



# News Release

## Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Ohio on January 1, 2017, was estimated at 117,000 head, a decrease of 2 percent from 2016, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 92,000 head, was down 4,000 head from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 25,000 head, an increase of 1,000 from last year. The 2016 Ohio lamb crop was 88,000 head, unchanged from the previous year.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2017, totaled 5.2 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 number of sheep and lambs shorn in Ohio, 79,000 head, was down 2,000 from the previous year. Ohio shorn wool production in 2016 was 470,000 pounds, down 20,000 from 2015. The average price paid for wool in Ohio was \$0.53 per pound, a decrease of \$0.21 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$249,000, 31 percent below the 2015 value.

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.

As of January 1, 2016, there were 10,000 milk goats in Ohio, up 500 from a year earlier. The Ohio meat and other goat inventory was 42,000 head, 2,000 below the January 1, 2016, inventory.

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.

### Sheep inventory, January 1, 2016-17

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	120	117	5,300	5,200
Breeding sheep and lambs	96	92	3,945	3,855
Ewes	73	70	3,105	3,035
Rams	6	6	175	170
Replacement lambs	17	16	665	650
Total market sheep and lambs	24	25	1,355	1,345
Previous year's lamb crop	88	88	3,275	3,250

### Goat inventory, January 1, 2016-17

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2016	2017	2016	2017
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	150	152
Milk	9.5	10.0	373	373
Meat and other	44.0	42.0	2,097	2,115

(NA) Not available.

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