



# Missouri Sheep and Goats

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**All sheep and lamb inventory** on January 1, 2024, at 107,000 head, is down 4 percent from January 1, 2023. Breeding sheep inventory, at 86,000 head, is down 4 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2024 totaled 21,000 head, down 5 percent from January 1, 2023. The 2023 lamb crop of 81,000 head was unchanged from 2022.

**Wool production** during 2023 totaled 279,000 pounds, down slightly from 2022. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 47,000 head, down 6 percent from 2022.

## Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – Missouri: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs .....	112.0	107.0	96
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	90.0	86.0	96
Ewes - one year old and older .....	71.0	68.0	96
Rams - one year old and older .....	3.0	3.0	100
Replacement lambs under one year old .....	16.0	15.0	94
Market sheep and lambs .....	22.0	21.0	95
Sheep .....	3.0	2.0	67
Lambs .....	19.0	19.0	100
	2022	2023	2023 as percent of 2022
Lamb Crop .....	81.0	81.0	100

**Meat and all other goat** inventory totaled 77,000 head on January 1, 2024, up 1 percent from the previous year. Milk goat inventory, at 10,200 head, is down 5 percent from January 1, 2023.

## Goat Inventory by Class – Missouri: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Milk goats .....	10.2	9.7	95
Meat and other goats .....	76.0	77.0	101

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