

KENTUCKY SHEEP & GOAT OVERVIEW



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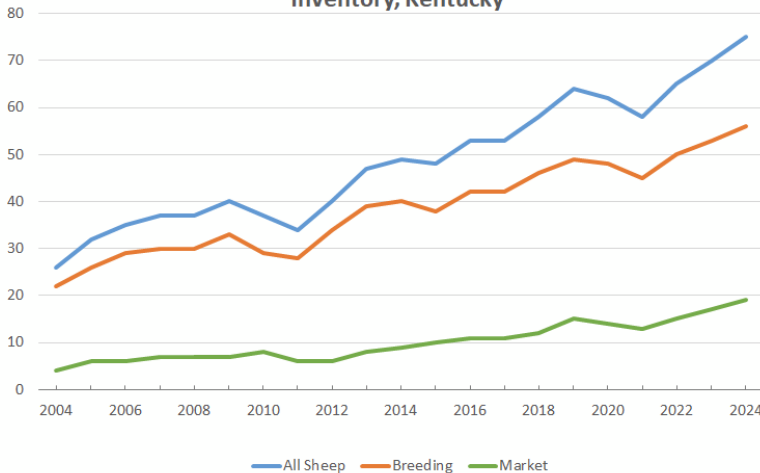
- All sheep inventory is up 7.1% from last year, and increased 21% since 2021.
- Market lambs inventory is at a record high level of 19,000.
- Breeding sheep and lamb inventory rose 5.7% from 2023, with the biggest increase from 2,000 more replacement lambs.
- Kentucky ranks 23rd nationally for sheep inventory

Kentucky Sheep Inventory, January 1

	2023 (head)	2024 (head)	Change from Previous Year (percent)	
All sheep and lambs.....	70,000	75,000	↑	7.1
Breeding sheep and lambs.....	53,000	56,000	↑	5.7
Replacement lambs.....	9,000	11,000	↑	22.2
Ewes.....	41,000	42,000	↑	2.4
Rams.....	3,000	3,000	→	0.0
Market sheep and lambs.....	17,000	19,000	↑	11.8

	2022 (head)	2023 (head)	Change from Previous Year (percent)	
Lamb Crop.....	40,000	41,000	↑	2.5

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



All Sheep	
2015	48,000
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



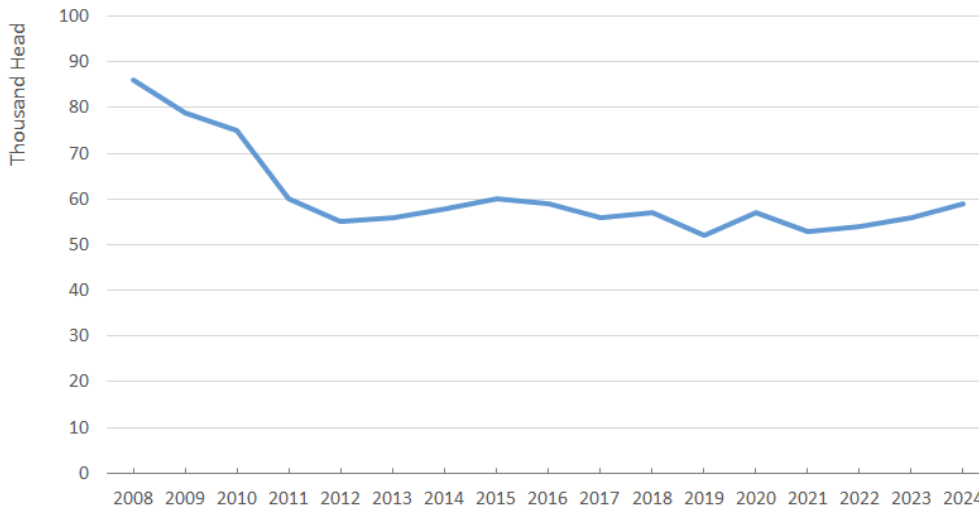
- Meat goat inventory increased 5.4% from last year, the highest level since 2016.
- Kentucky ranks 6th for meat goat inventory and 23rd for milk goat inventory.



Kentucky Goat Inventory, January 1

	2023 (head)	2024 (head)	Change from Previous Year (percent)	
All Meat and Other Goats.....	56,000	59,000	↑	5.4
All Milk Goats.....	6,000	5,300	↓	11.7

Meat and Other Goat Inventory, Kentucky



Meat Goats	
2015	60,000
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

