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## Wisconsin Leads Nation in Milk Goats

Milk goat inventory in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2015, at 44,000 head, was the largest in the United States. Total milk goat inventory was down 4 percent from the previous year.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2015, totaled 2.68 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. **Breeding goat** inventory totaled 2.20 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. **Does one year old and older**, at 1.65 million head, were 3 percent above last year's number. **Market goats and kids** totaled 471 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago.

**Kid crop** for 2014 totaled 1.71 million head for all goats, up 2 percent from 2013.

**Meat and all other goats** totaled 2.15 million head on January 1, 2015, up 2 percent from 2014. **Milk goat** inventory was 365 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2014, while **Angora goats** were up 8 percent, totaling 160 thousand head.

**Mohair production** in the United States during 2014 was 880 thousand pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 159 thousand head. **Average weight per clip** was 5.5 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$4.85 per pound with a value of 4.27 million dollars.

### Goat Inventory: Selected States and United States, 2014 & 2015

	Milk Goats		Meat & Other Goats		Angora Goats	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(Head)					
California	38,000	40,000	85,000	85,000	3,600	3,400
Iowa	30,000	31,000	25,000	25,500	(NA)	(NA)
Minnesota	13,000	13,500	23,000	20,500	1,000	(NA)
Texas	20,000	23,000	810,000	820,000	76,000	85,000
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>46,000</b>	<b>44,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>(NA)</b>
Unpublished States	9,100	32,700	3,000	179,000	19,500	24,600
United States	358,000	365,000	2,105,000	2,150,000	148,000	160,000

(NA) Not Available 1 Beginning in 2015, Meat and Other Goats for Wisconsin is no longer published individually. It is now included in the Unpublished States total. 2 Beginning in 2015, Angora Goats for Minnesota and Wisconsin is no longer published individually. It is now included in the Unpublished States total.

## Wisconsin Sheep Inventory at Record Low

All sheep and lambs inventory in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2015, totaled 77,000 head. This is the lowest sheep and lamb inventory since records started in 1920. The 2015 inventory is down 7 percent from last year. Total breeding stock, at 65,000 head, was down 6 percent from a year ago. Compared to last year, market sheep and lambs decreased 14 percent to 12,000 head. The lamb crop for 2014 decreased 6 percent to 68,000. Wool production for the State was 350,000 pounds, down 12 percent from last year.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2015, totaled 5.28 million head, up 1 percent from 2014. **Breeding sheep** inventory increased to 3.94 million head on January 1, 2015, up 1 percent from 3.90 million head on January 1, 2014. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.11 million head, were 1 percent above last year. **Market sheep and lambs** on January 1, 2015, totaled 1.35 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2014. **Market lambs** comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-four percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 20 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. **Market sheep** comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

The 2014 **lamb crop** of 3.44 million head, was up 2 percent from 2013. The 2014 **lambing rate** was 111 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2014, up 4 percent from 2013.

**Shorn wool production** in the United States during 2014 was 26.7 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2013. **Sheep and lambs shorn** totaled 3.68 million head, also down 1 percent from 2013. The **average price paid for wool sold** in 2014 was \$1.46 per pound for a total value of 38.9 million dollars, down 1 percent from 39.2 million dollars in 2013.

**Sheep death loss** during 2014 totaled 220 thousand head, a decrease of 2 percent from 2013. **Lamb death loss** increased 1 percent from 360 thousand head in 2013 to 365 thousand head in 2014.

### All Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, Wisconsin and United States, January 1, 2014-2015

Class	Wisconsin			United States		
	2014	2015	Change	2014	2015	Change
	1,000 hd		Percent	1,000 hd		Percent
All sheep & lambs	83	77	-7	5,245	5,280	+1
Total breeding sheep	69	65	-6	3,900	3,935	+1
Ewes	52	50	-4	3,090	3,110	+1
Rams	3	3	n.c.	175	175	n.c.
Replacement lambs	14	12	-14	635	650	+2
Total market	14	12	-14	1,345	1,345	n.c.
	2013	2014	Change	2013	2014	Change
Lamb crop	72	68	-6	3,370	3,440	+2

### Wool: Production, Price, and Value, Wisconsin and United States, 2013-2014

Class	Wisconsin			United States		
	2013	2014	Change	2013	2014	Change
			Percent			Percent
Sheep shorn (1,000 head)	59	50	-15	3,700	3,680	-1
Weight per fleece (pounds)	6.8	7.0	+3	7.3	7.3	n.c.
Production (1,000 pounds)	400	350	-12	26,990	26,700	-1
Price per pound (dollars)	0.70	0.75	+7	1.45	1.46	+1
Value <sup>1</sup> (1,000 dollars)	280	263	-6	39,209	38,949	-1

1 Production multiplied by marketing year average price. United States value is the summation of State values.

### 2014 Vegetables & Strawberries Summary

Wisconsin remained in second place in the nation for total production and value of production for the major processing vegetables in 2014, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Vegetables* report. The state rose from third into second place for acres harvested. California remained the number one state in all three categories and accounted for 71 percent of the total production of these vegetables.

Wisconsin maintained its number one ranking in production of processing **snap beans**. The state processed 46 percent of the nation’s crop, with 312,280 tons in 2014. Harvested acres were up from 59,800 acres in 2013 to 64,100 acres in 2014. The yield fell slightly from last year’s record high, from 4.99 in 2013 to 4.87 in 2014. Nationally, snap bean production rose 2 percent due to an additional 9,300 acres that were harvested.

Wisconsin remained in third place for processing **sweet corn** in 2014, producing 542,160 tons. This is the lowest production since 2004. Harvested acres decreased by 700 to 65,800 acres and yields were down 6 percent. U.S. processing sweet corn production was up less than 1 percent to 2.57 million tons.

**Green pea** production in Wisconsin in 2014 totaled 70,640 tons, down 6 percent from the previous year. Yields, at 1.93 tons per acre, were the lowest since 2010. Despite the decrease in production, Wisconsin remained the third largest green pea processing state in the nation. Processing pea production in the U.S. rose 2 percent to 362,860 tons.

Wisconsin’s **cucumbers for pickle** production fell 12 percent in 2014. Harvested acreage declined by 500, and yields were down 4 percent. U.S. production, at 481,740 tons, was down 2 percent from a year ago.

Wisconsin moved from second into first place in the nation for production of **carrots** for processing. Wisconsin had 400 fewer acres harvested, but yields were up 2 percent for total production of 107,100 tons, 33 percent of the nation’s production. Nationally, carrot production was down 9 percent to 321,820 tons.

Production for **onions**, **fresh market cabbage**, and **fresh market sweet corn** all fell in Wisconsin in 2014. Fresh market sweet corn yields rose 11 percent to 112 hundredweight (cwt.) per acre, but harvested acreage decreased to 3,500 acres. This is the seventh year in a row of acreage decreases. As a result, production was down 8 percent. Fresh market cabbage production fell 16 percent, while harvested acreage increased by 200 to 2,900 acres. Cabbage yields were down from 280 cwt. per acre in 2013 to 250 cwt. in 2014. Onion production dropped 10 percent, from 810,000 cwt. in 2013 to 791,000 cwt. in 2014. Yields rose 3 percent to 465 cwt. per acre, the highest yield since 2009. Harvested acreage, however, was down 100 acres.

**Wisconsin strawberry** production in 2014 was estimated at 3.80 million pounds, down 3 percent from last year, and tied with 2012 as the lowest production in over a decade, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Although harvested acres declined 13 percent from 720 to 630 in 2014, yield per acre at 6,000 pounds was up 11 percent in 2014 compared to 5,400 the year before. The average price received was unchanged year-to-year at \$165 per hundred pounds, with the total crop value estimated at \$6.27 million, down 3 percent from the previous year.

**Vegetables: Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value, Wisconsin and United States: 2013-2014**

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per acre		Production		Value			
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
<b>Processing Vegetables</b>												
	Acres				Tons				Dollars		1,000 dollars	
<b>WISCONSIN</b>												
Carrots	4,200	3,800	4,100	3,700	28.50	28.95	116,850	107,100	106.00	89.30	12,362	9,569
Cucumbers	6,000	5,600	5,900	5,400	6.51	6.26	38,410	33,800	288.00	297.00	11,062	10,039
Green Peas	37,800	37,700	36,000	36,600	2.10	1.93	75,550	70,640	521.00	378.00	39,360	26,685
Sweet corn	70,800	69,900	66,500	65,800	8.78	8.24	583,960	542,160	150.00	96.20	87,569	52,177
Snap Beans	65,500	66,000	59,800	64,100	4.99	4.87	298,570	312,280	340.00	185.00	101,452	57,633
<b>UNITED STATES</b>												
Carrots	13,750	11,750	13,310	11,430	26.44	28.16	351,950	321,820	122.00	116.00	43,008	37,193
Cucumbers	85,800	79,980	82,100	76,580	5.76	6.29	473,140	481,740	313.00	365.00	148,101	175,634
Green Peas	187,880	195,700	178,300	187,600	2.00	1.93	356,050	362,860	427.00	367.00	151,928	133,261
Sweet corn	328,800	325,180	314,950	312,280	8.10	8.22	2,551,830	2,567,820	140.00	113.00	357,804	289,573
Snap Beans	161,170	164,060	149,770	159,070	4.45	4.28	666,780	681,240	320.00	250.00	213,250	170,066
<b>Fresh Market Vegetables</b>												
	Acres				Cwt		1,000 cwt		Dollars per cwt		1,000 dollars	
<b>WISCONSIN</b>												
Cabbage	3,200	3,000	3,100	2,900	280	250	868	725	16.40	14.20	14,235	10,295
Onions <sup>1</sup>	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,700	450	465	810	791	16.40	17.50	12,480	13,073
Sweet corn	4,700	3,900	4,200	3,500	101	112	424	392	29.60	25.60	12,550	10,035
<b>UNITED STATES</b>												
Cabbage	62,300	65,300	59,480	62,550	366	357	21,750	22,359	20.10	20.40	429,419	455,098
Onions <sup>1</sup>	100,040	95,500	95,840	93,200	530	597	50,820	55,663	12.10	11.00	553,885	565,997
Sweet corn	244,400	229,790	228,380	215,150	125	118	28,561	25,346	28.20	28.90	806,488	732,489

1/ Summer Storage Onions only

**Strawberries: Acreage, Yield, Production & Value, Wisconsin and United States, 2013-2014**

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production		Price per cwt		Value of production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	Acres				Cwt		1,000 cwt		Dollars		1,000 dollars	
Wisconsin	840	820	720	630	54	60	39	38	165.00	165.00	6,435	6,270
United States	61,650	61,310	60,410	59,895	504	505	30,470	30,222	85.60	94.80	2,609,038	2,865,432

## 2014 Preliminary Cranberries, Apples & Cherries Summary

Wisconsin **cranberry** production totaled 5.04 million barrels in 2014, down from 6.02 million barrels in 2013. The state's cranberry growers harvested 20,400 acres, down from 21,100 acres from last year. Average yield per acre, at 246 barrels, was down from last year's record high 283 barrels. The price of cranberries fell for the second year in a row, from \$32.00 per barrel in 2013 to \$28.90 per barrel in 2014. As a result, the total value of utilized production declined 24 percent to \$145 million dollars. Wisconsin maintained its number one ranking in cranberry production with 58 percent of the nation's total. Wisconsin production was more than twice that of the next highest producing state, Massachusetts.

Wisconsin **apple production** for 2014 is estimated at 40.7 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2013. Amid mildly difficult spring weather and localized pockets of frost and hail damage during the growing season, yield per acre was estimated at 13,100 pounds per acre, down 3 percent from the 2013 yield. Weighted average price received for all categories was up 13.2 cents per pound from 50.9 cents in 2013 to 64.1 cents in 2014. Total bearing acres were unchanged year-to-year, at 3,100 acres in 2014.

Wisconsin **tart cherry** production totaled 12.0 million pounds in 2014, down from 12.3 million pounds in 2013. The state's cherry growers harvested 1,900 acres, down from 2,000 acres last year. Average yield per acre, at 6,320 pounds, was up from 6,150 pounds in 2013. The overall average price rose from 35.7 cents per pound in 2013 to 39.4 cents per pound in 2014. The value of Wisconsin's tart cherry crop totaled \$4.68 million in 2014. Processed cherries accounted for 95 percent of the state's crop.

### Cranberries: Acreage, Production, and Utilization, Selected States, 2013-2014

State	Harvested		Yield per acre <sup>1/</sup>		Production				Utilization			
					Total		Utilized		Fresh		Processed	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	Acres		Barrels <sup>2/</sup>		1,000 Barrels							
Massachusetts	13,200	12,400	138.5	188.9	1,852	2,417	1,829	2,342	89	51	1,740	2,291
New Jersey <sup>3/</sup>	3,000	3,000	180.8	208.7	548	672	542	626	-	-	542	626
Oregon <sup>3/</sup>	3,000	3,000	130.0	140.3	390	431	390	421	-	-	390	421
Washington	1,700	1,700	89.4	95.3	152	162	152	162	40	52	112	110
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>21,100</b>	<b>20,400</b>	<b>282.8</b>	<b>246.1</b>	<b>6,016</b>	<b>5,035</b>	<b>5,968</b>	<b>5,020</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>5,775</b>	<b>4,844</b>
United States	42,000	40,500	211.4	211.6	8,957	8,717	8,881	8,571	321	279	8,559	8,292

See footnotes on next table.

### Cranberries: Price and Value, Selected States, 2013-2014

State	Price per Barrel <sup>4/</sup>						Value of Utilized Production					
	Fresh		Processed		All		Fresh		Processed		All	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	Dollars						1,000 dollars					
Massachusetts	50.60	56.80	30.60	34.00	31.60	34.50	4,493	2,897	53,244	77,894	57,737	80,791
New Jersey	(X)	(X)	37.50	35.00	37.50	35.00	(X)	(X)	20,336	21,910	20,336	21,910
Oregon	(X)	(X)	30.60	27.50	30.60	27.50	(X)	(X)	11,934	11,578	11,934	11,578
Washington	56.90	(D)	36.50	(D)	41.90	43.50	2,276	(D)	4,088	(D)	6,364	7,042
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>78.50</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>30.40</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>28.90</b>	<b>15,119</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>175,560</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>190,679</b>	<b>144,852</b>
United States	68.10	64.70	31.00	29.90	32.30	31.10	21,888	18,039	265,162	248,134	287,050	266,173

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (X) Not applicable. 1/ Yield is based on utilized production. 2/ A barrel weighs 100 pounds. 3/ Small quantities of fresh cranberries are included in processed to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 4/ Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds less returns for processing non-cranberry products, capital stock dividends, capital stock retains, and other retains.

### Commercial Apples: Bearing Acreage, Yield, and Production, Selected States, 2013-2014

State	Bearing Acreage		Yield per Acre <sup>1/</sup>		Total Production		Utilized Production		Price per Pound		Value of Utilized Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	Acres		Pounds		Million pounds)				Dollars		1,000 dollars	
Illinois	1,800	1,800	8,890	11,400	16.0	20.6	15.0	19.8	0.528	0.684	7,913	13,542
Iowa	950	800	7,680	4,000	7.3	3.2	5.8	2.5	0.697	0.774	4,040	1,935
Michigan	36,500	36,500	34,500	27,400	1260.0	1000.0	1250.0	1000.0	0.204	0.228	254,953	227,720
Minnesota	2,200	2,200	8,740	8,820	19.2	19.4	14.1	16.3	0.835	0.806	11,801	13,137
Missouri	1,200	1,200	14,100	17,700	16.9	21.2	15.0	20.1	0.368	0.340	5,515	6,843
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>13,100</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>0.509</b>	<b>0.641</b>	<b>19,274</b>	<b>24,172</b>
United States	328,620	327,380	31,600	34,400	10399.1	11251.2	10302.9	11198.3	0.302	0.265	3,113,126	2,963,981

1/ Yield is based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to market conditions.

### Tart Cherries: Acreage, Yield, and Production, Selected States, 2013-2014

State	Bearing Acreage		Yield per Acre <sup>1/</sup>		Production		Utilization				Price per Pound				Value of Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	Fresh		Processed		Fresh		Processed		All	
	Acres		Pounds		Million pounds								Dollars		Thousand dollars	
Michigan	28,000	27,900	7,810	7,280	218.7	203.0	0.3	0.1	215.5	200.9	0.847	(D)	0.345	(D)	74,515	72,937
New York	1,600	1,600	7,500	6,250	12.0	10.0	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	4,295	3,042
Oregon	650	650	6,620	3,380	4.3	2.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1,480	785
Pennsylvania	500	500	4,400	2,360	2.2	1.2	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	862	639
Utah	3,300	3,300	8,120	10,900	26.8	36.1	-	-	26.8	(D)	(X)	(X)	0.476	(D)	12,761	16,062
Washington	2,100	2,100	8,520	11,600	17.9	24.3	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	6,164	7,290
<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>6,150</b>	<b>6,320</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>1.570</b>	<b>1.020</b>	<b>0.326</b>	<b>0.366</b>	<b>4,318</b>	<b>4,683</b>
United States	38,150	37,950	7,710	7,610	294.2	288.8	1.2	1.4	289.9	283.8	1.630	1.400	0.353	0.365	104,395	105,438

- Represents zero. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 1/ Yield is based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to market conditions.

## December Milk Production

Milk production in Wisconsin during December 2014 totaled 2.36 billion pounds, up 3 percent over the previous December. The average number of milk cows during December, at 1.27 million head, was 2,000 more than last month and 4,000 more than a year ago. This is the highest number of milk cows since April 2002. Monthly production per cow averaged 1,855 pounds, up 50 pounds from a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 16.2 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from December 2013. November revised production at 15.5 billion pounds, was up 3.5 percent from November 2013. The November revision represented an increase of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,886 pounds for December, 35 pounds above December 2013. This is the highest production per cow for the month of December since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States for December, was 8.61 million head, 107,000 head more than December 2013, and 16,000 head more than November 2014.

Milk production in the United States during the October - December quarter totaled 50.9 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from the October - December quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.28 million head, 16,000 head more than the July - September quarter, and 83,000 head more than the same period last year.

December Milk Production

State	Milk cows 1/		Rate per cow 2/		Production 2/		Production % chnge 2014/13
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	
	Thousand head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
WI	1,270	1,274	1,805	1,855	2,292	2,363	+3.1
CA	1,781	1,780	1,950	1,950	3,473	3,471	-0.1
ID	565	579	1,960	1,980	1,107	1,146	+3.5
MI	380	402	2,020	2,060	768	828	+7.8
MN	460	460	1,665	1,705	766	784	+2.3
NM	323	323	2,050	2,060	662	665	+0.5
NY	613	615	1,820	1,890	1,116	1,162	+4.1
PA	530	530	1,675	1,730	888	917	+3.3
TX	440	470	1,820	1,870	801	879	+9.7
23-state total	8,504	8,611	1,851	1,886	15,741	16,242	+3.2

1/Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

