

# Texas has over 1.2 million goats which includes:



- 240,000 Angora goats that produce over 1.6 million pounds of mohair per year
- 1 million meat goats
- 30,000 milk goats

While milk goats are raised throughout the United States, most of the fiber (mohair) and meat goats can be found in Texas.

Texas is #1 in number of goats and mohair production, beating out Arizona, New Mexico, and California.

## TOP 10 COUNTIES

(5 year average)

### Number of Goats

1. Edwards	80,200
2. Sutton	73,000
3. Val Verde	55,200
4. Mills	50,000
5. Kimble	47,200
6. Crockett	43,600
7. Schleicher	40,000
8. Gillespie	38,600
9. Uvalde	36,400
10. Tom Green	34,400



# Texas maintains over 1 million sheep and lambs producing over 5.5 million pounds of wool per year.

## TOP 10 COUNTIES

5 year average

	Number of Head	Wool Produced (lbs.)
1. Crockett	112,600	675,000
2. Val Verde	98,000	603,600
3. Tom Green	78,000	287,000
4. Pecos	67,400	335,960
5. Schleicher	53,400	329,000
6. Concho	51,400	275,600
7. Gillespie	45,600	223,000
8. Edwards	35,100	195,200
9. Menard	34,600	187,400
10. Sterling	31,200	164,600

## TOP 5 STATES

5 year average

	Number of Head	Wool Produced (lbs)
1. Texas	1,086,000	5,520,000
2. California	697,000	3,500,000
3. Wyoming	454,000	3,624,000
4. South Dakota	382,000	2,667,400
5. Colorado	373,000	2,656,000

## United States

Sheep and Lambs  
Wool Produced

6.3 million head  
38 million pounds

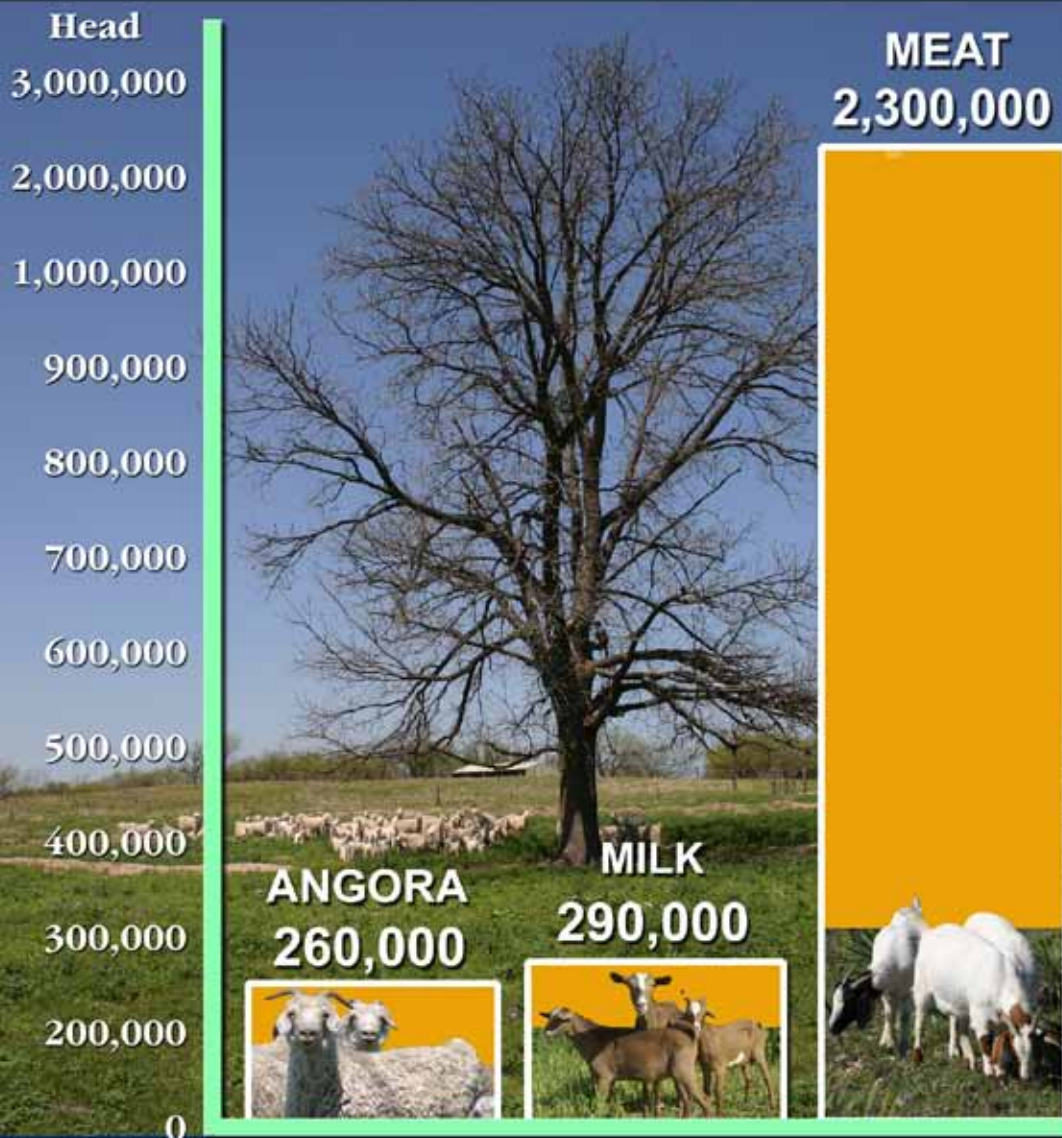
**There are over 7,000  
sheep and lamb operations  
in Texas and over 68,000  
in the United States.**

**They produce over  
194 million pounds  
of lamb and mutton  
(meat) per year worth  
nearly \$175,000,000  
(or \$175 million)**



# UNITED STATES GOAT INVENTORY BY TYPE

(3 Year Average)





# Separating the Sheep from the Goats

Two distinct species and genus.

54 Sheep have chromosomes.

60 Goats have chromosomes.

Look at their tails.



Sheep tails hang down.



Goat tails point up.

What do they eat?

Sheep are grazers, preferring to eat short, tender grass and clover. They like weeds and can graze very close to the soil surface.



Goats are browsers, preferring to eat leaves, twigs, vines, and woody shrubs. They will stand on their hind legs to eat vegetation.

Watch their behavior.

Sheep have a strong flock mentality that provides the best defense against predators.



Goats are very curious and independent. They are adaptable and can be raised successfully in any part of the U.S.

Called by different names.



Female sheep: Ewes



Young sheep: Lambs



Male sheep: Rams



Male goats: Bucks



Young goats: Kids



Female goats: Does

What do they say?

Sheep say

**BAA!**

Goats say

**MAA!**





# THE VALUE OF MOHAIR PRODUCTION

Texas	\$3.5 million
United States	\$3.9 million

# THE VALUE OF WOOL PRODUCTION



Texas \$4.9 million  
United States \$26.2 million

