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## Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Ohio on January 1, 2021, was 126,000 head, unchanged from 2020, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 100,000 head, was unchanged from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 26,000 head, were unchanged from last year. The 2020 Ohio lamb crop was 92,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2021 totaled 5.17 million head, down 1 percent from 2020. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.78 million head on January 1, 2021, decreased 1 percent from 3.81 million head on January 1, 2020. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.96 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2021 totaled 1.39 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2020.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Ohio, at 80,000 head, was down 7,000 from the previous year. Ohio shorn wool production in 2020 was 480,000 pounds, a decrease of 5 percent from 2019. The average price paid for wool in Ohio was \$0.73 per pound, an increase of \$0.25 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$350,000, 45 percent above the 2019 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2020 was 23.1 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2019. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.28 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. The average price paid for wool sold in 2020 was \$1.66 per pound for a total value of 38.4 million dollars, down 15 percent from 45.4 million dollars in 2019.

As of January 1, 2021, there were 10,000 milk goats in Ohio, down 1,000 from a year earlier. The Ohio meat and other goat inventory was 44,000 head, 1,000 above the January 1, 2020, inventory.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2021 totaled 2.58 million head, down 3 percent from 2020. Meat and other goats totaled 2.05 million head on January 1, 2021, down 2 percent from 2020. Milk goat inventory was 420 thousand head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2020, while Angora goats were down 10 percent, totaling 117 thousand head.

### Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs .....	126	126	5,200	5,170
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	100	100	3,810	3,780
Ewes .....	77	76	2,980	2,960
Rams .....	6	6	170	170
Replacement lambs .....	17	18	660	650
Total market sheep and lambs .....	26	26	1,390	1,390
Previous year's lamb crop .....	95	92	3,230	3,210

### Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Angora .....	(NA)	(NA)	130	117
Milk .....	11	10	435	420
Meat and other .....	43	44	2,090	2,045

(NA) Not available.

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