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Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Indiana on January 1, 2025, was 74,000 head, down 6,000 from 2024, according to Nathaniel Warenski, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Indiana Field Office. The breeding sheep inventory, at 65,000 head, was down 5,000 from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 9,000 head, down 1,000 from last year. The 2024 Indiana lamb crop was 56,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Indiana, at 42,000 head, was down 2,000 from the previous year. Indiana shorn wool production in 2024 was 250,000 pounds, unchanged from 2023. The average price paid for wool in Indiana was \$0.50 per pound, a decrease of \$0.20 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$125,000, down \$50,000 from the 2023 value.

As of January 1, 2025, there were 14,000 milk goats in Indiana, up 500 from a year earlier. The Indiana meat and other goat inventory was 33,000 head, down 4,000 from the January 1, 2024, inventory.

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.

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.

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.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Indiana and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	80	74	5,030	5,050
Breeding sheep and lambs	70	65	3,670	3,680
Ewes	52	49	2,870	2,880
Rams	6	5	165	165
Replacement lambs	12	11	635	635
Total market sheep and lambs	10	9	1,360	1,370
Previous year's lamb crop	59	56	3,030	3,040

Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Indiana and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	105,000	102,000
Milk	13,500	14,000	415,000	430,000
Meat and other	37,000	33,000	1,950,000	1,975,000

(NA) Not available.

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