



News Release

Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Ohio on January 1, 2019, was 121,000 head, an increase of 2 percent from 2018, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 94,000 head, was down 1,000 head from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 27,000 head, an increase of 3,000 from last year. The 2018 Ohio lamb crop was 88,000 head, unchanged from the previous year.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2019 totaled 5.23 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.82 million head on January 1, 2019, decreased 1 percent from 3.87 million head on January 1, 2018. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.00 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2019 totaled 1.41 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2018. 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, at 79,000 head, was down 1,000 from the previous year. Ohio shorn wool production in 2018 was 460,000 pounds, unchanged from 2017. The average price paid for wool in Ohio was \$0.40 per pound, a decrease of \$0.10 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$184,000, 20 percent below the 2017 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2018 was 24.4 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2017. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.37 million head, down 2 percent from 2017. The average price paid for wool sold in 2018 was \$1.75 per pound for a total value of 42.8 million dollars, up 16 percent from 36.8 million dollars in 2017.

As of January 1, 2019, there were 12,000 milk goats in Ohio, unchanged from a year earlier. The Ohio meat and other goat inventory was 45,000 head, 1,000 above the January 1, 2018, inventory.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2019 totaled 2.62 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.15 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. Does one year old and older, at 1.60 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 474 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2018 totaled 1.64 million head for all goats, up slightly from 2017. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.06 million head on January 1, 2019, down 1 percent from 2018. Milk goat inventory was 430 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2018, while Angora goats were down 5 percent, totaling 137 thousand head.

Sheep Inventory, January 1, 2018 and 2019

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
All sheep and lambs	119	121	5,265	5,230
Breeding sheep and lambs	95	94	3,865	3,820
Ewes	73	72	3,033	3,000
Rams	6	6	170	170
Replacement lambs	16	16	662	650
Total market sheep and lambs	24	27	1,400	1,410
Previous year's lamb crop	88	88	3,230	3,235

Goat Inventory, January 1, 2018 and 2019

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	144	137
Milk	12	12	420	430
Meat and other	44	45	2,075	2,055

(NA) Not available.

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