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January 1 Cattle Inventory Down 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2009, totaled 94.5 million head, 2 percent below the 96.0 million on January 1, 2008. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.0 million, were down 2 percent from the 41.7 million on January 1, 2008. Beef cows, at 31.7 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2008. Milk cows, at 9.33 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2008. Other class estimates on January 1, 2009, and the change from January 1, 2008, are as follows: all heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.6 million, down 1 percent, beef replacement heifers, 5.53 million, down 2 percent, milk replacement heifers, 4.41 million, down slightly, other heifers, 9.65 million, down 1 percent, steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.8 million, down 2 percent, bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.18 million, down 1 percent, calves under 500 pounds, 14.9 million, down 1 percent, cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.9 million, down 7 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, up 1 percent.

Calf Crop Down 2 Percent

The 2008 calf crop was estimated at 36.1 million head, down 2 percent from 2007. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.3 million, down 1 percent from 2007.

U.S. Cattle Operations Down 1 Percent

The number of operations with cattle totaled 956,500 for 2008, down 1 percent from 2007. Beef cow operations in 2008, at 757,000, were also down 1 percent from last year. The number of milk cow operations for 2008 totaled 67,000, down 4 percent from 2007. 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, 2007, January 1, 2008, and July 1, 2008 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, 2007 Census of Agriculture data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, adjustments were made to the previously released inventory estimates. Revisions to estimates were made at the U.S. and State level. Cattle on Feed estimates were also revised based on information provided by the 2007 Census of Agriculture. Any further revisions to prior years due to the census will be provided in the historical 5-year publication.

Cattle and Calves Inventory: January 1, 2008 – 2009

Class	Arizona		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
All Cattle and Calves	1,000	1,020	96,035	94,491
Cows that have calved	380	390	41,692	41,005
Beef Cows that have calved	195	200	32,435	31,671
Milk Cows that have calved	185	190	9,257	9,333
Heifers 500 pounds and over				
Beef Cow replacement	30	35	5,647	5,526
Milk Cow replacement	50	50	4,415	4,410
Other	15	20	9,793	9,650
Steers 500 pounds and over	375	370	17,163	16,774
Bulls 500 pounds and over	20	20	2,207	2,184
Calves under 500 pounds	130	135	15,118	14,943
Cattle on feed	368	358	14,827	13,851
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head	1,110	970	990	874
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value	1,110,000	989,400	95,112,820	82,542,050
	2007	2008	2007 1/	2008
Operations	<i>Number</i>		<i>Number</i>	
Cattle and Calves	7,700	2/	965,510	956,500
Beef Cows	5,300	2/	766,350	757,000
Milk Cows	180	2/	69,995	67,000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Calf Crop	290	300	36,759	36,113

1/ Revised.

2/ Estimates discontinued.

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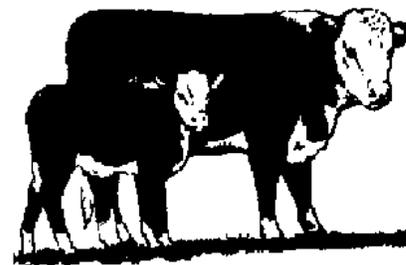
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Total red Meat Sets All Time Record High In 2008

Total red meat production for the United States totaled 50.4 billion pounds in 2008, 3 percent higher than the previous year. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Red meat production in commercial plants totaled 50.2 billion pounds. On-farm production totaled 137 million pounds. Beef production totaled 26.7 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the previous year. Veal production totaled 152 million pounds, up 4 percent from last year. Pork production, at 23.4 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Lamb and mutton production totaled 180 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2007.

There were 818 plants slaughtering under federal inspection on January 1, 2009 compared with 807 last year. Of these, 630 plants slaughtered at least one head of cattle during 2008 with the 14 largest plants slaughtering 55 percent of the total cattle killed. Hogs were slaughtered at 618 plants, with the 12 largest plants accounting for 55 percent of the total. Likewise, 6 of the 251 plants that slaughtered calves accounted for 55 percent of the total and 4 of the 496 plants that slaughtered sheep or lambs in 2008 comprised 65 percent of the total head.

Commercial Red Meat Production: 2006 - 2008 1/

Class	January-December 2/		
	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		
Arizona			
Total Red Meat	386.5	405.9	408.3
United States			
Beef	26,152	26,421	26,561
Veal	147	137	143
Pork	21,054	21,943	23,347
Lamb and Mutton	185	183	174
Total Red Meat	47,537	48,684	50,225

1/ Excludes slaughter on farms.

2/ Based on packers; dressed weights.

U.S. Hog Inventory Down 2 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2008 was 66.7 million head. This was down 2 percent from both December 1, 2007 and September 1, 2008.

Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was down 2 percent from last year but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.6 million head, was down 2 percent from both last year and last quarter.

The September-November 2008 pig crop, at 28.4 million head, was down 4 percent from 2007 but up 6 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, down 6 percent from 2007 but up 1 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.50 for the September-November 2008 period, compared to 9.28 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.97 million sows farrow during the December 2008-February 2009 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2008 but up 2 percent from 2007. Intended farrowings for March-May 2009, at 3.01 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2008 and down 1 percent from 2007.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 43 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 39 percent last year.

** Revisions **

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2007 through September 2008 were reviewed using slaughter, death loss and current import and export data. Based on this review, adjustments of less than one half of one percent were made to the June 2008 total inventory and March-May 2007 pig crop. An adjustment of less than two percent was made to the March-May 2008 pig crop while an adjustment of less than one percent was made to the September 2008 total inventory.

Hogs and Pigs Inventory: December 1, 2007 - 2008

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
All Hogs and Pigs	175	165	68,177	66,708
Breeding	17	17	6,233	6,081
Market	158	148	61,944	60,627
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups				
Under 60 Lbs	62	56	22,545	21,297
60-119 Lbs	32	31	15,173	15,096
120-179 Lbs	32	31	12,658	12,716
180 Lbs and over	32	30	11,569	11,518
Annual Farrowings 1/				
Sows farrowing	32	32	2,905	3,071
Pigs per litter	9.47	9.78	9.09	9.24
Pig Crop	303	313	112,874	114,704
	<i>Number</i>		<i>Number</i>	
Operations with Hogs and Pigs	380	2/	75,450	73,150
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head	76	91	73	87
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value	13,300	15,015	4,986,206	5,833,608

1/ December 1, preceding year through November.

2/ Estimates discontinued.

United States Honey Production Up 8 Percent

Honey production in 2008 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 161 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2007. There were 2.30 million colonies producing honey in 2008, down 6 percent from 2007. Yield per colony averaged 69.9 pounds, up 15 percent from the 60.7 pounds in 2007. 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, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 50.4 million pounds on December 15, 2008, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Prices Record High

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2008 to 141.0 cents, up 31 percent from 107.7 cents in 2007. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Honey prices for 2008 were up from the previous year for all color classes and marketing channels. Prices for the 2007 crop reflect honey sold in 2007 and 2008. Some 2007 crop honey was sold in 2008, which caused some revisions to the 2007 crop prices.

Honey Production: 2007 - 2008

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Number of Honey Producing Colonies 1/ (1,000 Colonies)	30	25	2,443	2,301
Yield per Colony (Pounds)	64	64	60.7	69.9
Production (1,000 Pounds)	1,920	1,600	148,341	160,861
Stocks Dec. 15 2/ (1,000 Pounds)	902	336	52,635	50,455
Average Price per Pound (Cents)	126	125	107.7	141.0
Value of Production (1,000 Dollars)	2,419	2,000	159,763	226,814

1/ For producers with 5 or more colonies.

2/ Stocks held by producers.

Total Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 3 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 5.75 million head, down 3 percent from 2008.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.25 million head on January 1, 2009, down 4 percent from 4.43 million head on January 1, 2008. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.40 million head, were 4 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2009, totaled 1.50 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2008. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-three percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 11 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 21 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 39 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings.

The 2008 lamb crop of 3.71 million head, was down 5 percent from 2007. The 2008 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2008, down 3 percent from 2007.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2008 was 33.0 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2007. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.43 million head, down 5 percent from 2007. The average price paid for wool sold in 2008 was \$0.99 per pound for a total value of 32.5 million dollars, up 7 percent from 30.2 million dollars in 2007.

The number of operations with sheep totaled 82,330 for 2008, down 1 percent from 2007. Of all sheep operations that include breeding sheep, 92.5 percent were comprised of 1-99 head, 6.2 percent had 100-499 head, and the remaining 1.3 percent were operations with 500 head or more. Operations with 1-99 head account for 32.6 percent of the inventory, 100-499 head account for 22.7 percent of the inventory, and 500+ head account for 44.7 percent of the inventory.

Total Goat and Kid Inventory Down 2 Percent

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2009, totaled 3.07 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.54 million head down 2 percent from 2008. All market goats and kids totaled 528,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2009 meat and all other goats totaled 2.55 million head, down 2 percent from 2008. Milk goat inventory increased 4 percent to 335,000 head while angora goats were down 10 percent totaling 185,000 head. The 2008 kid crop totaled 1.96 million head for all goats, down 2 percent from 2007.

U.S. Chicken and Egg Production Highlights

U.S. Average Number of Layers Down 2 Percent: Layer numbers during 2008 averaged 340 million, down 2 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2008 was 266 eggs, down 1 percent from 2007.

U.S. Egg Production Down 1 Percent: Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2008 totaled 90.2 million eggs, down 1 percent from 2007. Table egg production, at 76.8 million eggs, was down 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 13.3 million eggs, was down 1 percent from 2007.

U.S. December 1 Inventory Numbers: The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2008 (excluding commercial broilers) was 446 million birds, down 3 percent from last year.

U.S. Total Value: The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2008 was \$1.51 billion, up 11 percent from December 1, 2007. The average value increased from \$2.95 per bird on December 1, 2007, to \$3.38 per bird on December 1, 2008.

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: January 1, 2008 - 2009

Class	Arizona		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
All Sheep and Lambs	155.0	150.0	5,950.0	5,747.0
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	90.0	90.0	4,431.5	4,247.0
Ewes	76.0	75.0	3,540.0	3,403.5
Rams	6.0	6.0	194.5	195.0
Replacement Lambs	8.0	9.0	697.0	648.5
Market Sheep and Lambs	65.0	60.0	1,518.5	1,500.0
Sheep	6.0	5.0	82.5	81.0
Lambs	59.0	55.0	1,436.0	1,419.0
under 65 Pounds	17.0	15.0	350.7	349.9
65 to 84 Pounds	6.0	6.0	197.5	170.4
85 to 105 Pounds	13.0	13.0	355.9	314.0
over 105 Pounds	23.0	21.0	531.9	584.7
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head	146	153	138	133
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value	22,630	22,950	823,424	765,194
	2007 1/	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Number</i>		<i>Number</i>	
Operations with Sheep and Lambs	5,000	2/	83,130	82,330
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Lamb Crop	50.0	47.0	3,895.0	3,710.0

1/ Revised.

2/ Estimates discontinued.

Goat Inventory: January 1, 2008 - 2009

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Angora	25,000	24,000	205,000	185,000
Milk	2,000	2,000	323,000	335,000
Meat & Other	13,000	12,000	2,590,000	2,550,000
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Value per Head (Angora)	75.00	85.00	74.80	83.00
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Total Value	1,875	2,040	13,205	13,318

Wool: Production, Price, and Value, Arizona and United States, 2007 - 2008

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Sheep Shorn	120.0	120.0	4,657.0	4,434.0
	<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	
Weight per Fleece	6.3	6.3	7.5	7.4
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	
Production	750	750	34,723	32,963
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Price Per Pound	0.34	0.30	0.87	0.99
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Value 1/	255	225	30,242	32,486

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, 2007 - 2008

Item	Arizona		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
Goats Clipped	22,000	21,000	216,500	193,500
	<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Pounds</i>	
Average Clip per Goat	5.7	5.2	6.3	6.1
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	
Production	125	110	1,357	1,184
	<i>Dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
Price per Pound	2.00	1.00	3.64	3.31
	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Value 1/	250	110	4,944	3,914

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 2008

The number of farms in the United States in 2008 is estimated at 2.2 million, 0.2 percent fewer than in 2007. Total land in farms, at 919.9 million acres, decreased 1.56 million acres, or 0.2 percent, from 2007. The average farm size was 418 acres, unchanged 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 slightly in the \$1,000-\$9,999, \$10,000-\$99,999, and \$100,000-\$249,999 sales classes. Farm numbers rose slightly in the two largest sales classes. Because of strong commodity prices and rising value of sales many farms and ranches near the top of their sales class in 2007 may have moved into the next higher sales class in 2008 without expanding their operations.

The largest percentage changes from 2007 occurred in the smallest and largest sales classes. Farm numbers declined 0.5 percent, to 1.22 million farms, in the \$1,000-\$9,999 sales class. Meanwhile, the number of farms in the \$500,000 and over sales class increased by 4.8 percent to 126,000 farms. The number of farms with less than \$100,000 in sales fell 0.6 percent from 2007 while the number of farms with \$100,000 or more in sales rose 1.6 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 1.1 percent, to 106.7 million acres, while land operated by farms in the largest sales class, \$500,000 & over in sales, increased 2.4 percent, to 293.1 million acres.

The average farm size was unchanged in 2008. However, average farm sizes declined in some of the sales classes. This may have been 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, 2006-2008

Western States	Number of Farms			Land in Farms			Average Farm Size		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Number</i>			<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Acres</i>		
AK	640	680	680	900	890	890	1,406	1,309	1,309
AZ	10,000	15,600	15,600	26,100	26,100	26,100	2,610	1,673	1,673
CA	76,000	81,000	81,500	26,300	25,400	25,400	346	314	312
CO	30,700	36,900	36,500	30,700	31,400	31,300	1,000	851	858
HI	5,500	7,500	7,500	1,300	1,120	1,110	236	149	148
ID	25,000	25,400	25,200	11,800	11,500	11,400	472	453	452
MT	28,100	29,500	29,500	60,100	60,900	60,800	2,139	2,064	2,061
NV	3,000	3,100	3,100	6,300	5,900	5,900	2,100	1,903	1,903
NM	17,500	21,000	20,600	44,500	43,200	43,000	2,543	2,057	2,087
OR	39,300	38,600	38,600	17,100	16,400	16,400	435	425	425
UT	15,100	16,700	16,500	11,600	11,100	11,100	768	665	673
WA	34,000	39,300	39,500	15,100	14,900	14,800	444	379	375
WY	9,100	11,000	11,000	34,400	30,200	30,100	3,780	2,745	2,736
Total West	293,940	326,280	325,780	286,200	279,010	278,300	974	14,987	15,012
US	2,089,790	2,204,950	2,200,000	932,430	921,460	919,900	446	418	418