

KENTUCKY SHEEP & GOAT OVERVIEW



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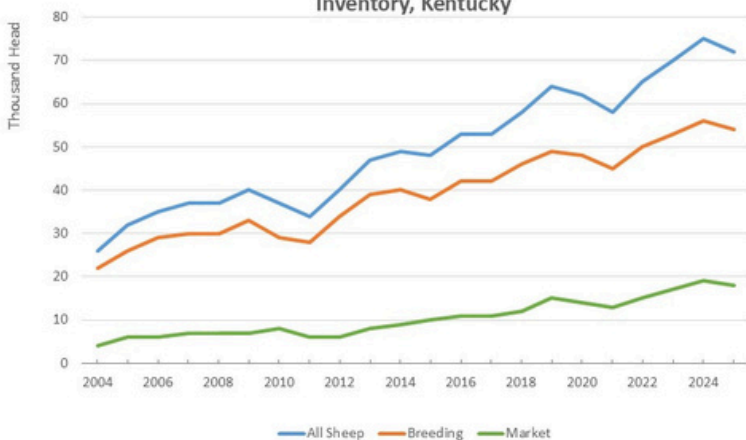
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- Market lambs inventory fell 1,000 head to 18,000.
- Breeding sheep and lamb inventory was down by 2,000 head from 2024, or 3.6%. The ewe flock held steady at 42,000, while rams and replacement ewe counts were lower.
- Kentucky ranks 23rd nationally for sheep inventory.

Kentucky Sheep Inventory, January 1

	2024 (head)	2025 (head)	Change from Previous Year (percent)
All sheep and lambs.....	75,000	72,000	↓ 4.0
Breeding sheep and lambs.....	56,000	54,000	↓ 3.6
Replacement lambs.....	11,000	9,500	↓ 13.6
Ewes.....	42,000	42,000	→ 0.0
Rams.....	3,000	2,500	↓ 16.7
Market sheep and lambs.....	19,000	18,000	↓ 11.8

	2023 (head)	2024 (head)	Change from Previous Year (percent)
Lamb Crop.....	41,000	42,000	↑ 2.4

Sheep: All Sheep, Breeding Sheep and Market Sheep Inventory, Kentucky



All Sheep	
2016	53,000
2017	53,000
2018	58,000
2019	64,000
2020	62,000
2021	58,000
2022	65,000
2023	70,000
2024	75,000
2025	72,000



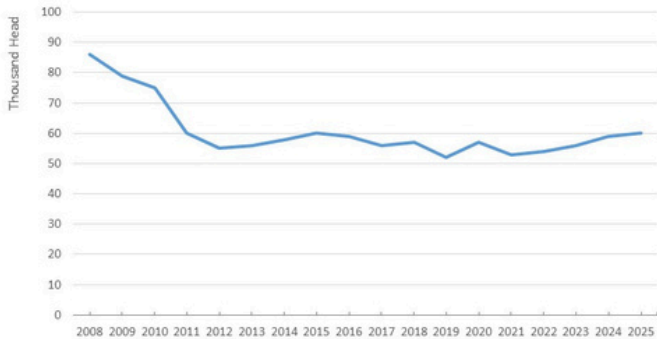
- Meat goat inventory increased almost 2% from last year and the highest level since 2015.
- Milk goat inventory increased 9.4% from 2024.
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Kentucky Goat Inventory, January 1

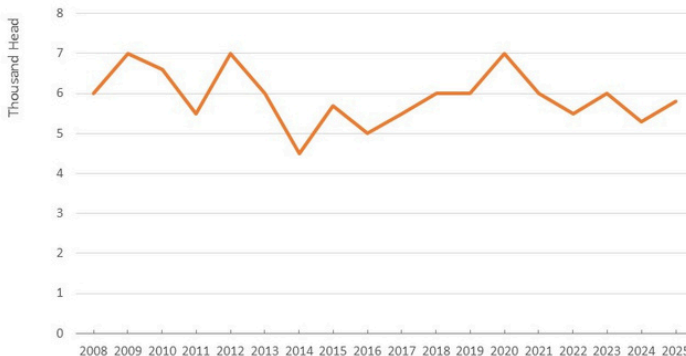
	2024 (head)	2025 (head)	Change from Previous Year (percent)	
All Meat and Other Goats.....	59,000	60,000	↑	1.7
All Milk Goats.....	5,300	5,800	↑	9.4

Meat and Other Goat Inventory, Kentucky



Meat Goats	
2016	59,000
2017	56,000
2018	57,000
2019	52,000
2020	57,000
2021	53,000
2022	54,000
2023	56,000
2024	59,000
2025	60,000

Milk Goat Inventory, Kentucky



Milk Goats	
2016	5,000
2017	5,500
2018	6,000
2019	6,000
2020	7,000
2021	6,000
2022	5,500
2023	6,000
2024	5,300
2025	5,800



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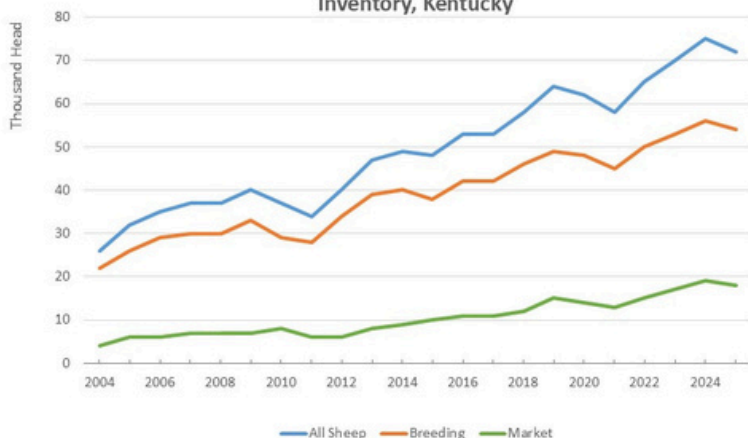
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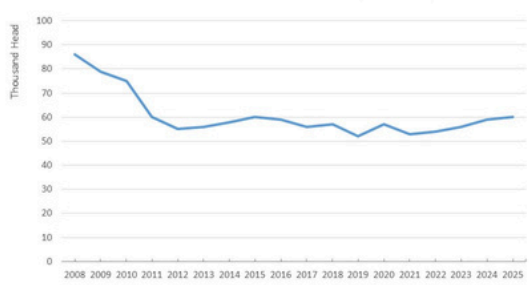
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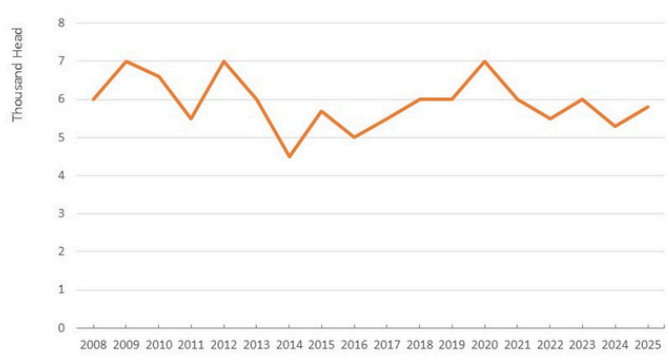
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