



Agriculture Across Ohio

Ohio Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Ohio as of January 1, 2024, were 1.24 million head, with no change from last year. Ohio highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers increased 2 percent to 285,000 head. Beef replacement heifers remained unchanged at 55,000 head.
- Milk cows increased 2 percent to 255,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement increased 10 percent to 110,000 head.
- The 2023 calf crop was 480,000 head, up 1 percent from 2022.

Nationally, all cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2024, totaled 87.2 million head, 2 percent below

the 88.8 million head on January 1, 2023. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 37.6 million head, were 2 percent below the 38.3 million head on January 1, 2023. Beef cows, at 28.2 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.36 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2024, totaled 18.5 million head, 1 percent below the 18.8 million head on January 1, 2023. Beef replacement heifers, at 4.86 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.06 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.57 million head, were 2 percent below a year earlier.

Cattle Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

| Class | Ohio | | United States | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| All cattle and calves | 1,240 | 1,240 | 88,841 | 87,157 |
| Cows | 530 | 540 | 38,337 | 37,580 |
| Beef | 280 | 285 | 28,939 | 28,223 |
| Milk | 250 | 255 | 9,398 | 9,357 |
| Replacement heifers | 225 | 230 | 18,761 | 18,483 |
| Beef | 55 | 55 | 4,930 | 4,858 |
| Milk | 100 | 110 | 4,074 | 4,059 |
| Other | 70 | 65 | 9,758 | 9,566 |
| Steers 500 pounds and over | 220 | 210 | 16,057 | 15,789 |
| Bulls 500 pounds and over | 25 | 25 | 2,029 | 2,021 |
| Calves under 500 pounds | 240 | 235 | 13,658 | 13,285 |
| Cattle on feed | 140 | 140 | 14,196 | 14,423 |

Totals may not add due to rounding.

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 39.8 million during December, up 8 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 1.02 billion eggs, up 12 percent from last year. The rate of lay during December was 2,554 eggs per 100 layers. All layers

in the U.S. totaled 384.0 million during December, up 2 percent from a year ago. There were 21.5 million turkey poult hatchlings in the U.S. in December, down 6 percent from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production – Ohio and United States: December 2022 and 2023

| Item | 2022 | 2023 | Percent Change |
|---|---------|---------|----------------|
| Ohio | | | |
| All layers Thousand | 36,930 | 39,837 | 8 |
| Eggs per hundred layers Number | 2,458 | 2,554 | 4 |
| Eggs produced Million | 908 | 1,017 | 12 |
| U.S. | | | |
| All Layers Thousand | 375,943 | 383,968 | 2 |
| Eggs per hundred layers Number | 2,434 | 2,462 | 1 |
| Eggs produced Million | 9,149 | 9,453 | 3 |
| Turkey Eggs in incubators, Jan 1 Thousand | 27,284 | 24,820 | -9 |
| Turkey Poults hatched, Dec Thousand | 22,853 | 21,484 | -6 |

December Agricultural Prices

Prices Received by Ohio farmers for the full month of December 2023, are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: December corn, at \$4.64 per bushel, increased \$0.24 from November but decreased \$1.60 from last year; December soybeans, at \$13.10 per bushel, was unchanged from last month and decreased \$1.60 from last year; December wheat, at \$5.63 per bushel, increased \$0.30 from November but decreased \$1.72 from last year; December milk, at \$21.50 per cwt., decreased \$1.10 from last month and decreased \$4.00 from last year.

Nationally, the December Prices Received Index 2011 Base (Agricultural Production), at 113.5, decreased 0.4 percent from November and 18 percent from December

2022. At 101.7, the Crop Production Index was up 0.7 percent from last month but down 21 percent from the previous year. The Livestock Production Index, at 130.0, decreased 3.0 percent from November, and 14 percent from December last year. Producers received lower prices during December for cattle, milk, hogs, and turkeys, but higher prices for broilers, corn, onions, and eggs. In addition to prices, the volume change of commodities marketed also influences the indexes. In December, there was decreased monthly movement for corn, grapes, soybeans, and calves, and increased marketing of broilers, milk, wheat, and cotton.

Prices Received by Farmers¹ - Ohio and United States: December 2023 with Comparisons

| Commodity | Ohio | | | United States | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|
| | Dec 2022 | Nov 2023 | Dec 2023 | Dec 2022 | Nov 2023 | Dec 2023 |
| Corn dollars/bu | 6.24 | 4.40 | 4.64 | 6.58 | 4.66 | 4.80 |
| Hay, alfalfa dollars/ton | 180.00 | 195.00 | 190.00 | 268.00 | 207.00 | 205.00 |
| Hay, other dollars/ton | 155.00 | 165.00 | 165.00 | 180.00 | 170.00 | 170.00 |
| Soybeans dollars/bu | 14.70 | 13.10 | 13.10 | 14.40 | 13.00 | 13.10 |
| Wheat, winter dollars/bu | 7.35 | 5.33 | 5.63 | 8.47 | 6.10 | 6.20 |
| Milk, all dollars/cwt | 25.50 | 22.60 | 21.50 | 24.50 | 21.70 | 20.60 |

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Ohio on January 1, 2024, was 143,000 head, up 7,000 from 2023. Breeding sheep inventory, at 114,000 head, was up 7,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 29,000 head, unchanged from last year. The 2023 Ohio lamb crop was 103,000 head, up 7,000 from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Ohio, at 83,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. Ohio shorn wool

production in 2023 was 500,000 pounds, up 30,000 from 2022. The average price paid for wool in Ohio was \$0.55 per pound, unchanged from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$275,000, \$16,000 above the 2022 value.

As of January 1, 2024, there were 11,000 milk goats in Ohio, unchanged from a year earlier. The Ohio meat and other goat inventory was 50,000 head, 1,000 above the January 1, 2023, inventory.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

| Class | Ohio | | United States | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| All sheep and lambs | 136 | 143 | 5,130 | 5,030 |
| Breeding sheep and lambs | 107 | 114 | 3,740 | 3,670 |
| Ewes | 84 | 88 | 2,930 | 2,870 |
| Rams | 7 | 7 | 167 | 165 |
| Replacement lambs | 16 | 19 | 644 | 635 |
| Total market sheep and lambs | 29 | 29 | 1,390 | 1,360 |
| Previous year's lamb crop | 96 | 103 | 3,099 | 3,030 |

Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

| Class | Ohio | | United States | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Angora | (NA) | (NA) | 107 | 105 |
| Milk | 11 | 11 | 410 | 415 |
| Meat and other | 49 | 50 | 2,010 | 1,950 |

(NA) Not available.

December Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 477 million pounds of milk during December, up 2.4 percent from a year ago. Production per cow in Ohio averaged 1,870 pounds for December, 5 pounds above December 2022. The dairy herd was estimated at 255,000 head for December, up 5,000 head from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in December by Ohio dairy producers was \$21.50 per cwt., \$4.00 less than the price in December 2022.

Milk Cows, Production, and Price – Ohio: December 2022 and 2023

| Item | 2022 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Cows.....1,000 hd | 250 | 255 |
| Milk per cow.....lb/month | 1,865 | 1,870 |
| Production mil lbs | 466 | 477 |
| Milk price, all.....dol/cwt | 25.50 | 21.50 |
| Fat test.....pct | 4.17 | 4.21 |
| Protein ¹pct | 3.31 | 3.30 |

¹ FMO 33

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