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## **SHEEP, LAMB, AND GOAT INVENTORY – JANUARY 1, 2025**

### **ARIZONA**

The January 1, 2025, inventory of all sheep and lambs in Arizona totaled 95,000 head, down 10 percent from January 1, 2024, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs decreased by 6 percent from last year to 75,000 head, while the market sheep and lambs inventory, at 20,000 head, decreased 20 percent from a year ago. Of the total breeding sheep, the number of ewes one year old and older decreased 5 percent to 55,000 head, rams one year old and older remained unchanged, at 4,000 head, and replacement lambs decreased 11 percent to 16,000 head. Of the total market sheep and lambs, 3,000 head were market sheep and 17,000 head were market lambs. There were 5,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from last year; 2,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, unchanged from last year; 5,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds, down 2,000 head from last year; and 5,000 head weighed over 105 pounds, down 1,000 head from last year. The 2024 lamb crop totaled 31,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2023. Wool production in Arizona during 2024 totaled 450,000 pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 64,000 head, was down 2 percent from the 65,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2024 totaled \$383,000, an increase of 1 percent from a year earlier, as producers received \$0.85 per pound of wool sold, unchanged from the previous year.

Meat and other goats inventory totaled 26,000 head on January 1, 2025, up 8 percent from last year. Angora goat inventory dropped to a record low 13,000 head, down 7 percent from last year. Mohair production in Arizona during 2024 totaled 53,000 pounds, up 2 percent from last year. The number of angora goats clipped, at 12,000 head, was down 8 percent from last year. The value of mohair production for 2024 totaled \$53,000, a decrease of 7 percent from the previous year, as producers received \$1.00 per pound of mohair sold, compared with \$1.10 the previous year.

### **COLORADO**

The January 1, 2025, inventory of all sheep and lambs in Colorado totaled 405,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2024, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs, at 190,000 head, was down 3 percent from last year, while the market sheep and lambs inventory, at 215,000 head, was up 2 percent from last year. Of the total breeding sheep, the number of ewes one year old and older decreased 3 percent to 152,000 head, rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, increased 20 percent, and replacement lambs decreased 6 percent to 32,000 head. Of the total market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 213,000 head were market lambs. There were 2,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from last year; 10,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 2,000 head from last year; 46,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds, unchanged from last year; and 155,000 head weighed over 105 pounds, up 7,000 head from last year. The 2024 lamb crop totaled 175,000 head, unchanged from 2023. Wool production in Colorado during 2024 totaled 2.11 million pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 340,000 head, was down 3 percent from the 350,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2024 totaled \$4.22 million, a decrease of 20 percent from a year earlier, as producers received \$2.00 per pound of wool sold, compared with \$2.30 the previous year.

Meat and other goats accounted for 22,000 head on January 1, 2025, compared with 24,000 head last year, while milk goats totaled 10,000 head, compared with 9,500 head a year ago.

### **MONTANA**

The January 1, 2025, inventory of all sheep and lambs in Montana totaled 185,000 head, up 3 percent from January 1, 2024, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs, at 151,000 head, was up 1 percent from last year, while the market sheep and lambs inventory, at 34,000 head, was up 10 percent from last year. Of the total breeding sheep, the number of ewes one year old and older decreased 2 percent to 112,000 head, rams one year old and older, at 6,000 head, increased 20 percent, and replacement lambs increased 10 percent to 33,000 head. Of the total market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 32,000 head were market lambs.

There were 3,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from last year; 9,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, up 2,000 head from last year; 13,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds, unchanged from last year; and 7,000 head weighed over 105 pounds, up 1,000 head from last year. The 2024 lamb crop totaled 142,000 head, down 2,000 head from 2023. Wool production in Montana during 2024 totaled 1.37 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 160,000 head, was unchanged from the head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2024 totaled \$2.81 million, an increase of 2 percent from a year earlier, as producers received \$2.05 per pound of wool sold, compared with \$2.00 the previous year.

## **NEW MEXICO**

The January 1, 2025, inventory of all sheep and lambs in New Mexico totaled 75,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2024, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs, at 62,000 head, was up 3 percent from last year, while the market sheep and lambs inventory, at 13,000 head, was down 13 percent from last year. Of the total breeding sheep, the number of ewes one year old and older increased 4 percent to 47,000 head, rams one year old and older increased 33 percent to 4,000 head, and replacement lambs decreased 8 percent to 11,000 head. Of the total market sheep and lambs, 1,000 head were market sheep and 12,000 head were market lambs. There were 3,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from last year; 2,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 1,000 head from last year; 4,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds, unchanged from last year; and 3,000 head weighed over 105 pounds, was unchanged from last year. The 2024 lamb crop totaled 36,000 head, up 6 percent from 2023. Wool production in New Mexico during 2024 totaled 520,000 pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 66,000 head, was up 2 percent from the 65,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2024 totaled \$780,000, a decrease of 5 percent from a year earlier, as producers received \$1.50 per pound of wool sold, compared with \$1.65 the previous year.

Angora goat inventory on January 1, 2025, dropped to a record low 6,000 head, down 14 percent from last year. Mohair production in New Mexico during 2024 totaled 21,000 pounds, up 5 percent from last year. The number of angora goats clipped, at 5,000 head, was down 17 percent from last year. The value of mohair production for 2024 totaled \$32,000, a decrease of 17 percent from the previous year, as producers received \$1.50 per pound of mohair sold, compared with \$1.90 the previous year.

## **UTAH**

The January 1, 2025, inventory of all sheep and lambs in Utah totaled 280,000 head, up 4 percent from January 1, 2024, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs, at 245,000 head, was up 2 percent from last year, while the market sheep and lambs inventory, at 35,000 head, was up 17 percent from last year. Of the total breeding sheep, the number of ewes one year old and older increased 1 percent to 194,000 head, rams one year old and older remained unchanged, at 8,000 head, and replacement lambs increased 8 percent to 43,000 head. Of the total market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 33,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, unchanged from last year; 3,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, unchanged from last year; 11,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds, unchanged from last year; and 18,000 head weighed over 105 pounds, up 5,000 head from last year. The 2024 lamb crop totaled 220,000 head, up 2 percent from 2023. Wool production in Utah during 2024 totaled 2.13 million pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 245,000 head, was down 2 percent from the 250,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2024 totaled \$3.62 million, a decrease of 13 percent from a year earlier, as producers received \$1.70 per pound of wool sold, compared with \$1.90 the previous year.

## **WYOMING**

The January 1, 2025, inventory of all sheep and lambs in Wyoming totaled 300,000 head, down 6 percent from January 1, 2024, according to the January 1 Sheep and Goat Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The number of breeding sheep and lambs, at 235,000 head, was down 4 percent from last year, while the market sheep and lambs inventory, at 65,000 head, was down 13 percent from last year. Of the total breeding sheep, the number of ewes one year old and older decreased 3 percent to 195,000 head, rams one year old and older decreased 17 percent to 5,000 head, and replacement lambs decreased 10 percent to 35,000 head. Of the total market sheep and lambs, 2,000 head were market sheep and 63,000 head were market lambs. There were 1,000 lambs weighing less than 65 pounds this year, down 1,000 head from last year; 6,000 head were in the 65-84 pound weight group, down 2,000 head from last year; 26,000 head weighed 85-105 pounds, down 4,000 head from last year; and 30,000 head weighed over 105 pounds, down 3,000 head from last year. The 2024 lamb crop totaled 215,000 head, down 2 percent from 2023. Wool production in Wyoming during 2024 totaled 2.18 million pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. The number of all sheep and lambs shorn, at 240,000 head, was down 6 percent from the 255,000 head shorn a year earlier. The value of wool production for 2024 totaled \$4.80 million, a decrease of 5 percent from a year earlier, as producers received \$2.20 per pound of wool sold, compared with \$2.20 the previous year.

## UNITED STATES

**All sheep and lambs inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2025 totaled 5.05 million head, up slightly from 2024. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.68 million head on January 1, 2025, increased slightly from 3.67 million head on January 1, 2024. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.88 million head, were slightly above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2025 totaled 1.37 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2024. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

**The 2024 lamb crop** of 3.04 million head was up slightly from 2023. The 2024 lambing rate was 106 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2024, up 3 percent from 2023.

**Shorn wool production** in the United States during 2024 was 22.5 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2023. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.17 million head, down 2 percent from 2023. The average price paid for wool sold in 2024 was \$1.43 per pound for a total value of 32.1 million dollars, down 9 percent from 35.4 million dollars in 2023. As of January 1, 2025, 27 percent of the total sheep and lambs were hair sheep or wool hair crosses.

**Sheep death loss** during 2024 totaled 200,000 head, unchanged from 2023. Lamb death loss increased 1 percent from 365,000 head to 370,000 head in 2024.

**All goats and kids inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2025 totaled 2.51 million head, up 1 percent from 2024. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.07 million head, up 1 percent from 2024. Does one year old and older, at 1.54 million head, were 2 percent above last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 442,000 head, up 2 percent from a year ago.

**Kid crop** for 2024 totaled 1.52 million head for all goats, down 1 percent from 2023.

**Meat and all other goats** totaled 1.98 million head on January 1, 2025, up 1 percent from 2024. Milk goat inventory was 430,000 head, up 4 percent from January 1, 2024, while angora goats were down 3 percent, totaling 102,000 head.

**Mohair production** in the United States during 2024 was 500,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 92,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.4 pounds. Mohair price was \$6.48 per pound with a value of 3.24 million dollars.

All sheep and goats inventory and lamb and kid crop estimates for January 1, 2024, were reviewed using official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. No revisions were made to sheep and lamb inventory or lamb crop at the United States level. No revisions were made to total goat and kid inventory or kid crop at the United States level. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

Program changes were made following the 2022 Census of Agriculture. As a result of these changes, LA, NY, WA, and WV were dropped from published states and NE and WI were added in 2025 for meat goats. NV was added as a published state in 2025 for milk goats.

For a full copy of the *Sheep and Goats* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202.

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