



# Missouri Sheep and Goats

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**All sheep and lamb inventory** on January 1, 2023, at 99,000 head, is up 2 percent from January 1, 2022. Breeding sheep inventory, at 80,000 head, is up 1 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2023, totaled 19,000 head, up 6 percent from January 1, 2022. The 2022 lamb crop of 80,000 head was up 1 percent from 2021.

**Wool production** during 2022 totaled 185,000 pounds, down 3 percent from 2021. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 33,000 head, up 3 percent from 2021.

## Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Missouri: January 1, 2022 and 2023

Class	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs .....	97.0	99.0	102
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	79.0	80.0	101
Ewes - one year old and older .....	62.0	63.0	102
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 .....	18.0	19.0	106
Sheep .....	2.0	2.0	100
Lambs .....	16.0	17.0	106
	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
Lamb Crop .....	79.0	80.0	101

**Meat and all other goat** inventory totaled 76,000 head on January 1, 2023, up 1 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 11,200 head, is up 5 percent from January 1, 2022.

## Goat Inventory by Class – Missouri: January 1, 2022 and 2023

Class	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats .....	10.7	11.2	105
Meat and other goats .....	75.0	76.0	101

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