

GOATS and KIDS



The New England goat and kid inventory on January 1, 2008 totaled 25,500 head, increasing 3,400 head from the previous year. Meat and other goats totaled 12,600 head and accounted for almost half of the New England goat population. Angora goats totaled 1,300 head, up 300 head from 2007. Milk goats totaled 11,600 head, an increase of 2,600 head from the previous year.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2008 totaled 3.02 million head, up three percent from 2007. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.50 million head up two percent from 2007. All market goats and kids totaled 520,000 head up four percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2008 meat and all other goats totaled 2.50 million head, up 4 percent from 2007. Milk goat inventory increased four percent to 305,000 head while angora goats were down 12 percent totaling 210,000 head. The 2007 kid crop totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, up one percent from 2006.

NEW ENGLAND GOATS and KIDS: Inventory by Type and Total Inventory, January 1, 2005 – 2008 ¹

Year	Angora Goats	Milk Goats	Meat & Other Goats	Total All Goats
Head				
New England ²				
2005	1,300	11,300	10,000	22,600
2006	1,100	11,400	9,500	22,000
2007	1,000	9,000	12,100	22,100
2008	1,300	11,600	12,600	25,500

¹ Data not available prior to 2005.

² Individual state values unavailable. New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI and VT.

NEW ENGLAND GOATS and KIDS: Number of Operations by Type, 2006 – 2007 ¹

Year	Angora Goats	Milk Goats	Meat & Other Goats	Total All Goats
Number				
New England ²				
2006	200	1,000	1,250	2,100
2007	200	1,050	1,300	2,200

¹ Data not available prior to 2006.

² Individual state values unavailable. New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI and VT.

