Iowa Ag News – Goats

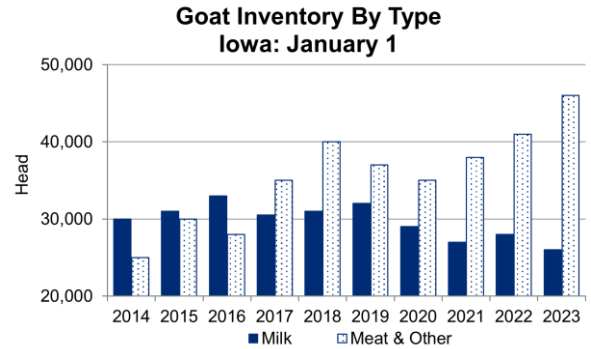*January 31, 2023 - For Immediate Release*   *Media Contact: Greg Thessen*

Milk goat inventory in Iowa as of January 1, 2023, was 26,000 head, 7 percent below January 2022, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Sheep and Goats* report. Total **meat and other goat** inventory was 46,000 head, 12 percent above the previous year.

Goat Inventory - Selected States and United States: 2022-2023

	Milk goats		Meat & other goats	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(head)	(head)	(head)	(head)
California	39,000	36,000	86,000	80,000
Iowa	**28,000**	**26,000**	**41,000**	**46,000**
Minnesota	13,000	11,000	26,000	30,000
Texas	24,000	22,000	750,000	725,000
Wisconsin	74,000	72,000	(NA)	(NA)
United States .	410,000	400,000	2,030,000	2,000,000

(NA) Not available.

Goat Inventory By Type
Iowa: January 1

United States Goat and Kid Inventory

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2023, totaled 2.51 million head, down 2 percent from 2022. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.06 million head, down 2 percent from 2022. Does one year old and older, at 1.52 million head, were 2 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 451,000 head, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Kid crop for 2022 totaled 1.58 million head for all goats, down 1 percent from 2021.

Meat and all other goats totaled 2.00 million head on January 1, 2023, down 1 percent from 2022. Milk goat inventory was 400,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2022, while Angora goats were down 3 percent, totaling 107,000 head.

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

Mohair production in the United States during 2022 was 520,000 pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 99,000 head. Average weight per clip was 5.3 pounds. Mohair price was $6.35 per pound with a value of 3.30 million dollars.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.