



# Sheep and Goats

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## January 1 Sheep and Lambs Inventory Down 1 Percent

**All sheep and lambs inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2026 totaled 4.99 million head, down 1 percent from 2025. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.61 million head on January 1, 2026, decreased 1 percent from 3.66 million head on January 1, 2025. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.85 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2026 totaled 1.38 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2025. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

**The 2025 lamb crop** of 3.03 million head was down slightly from 2024. The 2025 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2025, down 1 percent from 2024.

**Shorn wool production** in the United States during 2025 was 20.5 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2024. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.00 million head, down 3 percent from 2024. The average price paid for wool sold in 2025 was \$1.40 per pound for a total value of 28.7 million dollars, down 7 percent from 30.8 million dollars in 2024. As of January 1, 2026, 28 percent of the total sheep and lambs were hair sheep or wool hair crosses.

**Sheep death loss** during 2025 totaled 185,000 head, down 3 percent from 2024. Lamb death loss decreased 3 percent from 370,000 head to 360,000 head in 2025.

## January 1 All Goats and Kids Inventory Up 1 Percent

**All goats and kids inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2026 totaled 2.51 million head, up 1 percent from 2025. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.07 million head, up 1 percent from 2025. Does one year old and older, at 1.54 million head, were 1 percent above last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 444,000 head, up slightly from a year ago.

**Kid crop** for 2025 totaled 1.52 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2024.

**Meat and all other goats** totaled 2.01 million head on January 1, 2026, up 2 percent from 2025. Milk goat inventory was 415,000 head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2025, while angora goats were down 11 percent, totaling 89,000 head.

**Mohair production** in the United States during 2025 was 430,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 85,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.1 pounds. Mohair price was \$6.40 per pound with a value of 2.75 million dollars.

## Sheep and Goats Revisions

All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2025, were reviewed using official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

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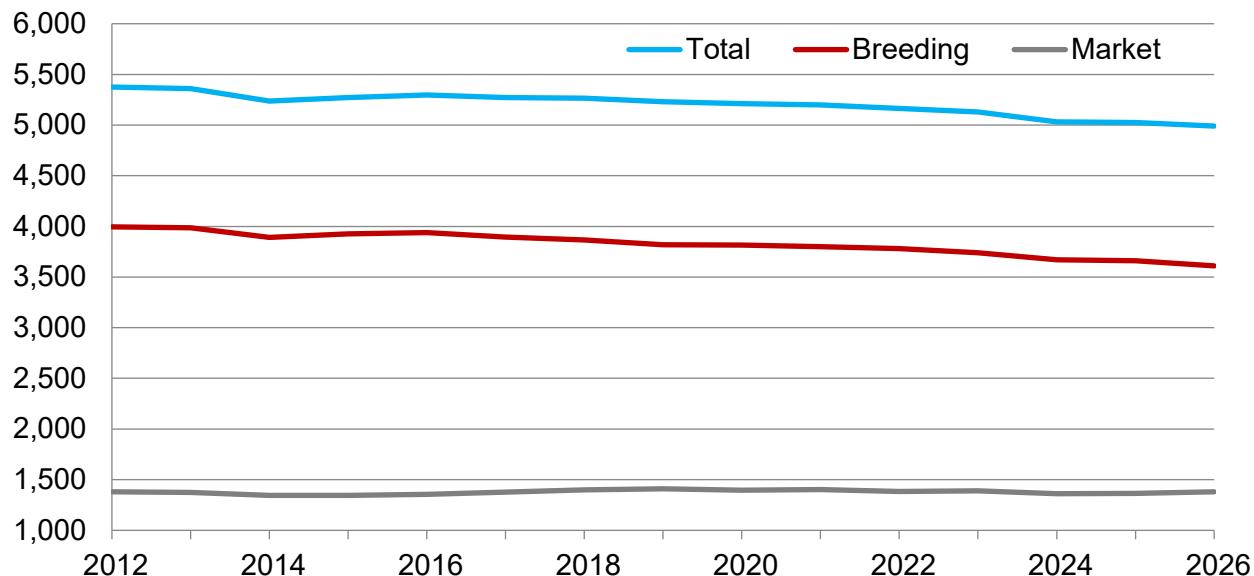
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## Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

Class	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
All sheep and lambs .....	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
5,025.0	4,990.0	99	
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	3,660.0	3,610.0	99
615.0	600.0	98	
Replacement lambs under one year old .....	2,880.0	2,850.0	99
Ewes - one year old and older .....	165.0	160.0	97
Rams - one year old and older .....	1,365.0	1,380.0	101
Market sheep and lambs .....			

## All Sheep and Lambs Inventory – United States: January 1

Thousand head



## Wool Production, Price, and Value – United States: 2024 and 2025

Year	Sheep shorn <sup>1</sup>	Weight per fleece	Shorn wool production	Price per pound	Value <sup>2</sup>
	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2024 .....	3,100	6.9	21,500	1.43	30,773
2025 .....	3,000	6.8	20,500	1.40	28,714

<sup>1</sup> Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.

<sup>2</sup> Production multiplied by marketing year average price. United States value is the summation of State values.

## Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – States and United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

State	All sheep and lambs			Total breeding		Total market	
	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	91.0	83.0	91	71.0	61.0	20.0	22.0
California .....	510.0	505.0	99	275.0	265.0	235.0	240.0
Colorado .....	405.0	410.0	101	190.0	195.0	215.0	215.0
Idaho .....	235.0	220.0	94	160.0	155.0	75.0	65.0
Illinois .....	58.0	55.0	95	49.0	46.0	9.0	9.0
Indiana .....	74.0	76.0	103	65.0	67.0	9.0	9.0
Iowa .....	159.0	161.0	101	116.0	116.0	43.0	45.0
Kansas .....	79.0	81.0	103	48.0	50.0	31.0	31.0
Kentucky .....	73.0	74.0	101	55.0	55.0	18.0	19.0
Michigan .....	84.0	85.0	101	60.0	61.0	24.0	24.0
Minnesota .....	112.0	109.0	97	78.0	76.0	34.0	33.0
Missouri .....	104.0	103.0	99	84.0	81.0	20.0	22.0
Montana .....	183.0	180.0	98	150.0	144.0	33.0	36.0
Nebraska .....	74.0	74.0	100	57.0	55.0	17.0	19.0
Nevada .....	68.0	65.0	96	59.0	58.0	9.0	7.0
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	55.0	53.0	96	46.0	46.0	9.0	7.0
New Mexico .....	74.0	71.0	96	61.0	56.0	13.0	15.0
New York .....	82.0	83.0	101	66.0	67.0	16.0	16.0
North Carolina .....	32.0	32.0	100	24.0	24.0	8.0	8.0
North Dakota .....	60.0	58.0	97	41.0	40.0	19.0	18.0
Ohio .....	145.0	138.0	95	115.0	109.0	30.0	29.0
Oklahoma .....	72.0	71.0	99	57.0	56.0	15.0	15.0
Oregon .....	148.0	146.0	99	111.0	103.0	37.0	43.0
Pennsylvania .....	98.0	97.0	99	80.0	78.0	18.0	19.0
South Dakota .....	205.0	210.0	102	154.0	154.0	51.0	56.0
Tennessee .....	48.0	45.0	94	38.0	37.0	10.0	8.0
Texas .....	670.0	700.0	104	520.0	540.0	150.0	160.0
Utah .....	280.0	275.0	98	245.0	245.0	35.0	30.0
Virginia .....	79.0	77.0	97	63.0	61.0	16.0	16.0
Washington .....	47.0	46.0	98	35.0	35.0	12.0	11.0
West Virginia .....	36.0	37.0	103	30.0	31.0	6.0	6.0
Wisconsin .....	80.0	75.0	94	65.0	61.0	15.0	14.0
Wyoming .....	295.0	280.0	95	230.0	220.0	65.0	60.0
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	210.0	215.0	102	162.0	162.0	48.0	53.0
United States .....	5,025.0	4,990.0	99	3,660.0	3,610.0	1,365.0	1,380.0

<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

<sup>2</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Breeding Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – States and United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

State	Breeding sheep				Replacement lambs		Total breeding sheep and lambs	
	Ewes		Rams				2025	2026
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	53.0	45.0	4.0	3.0	14.0	13.0	71.0	61.0
California .....	225.0	215.0	10.0	10.0	40.0	40.0	275.0	265.0
Colorado .....	153.0	155.0	6.0	6.0	31.0	34.0	190.0	195.0
Idaho .....	125.0	120.0	5.0	5.0	30.0	30.0	160.0	155.0
Illinois .....	38.0	36.0	2.5	2.0	8.5	8.0	49.0	46.0
Indiana .....	50.0	51.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	11.0	65.0	67.0
Iowa .....	93.0	94.0	4.0	4.0	19.0	18.0	116.0	116.0
Kansas .....	38.0	39.0	2.5	2.5	7.5	8.5	48.0	50.0
Kentucky .....	42.0	42.0	3.0	3.0	10.0	10.0	55.0	55.0
Michigan .....	45.0	47.0	3.0	3.0	12.0	11.0	60.0	61.0
Minnesota .....	63.0	62.0	4.0	4.0	11.0	10.0	78.0	76.0
Missouri .....	67.0	66.0	3.0	3.0	14.0	12.0	84.0	81.0
Montana .....	113.0	111.0	6.0	5.0	31.0	28.0	150.0	144.0
Nebraska .....	47.0	45.0	3.0	3.0	7.0	7.0	57.0	55.0
Nevada .....	47.0	47.0	2.0	2.0	10.0	9.0	59.0	58.0
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	35.0	35.0	3.0	3.0	8.0	8.0	46.0	46.0
New Mexico .....	47.0	44.0	4.0	3.0	10.0	9.0	61.0	56.0
New York .....	50.0	51.0	3.0	3.0	13.0	13.0	66.0	67.0
North Carolina .....	18.0	18.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	24.0	24.0
North Dakota .....	32.0	31.0	2.0	2.0	7.0	7.0	41.0	40.0
Ohio .....	89.0	85.0	7.0	6.0	19.0	18.0	115.0	109.0
Oklahoma .....	43.0	43.0	3.0	3.0	11.0	10.0	57.0	56.0
Oregon .....	89.0	84.0	4.0	3.0	18.0	16.0	111.0	103.0
Pennsylvania .....	61.0	60.0	5.0	5.0	14.0	13.0	80.0	78.0
South Dakota .....	128.0	128.0	5.0	5.0	21.0	21.0	154.0	154.0
Tennessee .....	29.0	28.0	3.0	2.5	6.0	6.5	38.0	37.0
Texas .....	405.0	420.0	28.0	30.0	87.0	90.0	520.0	540.0
Utah .....	196.0	195.0	8.0	8.0	41.0	42.0	245.0	245.0
Virginia .....	48.0	47.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	9.0	63.0	61.0
Washington .....	26.0	26.0	2.0	2.0	7.0	7.0	35.0	35.0
West Virginia .....	25.0	26.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	4.0	30.0	31.0
Wisconsin .....	50.0	47.0	3.0	3.0	12.0	11.0	65.0	61.0
Wyoming .....	190.0	185.0	5.0	5.0	35.0	30.0	230.0	220.0
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	120.0	122.0	9.0	8.0	33.0	32.0	162.0	162.0
United States .....	2,880.0	2,850.0	165.0	160.0	615.0	600.0	3,660.0	3,610.0

<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

<sup>2</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Lamb Crop – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	Ewes 1 year and older January 1		Lambs per 100 ewes January 1		Lamb crop <sup>1</sup>		
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona .....	58.0	53.0	53	53	31.0	28.0	90
California .....	230.0	225.0	76	76	175.0	170.0	97
Colorado .....	156.0	153.0	112	111	175.0	170.0	97
Idaho .....	125.0	125.0	110	110	138.0	138.0	100
Illinois .....	36.0	38.0	125	124	45.0	47.0	104
Indiana .....	52.0	50.0	113	112	59.0	56.0	95
Iowa .....	89.0	93.0	135	134	120.0	125.0	104
Kansas .....	42.0	38.0	107	108	45.0	41.0	91
Kentucky .....	42.0	42.0	100	100	42.0	42.0	100
Michigan .....	43.0	45.0	121	120	52.0	54.0	104
Minnesota .....	63.0	63.0	138	138	87.0	87.0	100
Missouri .....	68.0	67.0	119	119	81.0	80.0	99
Montana .....	114.0	113.0	125	125	142.0	141.0	99
Nebraska .....	48.0	47.0	129	130	62.0	61.0	98
Nevada .....	43.0	47.0	67	66	29.0	31.0	107
New England <sup>2</sup> .....	34.0	35.0	109	109	37.0	38.0	103
New Mexico .....	45.0	47.0	78	79	35.0	37.0	106
New York .....	50.0	50.0	104	102	52.0	51.0	98
North Carolina .....	18.0	18.0	106	106	19.0	19.0	100
North Dakota .....	36.0	32.0	119	119	43.0	38.0	88
Ohio .....	88.0	89.0	118	118	104.0	105.0	101
Oklahoma .....	37.0	43.0	124	121	46.0	52.0	113
Oregon .....	90.0	89.0	117	116	105.0	103.0	98
Pennsylvania .....	60.0	61.0	115	115	69.0	70.0	101
South Dakota .....	129.0	128.0	132	132	170.0	169.0	99
Tennessee .....	30.0	29.0	113	110	34.0	32.0	94
Texas .....	390.0	405.0	87	86	340.0	350.0	103
Utah .....	192.0	196.0	115	112	220.0	220.0	100
Virginia .....	49.0	48.0	124	121	61.0	58.0	95
Washington .....	25.0	26.0	116	112	29.0	29.0	100
West Virginia .....	24.0	25.0	125	120	30.0	30.0	100
Wisconsin .....	49.0	50.0	118	118	58.0	59.0	102
Wyoming .....	200.0	190.0	108	108	215.0	205.0	95
Other States <sup>3</sup> .....	115.0	120.0	78	78	90.0	94.0	104
United States .....	2,870.0	2,880.0	106	105	3,040.0	3,030.0	100

<sup>1</sup> Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

<sup>2</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

<sup>3</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Weight Group – States and United States: January 1, 2025

State	Market lambs					Market sheep	Total market sheep and lambs
	Under 65 pounds	65 - 84 pounds	85 - 105 pounds	Over 105 pounds	Total		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	20.0
California .....	89.0	30.0	42.0	64.0	225.0	10.0	235.0
Colorado .....	2.0	9.0	46.0	156.0	213.0	2.0	215.0
Idaho .....	3.0	7.0	13.0	50.0	73.0	2.0	75.0
Illinois .....	4.5	1.5	1.0	1.0	8.0	1.0	9.0
Indiana .....	2.5	2.5	1.0	1.0	7.0	2.0	9.0
Iowa .....	7.0	6.0	11.0	18.0	42.0	1.0	43.0
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	31.0
Kentucky .....	9.0	4.0	2.0	1.0	16.0	2.0	18.0
Michigan .....	3.0	6.0	5.0	8.0	22.0	2.0	24.0
Minnesota .....	8.0	7.5	8.5	9.0	33.0	1.0	34.0
Missouri .....	6.0	6.0	3.0	3.0	18.0	2.0	20.0
Montana .....	3.0	8.0	13.0	7.0	31.0	2.0	33.0
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	17.0
Nevada .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	9.0
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.2	6.0	3.0	9.0
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	13.0
New York .....	6.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	13.0	3.0	16.0
North Carolina .....	4.9	1.1	0.7	0.3	7.0	1.0	8.0
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	19.0
Ohio .....	10.0	6.5	5.5	6.0	28.0	2.0	30.0
Oklahoma .....	9.0	2.5	1.0	1.0	13.5	1.5	15.0
Oregon .....	5.5	3.5	9.0	17.0	35.0	2.0	37.0
Pennsylvania .....	7.0	3.5	3.0	1.5	15.0	3.0	18.0
South Dakota .....	7.0	7.0	14.0	21.0	49.0	2.0	51.0
Tennessee .....	4.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	9.0	1.0	10.0
Texas .....	100.0	26.0	8.0	12.0	146.0	4.0	150.0
Utah .....	1.0	3.0	11.0	18.0	33.0	2.0	35.0
Virginia .....	5.2	4.4	3.4	1.0	14.0	2.0	16.0
Washington .....	2.5	3.0	2.0	2.5	10.0	2.0	12.0
West Virginia .....	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	1.0	6.0
Wisconsin .....	5.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	14.0	1.0	15.0
Wyoming .....	1.0	6.0	26.0	30.0	63.0	2.0	65.0
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	41.0	26.5	35.5	33.5	136.5	20.5	48.0
United States .....	350.0	190.0	275.0	470.0	1,285.0	80.0	1,365.0

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

<sup>2</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table and States suppressed due to disclosure.

## Market Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Weight Group – States and United States: January 1, 2026

State	Market lambs					Market sheep	Total market sheep and lambs
	Under 65 pounds	65 - 84 pounds	85 - 105 pounds	Over 105 pounds	Total		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	22.0
California .....	83.0	32.0	45.0	70.0	230.0	10.0	240.0
Colorado .....	2.0	7.0	45.0	159.0	213.0	2.0	215.0
Idaho .....	3.0	4.0	10.0	46.0	63.0	2.0	65.0
Illinois .....	4.5	1.5	1.0	1.0	8.0	1.0	9.0
Indiana .....	2.5	2.5	1.0	1.0	7.0	2.0	9.0
Iowa .....	8.0	6.5	11.5	18.0	44.0	1.0	45.0
Kansas .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	31.0
Kentucky .....	9.0	4.6	2.3	1.1	17.0	2.0	19.0
Michigan .....	3.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	22.0	2.0	24.0
Minnesota .....	7.0	7.0	8.0	10.0	32.0	1.0	33.0
Missouri .....	7.5	6.5	3.0	3.0	20.0	2.0	22.0
Montana .....	4.0	7.0	15.0	8.0	34.0	2.0	36.0
Nebraska .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	19.0
Nevada .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	7.0
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	1.7	1.3	1.4	0.6	5.0	2.0	7.0
New Mexico .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	15.0
New York .....	6.0	3.0	4.0	1.0	14.0	2.0	16.0
North Carolina .....	4.8	1.0	0.7	0.5	7.0	1.0	8.0
North Dakota .....	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	18.0
Ohio .....	9.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	27.0	2.0	29.0
Oklahoma .....	8.0	3.0	1.0	1.5	13.5	1.5	15.0
Oregon .....	7.0	5.0	11.0	17.0	40.0	3.0	43.0
Pennsylvania .....	7.0	5.0	3.0	1.0	16.0	3.0	19.0
South Dakota .....	9.0	8.5	15.5	21.0	54.0	2.0	56.0
Tennessee .....	3.3	3.0	0.5	0.4	7.2	0.8	8.0
Texas .....	105.0	27.0	8.0	16.0	156.0	4.0	160.0
Utah .....	2.0	1.0	8.0	17.0	28.0	2.0	30.0
Virginia .....	5.5	4.2	3.3	1.0	14.0	2.0	16.0
Washington .....	2.0	3.0	1.5	2.5	9.0	2.0	11.0
West Virginia .....	2.2	1.0	0.7	0.9	4.8	1.2	6.0
Wisconsin .....	5.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	13.0	1.0	14.0
Wyoming .....	1.0	5.0	23.0	29.0	58.0	2.0	60.0
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	43.0	29.4	38.6	32.5	143.5	21.5	53.0
United States .....	355.0	195.0	275.0	475.0	1,300.0	80.0	1,380.0

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

<sup>2</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table and States suppressed due to disclosure.

## Sheep and Lambs Farm Slaughter and Death Loss – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	Farm slaughter <sup>1</sup>		Deaths			
			Sheep		Lambs	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona .....	8.0	7.0	5.5	5.0	3.5	4.0
California .....	4.5	3.5	10.5	11.5	10.0	10.5
Colorado .....	1.5	1.5	11.0	10.0	16.0	15.5
Idaho .....	1.5	1.5	6.5	5.5	9.0	9.5
Illinois .....	1.5	2.0	2.4	2.6	5.5	5.0
Indiana .....	4.5	4.0	3.3	3.5	7.0	7.0
Iowa .....	3.0	3.0	5.5	5.0	16.0	15.5
Kansas .....	1.0	1.0	2.8	3.1	7.0	7.0
Kentucky .....	1.0	1.0	2.8	2.0	6.0	5.5
Michigan .....	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	7.5	8.0
Minnesota .....	3.5	2.5	6.0	6.0	16.0	15.0
Missouri .....	1.0	1.0	4.9	4.7	12.0	12.0
Montana .....	2.0	1.5	8.5	8.5	16.0	14.5
Nebraska .....	2.0	2.0	2.9	3.0	8.0	7.5
Nevada .....	1.0	1.5	1.9	2.0	6.0	6.0
New England <sup>2</sup> .....	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.0	3.4	3.6
New Mexico .....	3.5	3.5	4.8	3.8	2.5	2.6
New York .....	2.5	2.0	3.4	3.0	6.5	7.0
North Carolina .....	1.0	1.0	1.8	1.0	3.1	3.2
North Dakota .....	1.0	1.0	1.9	2.1	6.0	5.0
Ohio .....	2.5	2.0	6.0	6.0	14.0	13.5
Oklahoma .....	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.7	9.0	8.0
Oregon .....	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.8	5.5	5.0
Pennsylvania .....	2.0	1.5	3.8	4.0	10.0	9.0
South Dakota .....	2.0	1.5	5.5	5.5	19.0	18.0
Tennessee .....	0.5	0.5	1.9	1.2	5.0	4.5
Texas .....	6.0	6.0	32.0	33.0	64.0	66.0
Utah .....	5.0	5.0	8.5	9.0	15.0	13.5
Virginia .....	3.0	2.0	3.5	2.7	9.5	9.0
Washington .....	6.0	6.5	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.1
West Virginia .....	0.5	0.5	1.9	1.1	4.5	4.0
Wisconsin .....	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.1	8.5	7.5
Wyoming .....	2.5	2.0	9.5	10.0	12.0	12.0
Other States <sup>3</sup> .....	7.0	7.5	13.5	12.5	25.0	24.0
United States .....	95.0	90.0	190.0	185.0	370.0	360.0

<sup>1</sup> Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

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<sup>3</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Wool Production – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	Sheep shorn		Weight per fleece <sup>1</sup>		Production	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)
Arizona .....	63.0	57.0	6.9	6.8	435	385
California .....	370.0	365.0	6.1	5.8	2,250	2,100
Colorado .....	330.0	325.0	6.1	6.1	2,010	1,990
Idaho .....	175.0	170.0	8.3	8.1	1,450	1,380
Illinois .....	24.0	23.0	6.3	6.2	152	143
Indiana .....	41.0	38.0	5.9	5.7	240	215
Iowa .....	130.0	130.0	5.5	5.4	710	696
Kansas .....	48.0	47.0	5.8	5.7	280	270
Kentucky .....	10.0	10.0	5.9	5.8	59	58
Michigan .....	58.0	57.0	5.9	5.8	340	330
Minnesota .....	96.0	91.0	6.0	6.0	580	550
Missouri .....	43.0	41.0	5.6	5.5	240	225
Montana .....	155.0	150.0	8.5	8.4	1,310	1,260
Nebraska .....	33.0	33.0	7.1	7.0	235	230
Nevada .....	49.0	46.0	9.3	9.3	455	430
New England <sup>2</sup> .....	18.0	19.0	7.8	7.7	140	147
New Mexico .....	65.0	59.0	7.8	7.7	510	455
New York .....	39.0	39.0	5.8	5.8	225	225
North Carolina .....	6.0	5.0	5.2	5.0	31	25
North Dakota .....	44.0	42.0	8.1	8.0	355	335
Ohio .....	82.0	80.0	5.8	5.8	475	460
Oklahoma .....	17.0	15.0	4.8	4.7	82	71
Oregon .....	125.0	120.0	6.4	6.3	805	760
Pennsylvania .....	42.0	41.0	6.2	6.2	260	255
South Dakota .....	190.0	185.0	7.5	7.5	1,420	1,380
Tennessee .....	9.0	9.0	5.4	5.3	49	48
Texas .....	190.0	190.0	6.3	6.2	1,190	1,180
Utah .....	240.0	220.0	8.6	8.5	2,060	1,880
Virginia .....	26.0	22.0	5.4	5.3	140	117
Washington .....	34.0	33.0	7.8	7.7	265	255
West Virginia .....	15.0	16.0	5.1	5.0	77	80
Wisconsin .....	48.0	44.0	6.5	6.4	310	280
Wyoming .....	235.0	230.0	8.9	8.8	2,080	2,020
Other States <sup>3</sup> .....	50.0	48.0	5.6	5.5	280	265
United States .....	3,100.0	3,000.0	6.9	6.8	21,500	20,500

<sup>1</sup> Fleece weight is calculated by dividing wool production by sheep shorn and rounded to the nearest tenth. US wool production is the sum of the state totals and may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

<sup>3</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Wool Price and Value – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

[United States value may not add due to rounding]

State	Price per pound		Value <sup>1</sup>	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Arizona .....	0.85	0.85	370	327
California .....	1.40	1.55	3,150	3,255
Colorado .....	2.00	1.90	4,020	3,781
Idaho .....	1.40	1.45	2,030	2,001
Illinois .....	0.45	0.50	68	72
Indiana .....	0.50	0.50	120	108
Iowa .....	0.18	0.30	128	209
Kansas .....	0.60	0.55	168	149
Kentucky .....	0.80	0.90	47	52
Michigan .....	0.50	0.50	170	165
Minnesota .....	0.30	0.50	174	275
Missouri .....	0.25	0.25	60	56
Montana .....	2.05	2.10	2,686	2,646
Nebraska .....	0.70	0.70	165	161
Nevada .....	2.20	2.00	1,001	860
New England <sup>2</sup> .....	0.80	0.85	112	125
New Mexico .....	1.50	1.60	765	728
New York .....	0.90	0.90	203	203
North Carolina .....	1.55	1.55	48	39
North Dakota .....	0.90	0.95	320	318
Ohio .....	0.50	0.60	238	276
Oklahoma .....	0.95	0.70	78	50
Oregon .....	1.50	1.20	1,208	912
Pennsylvania .....	0.90	0.85	234	217
South Dakota .....	1.15	1.05	1,633	1,449
Tennessee .....	0.80	0.80	39	38
Texas .....	1.95	1.70	2,321	2,006
Utah .....	1.70	1.50	3,502	2,820
Virginia .....	0.80	0.70	112	82
Washington .....	1.80	1.50	477	383
West Virginia .....	0.80	0.80	62	64
Wisconsin .....	0.40	0.40	124	112
Wyoming .....	2.20	2.20	4,576	4,444
Other States <sup>3</sup> .....	1.30	1.25	364	331
United States .....	1.43	1.40	30,773	28,714

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

<sup>2</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

<sup>3</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

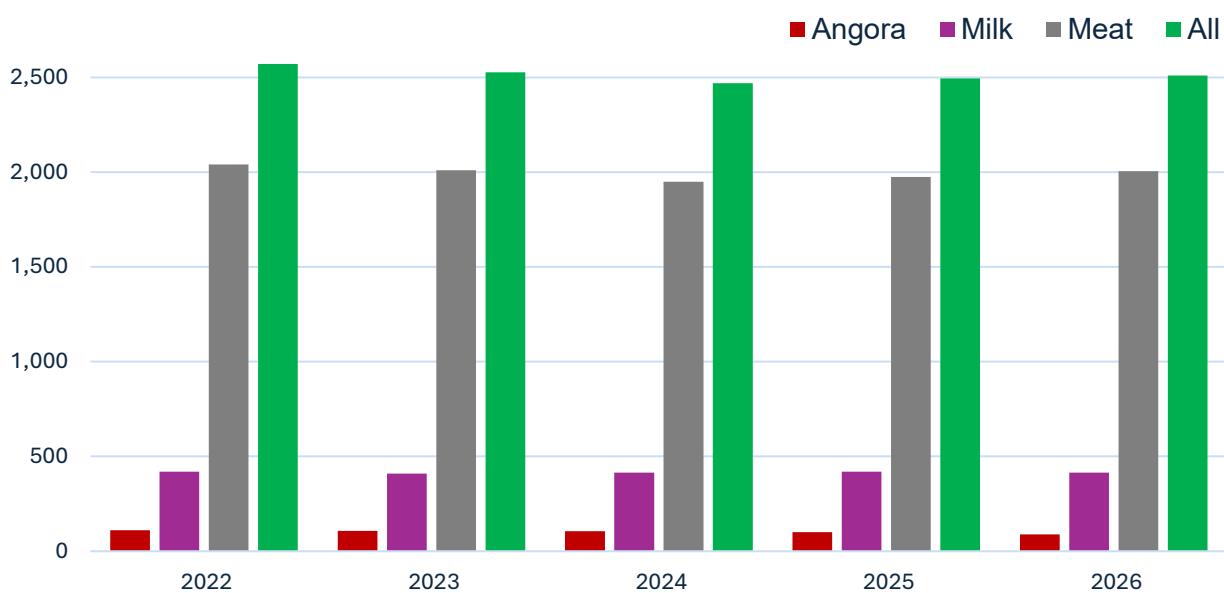
Class	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
All goats and kids .....	2,495,000	2,509,000	101
All, breeding goats .....	2,053,000	2,065,000	101
Replacement kids - under one year .....	373,000	374,000	100
Does - one year old and older .....	1,528,000	1,539,000	101
Bucks - one year old and older .....	152,000	152,000	100
All, market goats and kids .....	442,000	444,000	100
Kid crop <sup>1</sup> .....	1,511,000	1,524,000	101

<sup>1</sup> Kid crop refers to kids born the previous year.

## All Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – United States: January 1

Thousand head

3,000



### Angora Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

Class	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
Angora goats and kids .....	100,000	89,000	89
Angora, breeding goats .....	85,000	75,000	88
Replacement kids - under one year .....	13,000	11,000	85
Does - one year old and older .....	68,000	60,000	88
Bucks - one year old and older .....	4,000	4,000	100
Angora, market goats and kids .....	15,000	14,000	93
Kid crop <sup>1</sup> .....	58,000	54,000	93

<sup>1</sup> Kid crop refers to kids born the previous year.

### Milk Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

Class	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
Milk goats and kids .....	420,000	415,000	99
Milk, breeding goats .....	378,000	375,000	99
Replacement kids - under one year .....	81,000	80,000	99
Does - one year old and older .....	270,000	269,000	100
Bucks - one year old and older .....	27,000	26,000	96
Milk, market goats and kids .....	42,000	40,000	95
Kid crop <sup>1</sup> .....	288,000	290,000	101

<sup>1</sup> Kid crop refers to kids born the previous year.

### Meat and Other Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

Class	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
Meat and other goats and kids .....	1,975,000	2,005,000	102
Meat and other, breeding goats .....	1,590,000	1,615,000	102
Replacement kids - under one year .....	279,000	283,000	101
Does - one year old and older .....	1,190,000	1,210,000	102
Bucks - one year old and older .....	121,000	122,000	101
Meat and other, market goats and kids .....	385,000	390,000	101
Kid crop <sup>1</sup> .....	1,165,000	1,180,000	101

<sup>1</sup> Kid crop refers to kids born the previous year.

## Angora Goats and Kids Inventory – States and United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

State	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
(head)	(head)	(head)	(percent)
Arizona .....	13,000	12,000	92
New Mexico .....	6,000	5,500	92
Texas .....	61,000	53,000	87
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	20,000	18,500	93
United States .....	100,000	89,000	89

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Mohair Production, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

[United States value may not add due to rounding]

State	Goats clipped		Average clip per goat		Production		Price per pound		Value <sup>1</sup>	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
(head)	(head)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	
Arizona .....	12,500	10,500	4.0	4.3	50	45	1.00	1.00	50	45
New Mexico .....	5,000	4,500	3.8	4.0	19	18	1.50	1.40	29	25
Texas .....	58,000	52,000	5.4	5.2	312	271	8.89	9.00	2,774	2,439
Other States <sup>2</sup> ..	19,500	18,000	5.1	5.3	99	96	2.60	2.55	257	245
United States ...	95,000	85,000	5.1	5.1	480	430	6.48	6.40	3,110	2,754

<sup>1</sup> Production multiplied by marketing year average price. United States value is summation of State values.

<sup>2</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Milk Goats and Kids Inventory – States and United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

State	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
Alabama .....	4,400	4,400	100
Arkansas .....	4,100	4,100	100
California .....	38,000	38,000	100
Colorado .....	10,000	9,500	95
Florida .....	10,800	11,100	103
Georgia .....	7,500	8,000	107
Idaho .....	6,800	7,000	103
Illinois .....	9,600	9,100	95
Indiana .....	14,000	14,500	104
Iowa .....	27,000	26,000	96
Kansas .....	4,300	3,800	88
Kentucky .....	5,800	5,800	100
Michigan .....	10,000	9,500	95
Minnesota .....	14,000	14,500	104
Missouri .....	11,000	10,500	95
Nebraska .....	2,900	3,200	110
Nevada .....	6,700	6,500	97
New England <sup>1</sup> .....	17,500	16,500	94
New York .....	13,100	12,000	92
North Carolina .....	8,000	8,500	106
Ohio .....	11,000	11,000	100
Oklahoma .....	7,300	6,300	86
Oregon .....	14,000	14,400	103
Pennsylvania .....	13,500	13,500	100
South Carolina .....	3,500	2,900	83
Tennessee .....	7,000	6,800	97
Texas .....	22,000	22,000	100
Virginia .....	6,000	5,600	93
Washington .....	8,200	7,500	91
Wisconsin .....	75,000	75,000	100
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	27,000	27,500	102
United States .....	420,000	415,000	99

<sup>1</sup> New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

<sup>2</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Meat and Other Goats and Kids Inventory – States and United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

State	2025	2026	2026 as percent of 2025
	(head)	(head)	(percent)
Alabama .....	43,000	42,000	98
Arizona .....	26,000	25,000	96
Arkansas .....	31,000	30,000	97
California .....	74,000	75,000	101
Colorado .....	22,000	23,000	105
Florida .....	44,000	43,000	98
Georgia .....	59,000	57,000	97
Illinois .....	25,000	23,000	92
Indiana .....	33,000	36,000	109
Iowa .....	46,000	45,000	98
Kansas .....	42,000	40,000	95
Kentucky .....	60,000	57,000	95
Minnesota .....	32,000	30,000	94
Mississippi .....	19,000	18,000	95
Missouri .....	72,000	74,000	103
Nebraska .....	30,000	29,000	97
North Carolina .....	45,000	44,000	98
Ohio .....	50,000	50,000	100
Oklahoma .....	79,000	79,000	100
Oregon .....	26,000	28,000	108
Pennsylvania .....	37,000	37,000	100
South Carolina .....	33,000	32,000	97
Tennessee .....	73,000	69,000	95
Texas .....	720,000	760,000	106
Virginia .....	36,000	38,000	106
Wisconsin .....	32,000	34,000	106
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	186,000	187,000	101
United States .....	1,975,000	2,005,000	102

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for States not published in this table.

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** A random sample of United States operations was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep and goat operations, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large operations were sampled more heavily than small operations. About 24,000 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone, internet, and face-to-face personal interviews and 44 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.

**Estimating Procedures:** The sheep and goat estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board. National and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness and compared with estimates from past years. A projected balance sheet for calendar year 2025 was also used. The balance sheet begins with the previous inventory estimate, adds estimates of births and imports, and subtracts estimates of slaughter, exports and deaths. This indicated ending inventory level is compared with the Agricultural Statistics Board estimate for reasonableness.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve the current estimate. Previous year estimates are subject to revision when current estimates are made. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the Department of Agriculture's five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

**Reliability:** Since all operations raising sheep and goats are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors, such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating reliability of the estimates in this report, the **"Root Mean Square Error"** is shown for selected sheep items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between the first and latest estimates.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for sheep and lamb inventory estimates over the past 10 years is 0.9 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 4.99 million head by more than 0.9 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.6 percent.

Also shown in the table is a 10-year record showing the range between the first inventory estimate and the latest estimate. Using estimates for All Sheep and Lambs as an example, changes between the first inventory estimate and the latest estimate during the past 10 years have averaged 27,000 head, ranging from 0 to 110,000 head. The initial inventory estimate of All Sheep and Lambs has been below the latest estimate 3 times and above the latest estimate 2 times in the last 10 years.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for sheep shorn over the past 10 years is 1.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 3.00 million head by more than 1.5 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 2.7 percent.

For Sheep and Lambs Shorn, changes between the first inventory estimate and the latest estimate during the past 10 years have averaged 24,000 head, ranging from 0 to 133,000 head. In the last 10 years, the initial inventory estimate of Sheep and Lambs Shorn has been below the latest estimate 1 time and has been above 3 times.

## Reliability of January 1 Sheep and Lambs Estimates

[Based on data for the past 10 years]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Years	
						Below latest	Above latest
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(number)	(number)
All sheep and lambs .....	0.9	1.6	27	0	110	3	2
Breeding sheep .....	0.8	1.5	19	0	75	3	2
Lamb crop .....	1.5	2.7	21	0	150	2	2
Sheep shorn .....	1.5	2.7	24	0	133	1	3
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(number)	(number)
Wool production .....	2.1	3.8	253	0	1,045	4	2

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