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January 1 Cattle Inventory Up 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, 2 percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.3 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005. Beef cows, at 33.3 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Milk cows, at 9.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Other class estimates on January 1, 2006, and the change from January 1, 2005, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.0 million, up 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.90 million, up 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.28 million, up 4 percent. Other heifers, 9.80 million, up slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.9 million, up 3 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.26 million, up 2 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 15.6 million, up 2 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.1 million, up 3 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 28.2 million, up 2 percent.

Calf Crop Up 1 Percent

The 2005 calf crop was estimated at 37.8 million head, up 1 percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2004.

U.S. Cattle Operations Down 1 Percent

The number of operations with cattle totaled 982,510 during 2005, down 1 percent from 2004 and 3 percent below 2003. Beef cow operations in 2005 were down 1 percent from 2004 and 3 percent below 2003. Milk cow operations were 4 percent below last year and 9 percent below two years ago. The three operation classes: cattle, beef cows, and milk cows, are classified into size groups independently. Therefore, it is possible to have more beef cow operations in a particular size group than cattle operations. As an example, an operator with 75 cattle and 40 beef cows would be classified in the 50-99 size group for cattle and 1-49 size group for beef cows.

Revisions

All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2004, January 1, 2005, and July 1, 2005, were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than one-half percent were made to previously released inventory estimates of all cattle, cows, steers, bulls, and calf crop. Revisions of less than one percent were made to heifers and calves. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory and calf crop estimates to the U.S. total. Cattle on Feed estimates for January 1, 2005, were revised downward slightly based on the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys.

Cattle and Calves Inventory: January 1, 2005 – 2006

Class	Arizona		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
All Cattle and Calves	910.0	940.0	95,438	97,102
Cows that have calved	340.0	355.0	41,920	42,311
Beef Cows that have calved	175.0	190.0	32,915	33,253
Milk Cows that have calved	165.0	165.0	9,005	9,058
Heifers 500 pounds and over	92.0	93.0	19,573	19,978
Beef Cow replacement	28.0	30.0	5,691	5,905
Milk Cow replacement	42.0	44.0	4,118	4,278
Other	22.0	19.0	9,763	9,795
Steers 500 pounds and over	330.0	340.0	16,476	16,923
Bulls 500 pounds and over	23.0	22.0	2,219	2,263
Calves under 500 pounds	125.0	130.0	15,250	15,626
Cattle on feed 1/	331.0	334.0	13,745	14,132
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head 2/	1,020		916	
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value 2/	928,200		87,820,795	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Operations	<i>Number</i>		<i>Number</i>	
Cattle and Calves	2,700	2,600	989,460	982,510
Beef Cows	1,900	1,900	774,930	770,170
Milk Cows	230	210	81,520	78,295
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Calf Crop	275.0	285.0	37,505	37,780

1/ Total cattle on feed included in other classes.

2/ Revised 2005 and initial 2006 Value per Head and Total Value will be available April 27, 2006.

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Pork Production Sets Record High In 2005

Red meat production for the United States totaled 45.8 billion pounds in 2005, slightly higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 45.7 billion pounds. On farm production totaled 135 million pounds. Beef production, totaled 24.8 billion pounds, slightly higher than the previous year. Veal production totaled 165 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year, setting a new record low. Pork production, at 20.7 billion pounds, was slightly higher than the previous year, setting a new record high. Lamb and mutton production set a new record low, totaling 191 million pounds, 4 percent below the previous record low set a year ago.

There were 806 plants slaughtering under federal inspection on January 1, 2006 compared with 826 last year. Of these, 657 plants slaughtered at least one head of cattle during 2005 with the 13 largest plants slaughtering almost 54 percent of the total cattle killed. Hogs were slaughtered at 630 plants, with the 13 largest plants accounting for slightly over 58 percent of the total. Likewise, 11 of the 227 plants that slaughtered calves accounted for nearly 79 percent of the total and 4 of the 496 plants that slaughtered sheep or lambs in 2005 comprised about 67 percent of the total head.

Commercial Red Meat Production: 2003 - 2005 1/

Class	January-December 2/		
	2003	2004	2005
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona			
Total Red Meat	424.7	353.9	360.5
United States			
Beef	26,238	24,547	24,683
Veal	192	167	156
Pork	19,946	20,511	20,685
Lamb and Mutton	200	194	187
Total Red Meat	46,576	45,418	45,711

1/ Excludes slaughter on farms.

2/ Based on packers; dressed weights.

U.S. Hog Inventory Up Slightly

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005 was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2005.

Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 26.1 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004 and up 2 percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the September-November 2005 period, compared to 8.96 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the December 2005-February 2006 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2005 and 2004. Intended farrowings for March-May 2006, at 2.89 million sows, are up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 38 percent from last year.

** Revisions **

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2004 through September 2005 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than one-half of one percent were made to the June 2005 total inventory, September 2005 total inventory and to the March-May 2005 pig crop.

Hogs and Pigs Inventory: December 1, 2004 – 2005

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
All Hogs and Pigs	150	142	60,975	61,197
Breeding	16	15	5,969	6,011
Market	134	127	55,005	55,186
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups				
Under 60 Lbs	47	46	19,980	19,955
60-119 Lbs	29	27	13,439	13,552
120-179 Lbs	29	27	11,186	11,266
180 Lbs and over	29	27	10,401	10,414
Annual Farrowings 1/				
Sows farrowing	32	30	11,498	11,504
Pigs per litter	9.34	9.20	8.94	9.01
Pig Crop	299.0	276.0	102,780	103,685
	<i>Number</i>		<i>Number</i>	
Operations with Hogs and Pigs	180	180	69,500	67,330
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head 2/	110		102	
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value 2/	14,960		6,163,286	

1/ December 1, preceding year through November.

2/ Revised 2004 and initial 2005 Value per Head and Total Value will be available April 27, 2006.

United States Honey Production Down 5 Percent

Honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 175 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2004. There were 2.41 million colonies producing honey in 2005, down 6 percent from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, up 1 percent from the 71.8 pounds in 2004. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 62.4 million pounds on December 15, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Prices Down 15 Percent

Honey prices decreased during 2005 to 90.4 cents, down 15 percent from 106.9 cents in 2004. Prices are based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. State level honey prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, co-op and private channels. Honey prices for each color class are derived by weighing quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2005 were lower than the previous year for all color class totals.

Honey Production: 2004 – 2005

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Number of Honey Producing Colonies 1/ (1,000 Colonies)	32	36	2,556	2,410
Yield per Colony (Pounds)	55	50	71.8	72.5
Production (1,000 Pounds)	1,760	1,800	183,582	174,643
Stocks Dec. 15 2/ (1,000 Pounds)	774	720	61,222	62,406
Average Price per Pound (Cents)	111	97	106.9	90.4
Value of Production (1,000 Dollars)	1,954	1,746	196,259	157,795

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies.

2/ Stocks held by producers.

Total Sheep and Lamb Inventory Up 2 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 6.23 million head, up 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004. The inventory began increasing in 2005 and has shown two consecutive year to year increases for the first time since 1987 and 1988.

Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.66 million head, were 2 percent above last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2006, totaled 1.59 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 35 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings.

The 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004. The 2005 lambing rate was 115 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from 2004.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2005 was 37.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2004. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2004. The average price paid for wool sold in 2005 was \$0.71 per pound for a total value of 26.3 million dollars, down 12 percent from 29.9 million dollars in 2004.

The number of operations with sheep totaled 68,280 during 2005, up 1 percent from both 2004 and 2003. Of all sheep operations that include breeding sheep, 90.8 percent were comprised of 1-99 head, 7.6 percent had 100-499 head, and the remaining 1.6 percent were operations with 500 head or more. Operations with 1-99 head account for 28.7 percent of the inventory, 100-499 head account for 24.0 percent of the inventory, and 500+ head account for 47.3 percent of the inventory.

Total Goat and Kid Inventory Up 4 Percent

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.35 million head up 4 percent from 2005. All market goats and kids totaled 471,800 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2006 meat and all other goats totaled 2.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. Milk goat inventory increased 1 percent to 288,000 head while angora goats were down 1 percent totaling 278,000 head. The 2005 kid crop totaled 1.84 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2004.

U.S. Chicken and Egg Production Highlights

U.S. Average Number of Layers Up Slightly: Layer numbers during 2005 averaged 344 million, up slightly from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2005 was 262 eggs, up slightly from the 2004 average of 261.

U.S. Egg Production Up 1 Percent: Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2005 totaled a record high 90.0 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 2004. Table egg production, at 76.9 billion eggs, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 13.1 billion eggs, up 2 percent from 2004.

U.S. December 1 Inventory Numbers: The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2005 (excluding commercial broilers) was 453 million birds, down slightly from last year.

U.S. Total Value: The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2005 was \$1.13 billion, up 1 percent from December 1, 2004. The average value increased from \$2.48 per bird on December 1, 2004, to \$2.50 per bird on December 1, 2005.

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: January 1, 2005 - 2006

Class	Arizona		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
All Sheep and Lambs	100.0	105.0	6,135.0	6,230.0
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	60.0	70.0	4,533.0	4,639.0
Ewes	50.0	57.0	3,572.5	3,657.0
Rams	3.0	4.0	190.0	196.0
Replacement Lambs	7.0	9.0	770.5	786.0
Market Sheep and Lambs	40.0	35.0	1,602.0	1,591.0
Sheep	2.0	2.0	74.1	76.0
Lambs	38.0	33.0	1,527.9	1,515.0
under 65 Pounds	15.0	14.0	413.2	416.3
65 to 84 Pounds	6.0	4.0	214.7	210.4
85 to 105 Pounds	9.0	9.0	381.9	362.4
over 105 Pounds	8.0	6.0	518.1	525.9
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head 1/	135		130	
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value 1/	13,500		799,288	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Number</i>		<i>Number</i>	
Operations with Sheep and Lambs	260	250	67,580	68,280
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Lamb Crop	40.0	42.0	4,096.0	4,125.0

1/ Revised 2005 and initial 2006 Value pre Head and Total Value will be available April 27, 2006.

Goat Inventory: January 1, 2005 - 2006

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Angora	26.0	25.5	280.0	278.0
Milk	1.0	1.0	285.0	288.0
Meat & Other	0.4	0.4	2,150.0	2,260.0
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head (Angora) 1/	70.00		67.20	
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value 1/	1,610		16,330	

1/ Revised 2005 and initial 2006 Value pre Head and Total Value will be available April 27, 2006.

Wool: Production, Price, and Value, Arizona and United States, 2004 - 2005

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Sheep Shorn	90.0	95.0	5,073.0	5,072.0
	<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	
Weight per Fleece	6.4	5.9	7.4	7.3
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	
Production	580	560	37,622	37,232
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Price Per Pound	0.30	0.30	0.80	0.71
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Value 1/	174	168	29,921	26,272

1/ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of States value.

Mohair: Production, Price, and Value, Arizona and United States, 2004 - 2005

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Goats Clipped	25.0	25.0	272.5	273.0
	<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	
Average Clip per Goat	5.0	4.8	7.2	6.7
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	
Production	125	120	1,954	1,822
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Price per Pound	1.10	1.10	1.96	2.78
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Value 1/	138	132	3,832	5,074

1/ Production multiplied by marketing year average price. U.S. value is summation of States value.

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Farms and Land in Farms Decline Slightly in 2005

The number of farms in the United States in 2005 is estimated at 2.1 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2004. Total land in farms, at 933.4 million acres, decreased 2.9 million acres, or 0.3 percent, from 2004. The average farm size was 444 acres during 2005, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

Farm numbers and land in farms are broken down into five economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these "sales classes" by summing their sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, and \$500,000.

Farm numbers declined in the three smallest sales classes and rose in the two largest sales classes. Part of the decline in the smaller sales classes was due to normal attrition, such as retirements. In addition, some operations transferred to larger sales classes by enterprise expansion. However, the majority of the changes in the sales classes were likely due to rising incomes. Many farms and ranches near the top of their sales class in 2004 moved into the next higher sales class in 2005 without adding land or otherwise expanding their operations.

The largest percentage changes from 2004 occurred in the smallest and largest sales classes. Farm numbers declined 1.1 percent, to 1.17 million farms, in the \$1,000 - \$9,999 sales class. Meanwhile, farm numbers increased 3.8 percent, to 79,410 farms, in the \$500,000 or more sales class. The number of farms with less than \$250,000 in sales fell 0.8 percent from 2004 and the number of farms with \$250,000 or more in sales rose 2.4 percent.

Land in farms also shifted from lower sales classes to higher sales classes. In the \$1,000-\$9,999 sales class, land in farms dropped 2.1 percent, to 118.4 million acres, while land operated by farms in the largest sales class, \$500,000 or more in sales, increased 3.0 percent, to 209.9 million acres. Farms with under \$250,000 in sales operated 571.3 million acres, or 1.7 percent fewer acres than 2004. Farmers in the two largest sales classes, representing operations with sales of \$250,000 or more, operated 362.2 million acres, up 2.0 percent from 2004.

Over all, the average farm size increased in 2005. However, average farm sizes declined in the sales classes due to smaller farms moving up to higher sales classes.

Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size: By Western State and United States, 2003-2005

Western States	Number of Farms			Land in Farms			Average Farm Size		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<i>Number</i>			<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Acres</i>		
AK	610	620	640	900	900	900	1,475	1,452	1,406
AZ 1/	10,300	10,200	10,100	26,500	26,400	26,200	2,573	2,588	2,594
CA	78,500	77,000	76,500	27,100	26,700	26,400	345	347	345
CO	31,400	30,900	30,500	31,000	30,900	30,700	987	1,000	1,007
HI	5,500	5,500	5,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	236	236	236
ID	25,000	25,000	25,000	11,800	11,800	11,800	472	472	472
MT	28,000	28,000	28,000	60,100	60,100	60,100	2,146	2,146	2,146
NV	3,000	3,000	3,000	6,300	6,300	6,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
NM 1/	17,500	17,500	17,500	44,700	44,700	44,500	2,554	2,554	2,543
OR	40,000	40,000	40,000	17,200	17,200	17,100	430	430	428
UT	15,300	15,300	15,200	11,600	11,600	11,600	758	758	763
WA	35,500	35,000	34,500	15,300	15,200	15,100	431	434	438
WY	9,200	9,200	9,200	34,440	34,440	34,400	3,743	3,743	3,739
Total West	299,810	297,220	295,640	288,240	287,540	286,400	961	967	969
US	2,126,860	2,112,970	2,100,990	938,650	936,295	933,400	441	443	444

1/ Includes accounting for individual farms on reservation land.