



Missouri Sheep and Goats

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All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2025, at 104,000 head, is down 3 percent from January 1, 2024. Breeding sheep inventory, at 84,000 head, is down 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2025 totaled 20,000 head, down 5 percent from January 1, 2024. The 2024 lamb crop of 81,000 head was unchanged from 2023.

Wool production during 2024 totaled 260,000 pounds, down 7 percent from 2023. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 45,000 head, down 4 percent from 2023.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Missouri: January 1, 2024 and 2025

Class	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	107.0	104.0	97
Breeding sheep and lambs	86.0	84.0	98
Ewes - one year old and older	68.0	67.0	99
Rams - one year old and older	3.0	3.0	100
Replacement lambs under one year old	15.0	14.0	93
Market sheep and lambs	21.0	20.0	95
Sheep	2.0	2.0	100
Lambs	19.0	18.0	95
Lamb Crop ¹	81.0	81.0	100

¹ Lamb crop refers to lambs born the previous year.

Wool Production – Missouri: 2023 and 2024

Class	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
Sheep Shorn 1,000 head	47.0	45.0	96
Weight per fleece ¹ pounds	5.9	5.8	98
Production 1,000 pounds	279	260	93

¹ Fleece weight is calculated by dividing wool production by sheep shorn and rounded to the nearest tenth.

Meat and all other goat inventory totaled 72,000 head on January 1, 2025, down 6 percent from the previous year. **Milk goat** inventory, at 12,000 head, is up 24 percent from January 1, 2024.

Goat Inventory by Class – Missouri: January 1, 2024 and 2025

Class	2024	2025	2025 as percent of 2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats	9.7	12.0	124
Meat and other goats	77.0	72.0	94

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