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JANUARY 1 SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released its Sheep and Goats report showing the **Kentucky sheep** inventory decreased 4% from last year and the **goat** inventory increased 2% from last year. Data in the report are based on a survey of farmers conducted in January.

The total number of **sheep** and lambs in **Kentucky** on January 1, 2025, was estimated at 72,000 head, down 3,000 head from the previous year's estimate. All breeding sheep and lambs were estimated at 54,000 head and all market sheep and lambs were estimated at 18,000 head. Breeding ewes were estimated at 42,000 head, unchanged head from last year and breeding rams were estimated at 2,500 head, down 500 head from last year. Replacement lambs were estimated at 9,500 head, down 1,500 head from 2024. Lamb crop for 2024 was estimated at 42,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2023.

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 was estimated at 3.68 million head on January 1, 2025, up slightly from 2024. Ewes one year old and older were estimated at 2.88 million head, up slightly from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2025 totaled 1.37 million head, up 1% from January 1, 2024. Market lambs comprised 94% of the total market inventory. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6% of total market inventory. The 2024 lamb crop was estimated at 3.04 million head, 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% from 2023.

All meat and other **goats** in **Kentucky** were estimated at 60,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 2024. Milk goats were at 5,800 head, up 500 head from the previous year's estimate.

All **goats** and kids inventory in the **United States** on January 1, 2025 totaled 2.51 million head, up 1% from 2024. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.07 million head, up 1% from 2024. Does one year old and older, at 1.54 million head, were up 2% from last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 442,000 head, up 2% from 2024. Kid crop for 2024 totaled 1.52 million head for all goats, down 1% from 2023. Meat and other goats totaled 1.98 million head on January 1, 2025, up 1% from 2024. Milk goat inventory was estimated at 430,000 head, up 4% from January 1, 2024, while Angora goats totaled 102,000 head, down 3% from last year.