



Wisconsin Ag News – Goats

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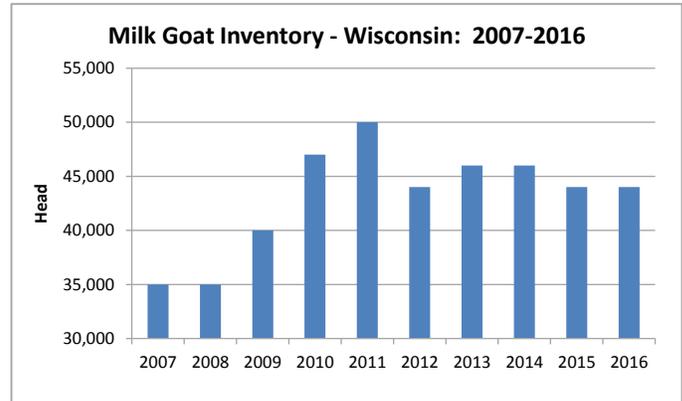
Wisconsin was the leading state for **milk goat** inventory as of January 1, 2016, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. Total milk goat inventory, at 44,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year.

Goat Inventory – Selected States and United States: 2015 and 2016

	Milk Goats		Meat & Other Goats	
	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
California	40,000	39,000	85,000	90,000
Iowa.....	31,000	33,000	25,500	25,000
Minnesota.....	13,500	13,500	20,500	21,000
Texas	23,000	22,000	800,000	765,000
Wisconsin ¹	44,000	44,000	(NA)	(NA)
Unpublished States....	32,300	33,600	179,000	180,000
United States	365,000	375,000	2,125,000	2,095,000

(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 It is now included in the Unpublished States total.



United States Goat and Kid Inventory

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2016 totaled 2.62 million head, down 1 percent from 2015. **Breeding goat** inventory totaled 2.16 million head, down 1 percent from 2015. Does one year old and older, at 1.61 million head, were 2 percent below last year's number. **Market goats and kids** totaled 459 thousand head, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2015 totaled 1.68 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2014.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.10 million head on January 1, 2016, down 1 percent from 2015. **Milk goat** inventory was 375 thousand head, up 3 percent from January 1, 2015, while **Angora goats** were down 6 percent, totaling 150 thousand head.

Mohair production in the United States during 2015 was 765 thousand pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 139 thousand head. Average weight per clip was 5.5 pounds. Mohair price was \$5.30 per pound with a value of 4.05 million dollars.