

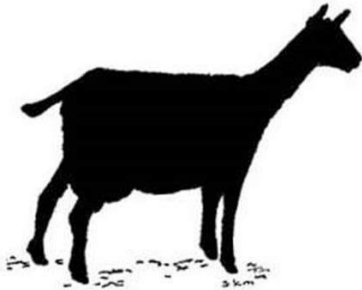


America's *GOATS*

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2.47 million

is the number of goats in the US as of January 1, 2024.



Dairy goats

increased in numbers 61% between 2007 and 2017, making them the fastest growing livestock industry. Currently, there are 415,000 dairy goats in the US.



100,000

Angora goats and kids were clipped in 2023. The average clip per goat was 5.1 lbs. Mohair price averaged \$6.35 per lb. in 2023.

Goats are

raised in all 50 states. Texas has the most goats by far. Wisconsin has the most dairy goats. Texas has the most Angora goats.



Meat goats

(and other non-dairy goats) comprise 79 percent of the US goat inventory. Goat meat is a healthy, low-fat protein. It is preferred by many cultures around the world. The demand for goat meat is growing in the US, so much so that the US must import over 50% of its domestic needs.



136,442

is the number of goat farms in the US, according to the 2017 Ag Census. The average farm has only 20 goats.

Weeds!

It is becoming increasingly popular to use goats to remove undesirable plants. Goats are a natural, eco-friendly alternative to the chemical and fuel-based options for controlling unwanted vegetation.

To learn more about the American goat industry, go to goatusa.org.