



# News Release

## Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Ohio on January 1, 2018, was 119,000 head, an increase of 2 percent from 2017, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 95,000 head, was up 3,000 head from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 24,000 head, a decrease of 1,000 from last year. The 2017 Ohio lamb crop was 88,000 head, unchanged from the previous year.

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 number of sheep and lambs shorn in Ohio, 80,000 head, was up 1,000 from the previous year. Ohio shorn wool production in 2017 was 490,000 pounds, up 20,000 from 2016. The average price paid for wool in Ohio was \$0.50 per pound, a decrease of \$0.03 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$245,000, 2 percent below the 2016 value.

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.

As of January 1, 2018, there were 10,500 milk goats in Ohio, up 500 from a year earlier. The Ohio meat and other goat inventory was 44,000 head, 2,000 above the January 1, 2017, inventory.

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.

### Sheep inventory, January 1, 2017-18

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	117	119	5,250	5,230
Breeding sheep and lambs	92	95	3,875	3,830
Ewes	70	73	3,045	3,005
Rams	6	6	170	170
Replacement lambs	16	16	660	655
Total market sheep and lambs	25	24	1,375	1,400
Previous year's lamb crop	88	88	3,250	3,200

### Goat inventory, January 1, 2017-18

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	152	142
Milk	10.0	10.5	373	380
Meat and other	42.0	44.0	2,115	2,098

(NA) Not available.

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