2020 totaled 1.39 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2019. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

**The 2019 lamb crop** of 3.23 million head was down slightly from 2018. The 2019 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2019, up 1 percent from 2018.

**Shorn wool production** in the United States during 2019 was 24.0 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2018. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.32 million head, down 2 percent from 2018. The average price paid for wool sold in 2019 was \$1.89 per pound for a total value of 45.4 million dollars, up 6 percent from 42.8 million dollars in 2018.

**Sheep death loss** during 2019 totaled 219 thousand head, up 1 percent from 2018. Lamb death loss was unchanged from last year at 388 thousand head.

### January 1 All Goats and Kids Inventory Up 1 Percent

**All goats and kids inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2020 totaled 2.66 million head, up 1 percent from 2019. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.18 million head, up 2 percent from 2019. Does one year old and older, at 1.62 million head, were up 2 percent from last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 478 thousand head, up 1 percent from a year ago.

**Kid crop** for 2019 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up slightly from 2018.

**Meat and other goats** totaled 2.09 million head on January 1, 2020, up 2 percent from 2019. Milk goat inventory was 440 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2019, while Angora goats were down 5 percent, totaling 130 thousand head.

**Mohair production** in the United States during 2019 was 730 thousand pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 127 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.7 pounds. Mohair price was \$6.37 per pound with a value of 4.65 million dollars.

### Sheep and Goats Revisions

All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2019, 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 sheep and lambs inventory and no change was made to the lamb crop. No revisions were made to goats and kids inventory. A revision of less than 1 percent was made to the kid crop at the United States level.

*For the complete "Sheep and Goats" report, go to  
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