

# OREGON SHEEP, LAMBS, & GOATS



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## Oregon and US January 1 Sheep Inventory

Oregon sheep and lamb inventory totaled 220,000 head on January 1, 2009, unchanged from the previous year. The market flock decreased by 1,000 head, with 67,000 market lambs and 3,000 market sheep. The breeding flock increased by 1,000 head, with 121,000 breeding ewes, 7,000 rams, and 22,000 replacement lambs. The 2008 lamb crop totaled 157,000 lambs, up 2.6 percent from 2007. The lambing rate was 131 percent. Wool production totaled 1.19 million pounds, down 6.3 percent. The average weight per fleece was 6.5 pounds.

United States sheep and lamb inventory totaled 5.75 million head, down 3 percent from 2008. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.25 million head on January 1, 2009, down 4 percent from 4.43 million head on January 1, 2008. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.40 million head, were 4 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2009, totaled 1.50 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2008. The 2008 lamb crop of 3.71 million head was down 5 percent from 2007. The 2008 lambing rate was 105 percent, down 3 percent from 2007. Wool production in the United States during 2008 was 33.0 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2007. The average price paid for wool sold in 2008 was \$0.99 per pound for a total value of 32.5 million dollars, up 7 percent from 30.2 million dollars in 2007.

**Sheep: Inventory and lamb crop, selected states and United States, January 1, 2009**

State	All sheep			Breeding sheep			Total market sheep and lambs
	2008	2009	2009 / 2008	Ewes 1 yr. and older	Total sheep and lambs	2008 Lamb crop	
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
California	620	660	106	290	345	230	315
Idaho	235	210	89	148	178	190	32
Montana	270	255	94	180	230	235	25
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>70</b>
Washington	52	53	102	35	43	53	10
United States	5,950	5,747	97	3,404	4,247	3,710	1,500

## Angora, Milk, Meat and Other Goat Inventory

Oregon goat and kid inventory totaled 38,000 head on January 1, 2008, an increase of 3.5 percent from the previous year. Angora goat inventory increased 100 head to 1,800 head. Milk goat inventory increased 1,200 animals to 9,200 head. Meat and other goat inventory held steady at 27,000 head.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 3.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.54 million head down 2 percent from 2008. All market goats and kids totaled 528,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2009 meat and all other goats totaled 2.55 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. Milk goat inventory increased 4 percent to 335,000 head while angora goats were down 10 percent totaling 185,000 head. The 2008 kid crop totaled 1.96 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2007. Mohair production in the United States during 2008 was 1.18 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 193,500 head. Average weight per clip was 6.10 pounds. Mohair price was \$3.31 per pound with a value of 3.91 million dollars.

**Goats: Inventory by class, selected states and United States, January 1, 2009**

State	Angora goats		Milk goats		Meat and other goats		Total	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Head</i>
California	4,000	4,000	36,000	37,000	89,000	95,000	129,000	136,000
Idaho			3,000	2,500	12,000	12,000	15,000	14,500
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>36,700</b>	<b>38,000</b>
Washington	1,000	1,000	8,300	7,100	23,000	27,000	32,300	35,100
United States	205,000	185,000	323,000	335,000	2,590,000	2,550,000	3,118,000	3,070,000

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