



Missouri Sheep and Goats

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All sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2022, at 97,000 head, is down 3 percent from January 1, 2021. Breeding sheep inventory, at 79,000 head, is down 1 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2022 totaled 18,000 head, down 10 percent from January 1, 2021. The 2021 lamb crop of 79,000 head was down 1 percent from 2020.

Wool production during 2021 totaled 190,000 pounds, down 10 percent from 2020. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 32,000 head, down 11 percent from 2020.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Missouri: January 1, 2021 and 2022

Class	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	100.0	97.0	97
Breeding sheep and lambs	80.0	79.0	99
Ewes - one year old and older	63.0	62.0	98
Rams - one year old and older	3.0	3.0	100
Replacement lambs under one year old	14.0	14.0	100
Market sheep and lambs	20.0	18.0	90
Sheep	2.0	2.0	100
Lambs	18.0	16.0	89
	2020	2021	2021 as percent of 2020
Lamb Crop	80.0	79.0	99

Meat and all other goat inventory totaled 75,000 head on January 1, 2022, unchanged from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 10,700 head, is down 14 percent from January 1, 2021.

Goat Inventory by Class – Missouri: January 1, 2021 and 2022

Class	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats	12.5	10.7	86
Meat and other goats	75.0	75.0	100

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