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January 1 Cattle Inventory Up Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2007, totaled 97.0 million head, slightly above the 96.7 million on January 1, 2006. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.0 million, were down slightly from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2006. Beef cows, at 32.9 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2006. Milk cows, at 9.13 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2006. Other class estimates on January 1, 2007, and the change from January 1, 2006, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.1 million, up 1 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.88 million, down slightly. Milk replacement heifers, 4.31 million, up 1 percent. Other heifers, 9.90 million, up 1 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.2 million, up 2 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, down 2 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 15.5 million, down slightly. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up 1 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 28.3 million, up 1 percent.

Calf Crop Down Slightly

The 2006 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down slightly from 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2005.

U.S. Cattle Operations Down 1 Percent

The number of operations with cattle totaled 971,400 during 2006, down 1 percent from 2005 and 2 percent below 2004. Beef cow operations in 2006 were down 1 percent from 2005 and 2 percent below 2004. Milk cow operations were 4 percent below last year and 8 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, 2005, January 1, 2006, and July 1, 2006, 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, heifers, and steers. Revisions of one percent or less were made to cows, calves, and calf crop. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory and calf crop estimates to the U.S. total. No revisions were made to the Cattle on Feed estimate for January 1, 2006.

Cattle and Calves Inventory: January 1, 2006 – 2007

Class	Arizona		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
All Cattle and Calves	940	940	96,702	97,003
Cows that have calved	355	350	42,056	42,023
Beef Cows that have calved	185	175	32,994	32,894
Milk Cows that have calved	170	175	9,063	9,129
Heifers 500 pounds and over	93	100	19,984	20,086
Beef Cow replacement	30	33	5,904	5,877
Milk Cow replacement	44	50	4,275	4,310
Other	19	17	9,805	9,899
Steers 500 pounds and over	340	340	16,933	17,222
Bulls 500 pounds and over	22	20	2,263	2,215
Calves under 500 pounds	130	130	15,465	15,456
Cattle on feed	334	334	14,132	14,269
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head	1,090	1,010	1,009	922
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value	1,024,600	949,400	97,578,515	89,451,392
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Number</i>		<i>Number</i>	
Operations				
Cattle and Calves	2,600	2,600	982,510	971,400
Beef Cows	1,900	1,900	770,170	762,880
Milk Cows	210	200	78,300	75,140
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Calf Crop	285	280	37,575	37,567

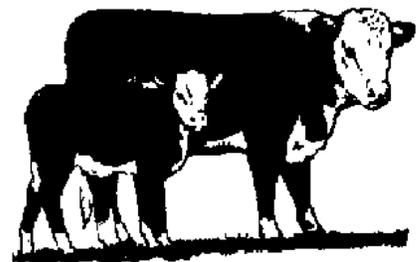
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Pork Production Sets Record High In 2006

Total red meat production for the United States totaled 47.7 billion pounds in 2006, 4 percent higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 47.5 billion pounds. On farm production totaled 139 million pounds. Beef production totaled 26.3 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Veal production totaled 155 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year. Pork production, at 21.1 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Lamb and mutton production totaled 190 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2005.

There were 793 plants slaughtering under federal inspection on January 1, 2007 compared with 806 last year. Of these, 636 plants slaughtered at least one head of cattle during 2006 with the 14 largest plants slaughtering 56 percent of the total cattle killed. Hogs were slaughtered at 614 plants, with the 10 largest plants accounting for 47 percent of the total. Likewise, 5 of the 238 plants that slaughtered calves accounted for 54 percent of the total and 4 of the 484 plants that slaughtered sheep or lambs in 2006 comprised 68 percent of the total head.

Commercial Red Meat Production: 2004 - 2006 1/

Class	January-December 2/		
	2004	2005	2006
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona			
Total Red Meat	353.9	360.5	386.5
United States			
Beef	24,547	24,683	26,152
Veal	167	156	147
Pork	20,511	20,685	21,054
Lamb and Mutton	194	187	185
Total Red Meat	45,418	45,711	47,537

1/ Excludes slaughter on farms.

2/ Based on packers; dressed weights.

U.S. Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2006 was 62.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2005, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.09 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2006 pig crop, at 26.6 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 3 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.13 for the September-November 2006 period, compared to 9.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the December 2006 - February 2007 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2006 and 2005. Intended farrowings for March-May 2007, at 2.93 million sows, are up 1 percent from 2006 and up 2 percent from 2005.

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

** Revisions **

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2005 through September 2006 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, a small adjustment of less than one-half of one percent was made to the June 2006 inventory and September 2006 inventory, along with an adjustment of slightly larger than one-half of one percent to the March-May 2006 pig crop.

Hogs and Pigs Inventory: December 1, 2005 - 2006

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
All Hogs and Pigs	142	148	61,449	62,149
Breeding	15	16	6,011	6,088
Market	127	132	55,438	56,061
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups				
Under 60 Lbs	46	49	20,055	20,334
60-119 Lbs	27	28	13,524	13,603
120-179 Lbs	27	27	11,293	11,544
180 Lbs and over	27	28	10,567	10,580
Annual Farrowings 1/				
Sows farrowing	30	31	11,535	11,590
Pigs per litter	9.20	9.00	9.01	9.10
Pig Crop	276.0	279.0	103,965	105,423
	<i>Number</i>		<i>Number</i>	
Operations with Hogs and Pigs	180	150	67,280	65,540
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head	100	94	95	90
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value	14,200	13,912	5,824,928	5,576,639

1/ December 1, preceding year through November.

United States Honey Production Down 11 Percent

Honey production in 2006 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 155 million pounds, down 11 percent from 2005. There were 2.39 million colonies producing honey in 2006, down 1 percent from 2005. Yield per colony averaged 64.7 pounds, down 11 percent from the 72.4 pounds in 2005. 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 60.5 million pounds on December 15, 2006, down 3 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Prices Up 14 Percent

Honey 2006 prices increased to 104.2 cents, up 14 percent from 91.8 cents in 2005. 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 weighting quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2006 were up from the previous year for all color class totals.

Honey Production: 2005 - 2006

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
Number of Honey Producing Colonies 1/ (1,000 Colonies)	36	30	2,413	2,392
Yield per Colony (Pounds)	50	65	72.4	64.7
Production (1,000 Pounds)	1,800	1,950	174,818	154,846
Stocks Dec. 15 2/ (1,000 Pounds)	720	839	62,478	60,528
Average Price per Pound (Cents)	105	139	91.8	104.2
Value of Production (1,000 Dollars)	1,890	2,711	160,428	161,314

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies.

2/ Stocks held by producers.

Total Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 1 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 6.19 million head, down 1 percent from 2006, but still 1 percent above 2005. After two consecutive year to year increases inventory growth was hampered by extremely dry weather in the Southwestern part of the United States.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.62 million head on January 1, 2007, down slightly from 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.71 million head, were 1 percent above last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2007, totaled 1.57 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2006. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 25 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 36 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings.

The 2006 lamb crop of 4.09 million head, was down 1 percent from 2005. The 2006 lambing rate was 112 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2006, down 3 percent from 2005.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2006 was 36.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2005. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.85 million head, down 4 percent from 2005. The average price paid for wool sold in 2006 was \$0.68 per pound for a total value of 24.4 million dollars, down 7 percent from 26.3 million dollars in 2005.

The number of operations with sheep totaled 69,090 during 2006, up 1 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004. 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 3 Percent

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 2.93 million head, up 3 percent from 2006. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.44 million head up 3 percent from 2006. All market goats and kids totaled 494,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2007 meat and all other goats totaled 2.40 million head, up 5 percent from 2006. Milk goat inventory increased 2 percent to 296,000 head while angora goats were down 8 percent totaling 238,000 head. The 2006 kid crop totaled 1.92 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2005.

U.S. Chicken and Egg Production Highlights

U.S. Average Number of Layers Up 1 Percent: Layer numbers during 2006 averaged 346 million, up 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2006 was 263 eggs, up slightly from the 2005 average of 262.

U.S. Egg Production Up 1 Percent: Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2006 totaled a record high 90.9 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 2005. Table egg production, at 78.0 billion eggs, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 12.9 billion eggs, was down 2 percent from 2005.

U.S. December 1 Inventory Numbers: The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2006 (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, 2006 was \$1.18 billion, up 3 percent from December 1, 2005. The average value increased from \$2.52 per bird on December 1, 2005, to \$2.60 per bird on December 1, 2006.

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: January 1, 2006 - 2007

Class	Arizona		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
All Sheep and Lambs	105.0	110.0	6,230.0	6,185.0
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	70.0	72.0	4,640.0	4,620.0
Ewes	57.0	58.0	3,661.0	3,706.0
Rams	4.0	4.0	196.0	195.0
Replacement Lambs	9.0	10.0	783.0	719.0
Market Sheep and Lambs	35.0	38.0	1,590.0	1,565.0
Sheep	2.0	2.0	76.0	89.0
Lambs	33.0	36.0	1,314.0	1,476.0
under 65 Pounds	14.0	10.0	416.3	368.1
65 to 84 Pounds	4.0	6.0	209.4	200.8
85 to 105 Pounds	9.0	11.0	362.4	371.6
over 105 Pounds	6.0	9.0	525.9	535.5
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head	142	142	141	134
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value	14,910	15,620	875,410	825,966
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Number</i>		<i>Number</i>	
Operations with Sheep and Lambs	250	230	68,330	69,090
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Lamb Crop	42.0	44.0	4,117.0	4,085.0

Goat Inventory: January 1, 2006 - 2007

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Angora	21.0	18.0	260.0	238.0
Milk	1.6	2.0	290.0	296.0
Meat & Other	8.0	10.0	2,287.0	2,400.0
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head (Angora)	75.00	75.00	75.90	78.50
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value	1,575	1,350	17,604	16,319

Wool: Production, Price, and Value, Arizona and United States, 2005 - 2006

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Sheep Shorn	95.0	100.0	5,072.0	4,852.0
	<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	
Weight per Fleece	5.9	6.0	7.3	7.4
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	
Production	560	600	37,232	36,019
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Price Per Pound	0.30	0.35	0.71	0.78
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Value 1/	168	210	26,272	24,414

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, 2005 - 2006

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Goats Clipped	21.0	16.0	255.0	216.0
	<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	
Average Clip per Goat	4.8	5.0	6.1	6.3
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	
Production	100	80	1,546	1,354
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Price per Pound	1.10	1.30	2.78	3.68
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Value 1/	110	104	4,291	4,980

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 2006

The number of farms in the United States in 2006 is estimated at 2.09 million, 0.4 percent fewer than in 2005. Total land in farms, at 932.4 million acres, decreased 780 thousand acres, or 0.08 percent, from 2005. The average farm size was 446 acres during 2006, 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 \$1,000-\$9,999 and the \$100,000 - \$249,999 sales classes. Farm numbers rose slightly in the \$10,000 - \$99,999 and the two largest sales classes. The decline in the smallest sales class is most likely due to normal attrition, such as retirements, and rising incomes. The changes within the other sales classes were a result of operations moving to larger sales classes by consolidation and expansion. Because of rising incomes, many farms and ranches near the

top of their sales class in 2005 moved into the next higher sales class in 2006 without adding land or otherwise expanding their operations.

The largest percentage changes from 2005 occurred in the smallest and largest sales classes. Farm numbers declined 1.1 percent, to 1.15 million farms, in the \$1,000 - \$9,999 sales class. Meanwhile, farm numbers increased 2.4 percent, to 81,350 farms, in the \$500,000 & over sales class. The number of farms with less than \$100,000 in sales fell 0.6 percent from 2005 and the number of farms with \$100,000 or more in sales rose 0.7 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 3.0 percent, to 114.7 million acres, while land operated by farms in the largest sales class, \$500,000 & over in sales, increased 1.7 percent, to 213.4 million acres.

Over all, the average farm size increased 1 acre in 2006. However, average farm sizes declined in some of 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, 2004-2006

Western States	Number of Farms			Land in Farms			Average Farm Size		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	<i>Number</i>			<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Acres</i>		
AK	620	640	640	900	900	900	1,452	1,406	1,406
AZ	10,200	10,100	10,000	26,400	26,200	26,100	2,588	2,594	2,610
CA	77,000	76,500	76,000	26,700	26,400	26,300	347	345	346
CO	30,900	30,500	30,700	30,900	30,700	30,700	1,000	1,007	1,000
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	28,100	60,100	60,100	60,100	2,146	2,146	2,139
NV	3,000	3,000	3,000	6,300	6,300	6,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
NM	17,500	17,500	17,500	44,700	44,500	44,500	2,554	2,543	2,543
OR	40,000	40,000	39,300	17,200	17,100	17,100	430	428	435
UT	15,300	15,200	15,100	11,600	11,600	11,600	758	763	768
WA	35,000	34,500	34,000	15,200	15,100	15,100	434	438	444
WY	9,200	9,200	9,100	34,440	34,400	34,400	3,743	3,739	3,780
Total West	297,220	295,640	293,940	287,500	286,400	286,200	967	969	974
US	2,112,970	2,098,690	2,089,790	936,295	933,210	932,430	443	445	446