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Sheep and Goat Inventory

All sheep and lamb inventory in Michigan on January 1, 2024, was 82,000 head, unchanged from 2023, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Breeding sheep inventory, at 59,000 head, was unchanged from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 23,000 head, unchanged from last year. The 2023 Michigan lamb crop was 53,000 head, up 2,000 from the previous year.

All sheep and lambs inventory in the United States on January 1, 2024 totaled 5.03 million head, down 2 percent from 2023. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.67 million head on January 1, 2024, decreased 2 percent from 3.74 million head on January 1, 2023. Ewes one year old and older, at 2.87 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2024 totaled 1.36 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2023.

The number of sheep and lambs shorn in Michigan, at 58,000 head, was unchanged from the previous year. Michigan shorn wool production in 2023 was 340,000 pounds, unchanged from 2022. The average price paid for wool in Michigan was \$0.70 per pound, up \$0.10 from the previous year. The total value of wool was \$238,000, \$34,000 above the 2022 value.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2023 was 22.7 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2022. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 3.22 million head, down 2 percent from 2022. The average price paid for wool sold in 2023 was \$1.56 per pound for a total value of 35.3 million dollars, down 1 percent from 35.5 million dollars in 2022.

As of January 1, 2024, there were 11,000 milk goats in Michigan, unchanged from a year earlier.

All goats and kids inventory in the United States on January 1, 2024 totaled 2.47 million head, down 2 percent from 2023. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.03 million head, down 2 percent from 2023. Does one year old and older, at 1.51 million head, were 2 percent below last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 438,700 head, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Sheep and Lambs Inventory by Class – Michigan and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	82	82	5,130	5,030
Breeding sheep and lambs	59	59	3,740	3,670
Ewes	43	43	2,930	2,870
Rams	3	3	167	165
Replacement lambs	13	13	644	635
Total market sheep and lambs	23	23	1,390	1,360
Previous year's lamb crop	51	53	3,099	3,030

Goats and Kids Inventory by Class – Michigan and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Angora	(NA)	(NA)	107	105
Milk	11	11	410	415
Meat and other	(NA)	(NA)	2,010	1,950

(NA) Not available.