



Cattle

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January 1 Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2004, totaled 94.9 million head, 1 percent below the 96.1 million on January 1, 2003.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.9 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2003.

- **Beef cows**, at 32.86 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2003.
- **Milk cows**, at 8.99 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2003.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2004 and the change from January 1, 2003, are as follows:

- **All heifers 500 pounds and over**, 19.3 million, down 1 percent.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 5.52 million, down 2 percent.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.02 million, down 2 percent.
- **Other heifers**, 9.80 million, down 1 percent.
- **Steers weighing 500 pounds and over**, 16.3 million, down 2 percent.
- **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over**, 2.21 million, down 2 percent.
- **Calves under 500 pounds**, 15.2 million, down 2 percent.
- **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.8 million, up 4 percent.
- The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** outside of feedlots, 27.5 million, down 4 percent.

Calf Crop Down 1 Percent

The 2003 calf crop was estimated at 37.9 million head, down 1 percent from 2002. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.7 million, down 1 percent from 2002.

Revisions

All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2002, January 1, 2003, and July 1, 2003 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 by class and calf crop.

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, 2003 were revised upward by 2% based on feedlots which were added to the survey program due to the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

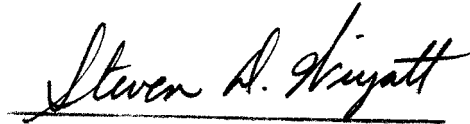
Special Note

Preliminary 2002 Census data were used in the review process for the 2004 and revised 2003 estimates included in this publication. States requiring 5-year historical revisions may carry a disjointed data series from their current historical data series. January 1, 2003 and prior estimates contained in this publication will be republished in the *Cattle, Final Estimates 1999-2003* publication which is scheduled for release on April 30, 2004.

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
United States, January 1, 2003-2004 ¹**

Class	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	96,100	94,882	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,125	41,851	99
Beef Cows	32,983	32,860	100
Milk Cows	9,142	8,991	98
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,628	19,341	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,624	5,517	98
Expected to Calve ²	3,548	3,492	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,114	4,020	98
Expected to Calve ²	2,877	2,761	96
Other Heifers	9,891	9,804	99
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,554	16,280	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,248	2,206	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,545	15,204	98
Cattle on Feed	13,220	13,811	104
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
Calf Crop	38,224	37,903	99

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year.

**Cattle and Calves: Number Grazing on Small Grain Pasture,
3-State Total, January 1, 2003-2004**

Class	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Million Head</i>
Calves, Other Heifers and Steers Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas	3.70	2.90	78

Cattle and Calves: Balance Sheet, United States, 2002-2003 ¹

Item	2002	2003
	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Million Head</i>
January 1 Beginning Inventory	96.7	96.1
Calf Crop and Imports	40.7	39.6
Total Supply ²	137.4	135.7
Slaughter	37.0	36.6
Deaths and Exports	4.3	4.1
Total Disappearance ²	41.3	40.8
Residual ²	0	-0.1
January 1 Ending Inventory	96.1	94.9

¹ Final 2002 and preliminary 2003 estimates will be published in the "Meat Animals - Production, Disposition and Income" report published in April 2004.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2003-2004**

State	All Cattle and Calves			All Cows That Have Calved		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	1,440	1,360	94	780	750	96
AK	12.5	12.5	100	6.0	6.3	105
AZ	840	850	101	325	330	102
AR	1,850	1,900	103	980	1,010	103
CA	5,250	5,200	99	2,410	2,420	100
CO	2,650	2,400	91	800	710	89
CT	56	54	96	29	27	93
DE	21	25	119	13	12	92
FL	1,750	1,740	99	1,100	1,090	99
GA	1,290	1,250	97	710	700	99
HI	151	156	103	86	88	102
ID	2,000	2,010	101	880	900	102
IL	1,360	1,310	96	540	540	100
IN	860	830	97	375	370	99
IA	3,550	3,450	97	1,200	1,180	98
KS	6,350	6,650	105	1,630	1,660	102
KY	2,430	2,320	95	1,240	1,240	100
LA	860	850	99	520	530	102
ME	93	91	98	46	45	98
MD	240	235	98	121	119	98
MA	50	48	96	25	24	96
MI	990	1,030	104	390	385	99
MN	2,450	2,400	98	880	860	98
MS	1,070	1,020	95	590	570	97
MO	4,500	4,350	97	2,250	2,250	100
MT	2,450	2,400	98	1,450	1,490	103
NE	6,200	6,250	101	2,000	1,910	96
NV	510	510	100	270	270	100
NH	40	39	98	21.0	19.5	93
NJ	46	46	100	22	22	100
NM	1,550	1,510	97	780	780	100
NY	1,450	1,420	98	760	740	97
NC	900	880	98	475	460	97
ND	1,880	1,750	93	1,010	970	96
OH	1,220	1,230	101	520	520	100
OK	5,400	5,100	94	2,130	2,050	96
OR	1,360	1,440	106	710	720	101
PA	1,630	1,640	101	740	720	97
RI	5.5	5.5	100	3.0	3.0	100
SC	435	425	98	230	235	102
SD	3,700	3,650	99	1,780	1,790	101
TN	2,270	2,210	97	1,190	1,180	99
TX	14,000	13,900	99	5,800	5,800	100
UT	880	860	98	430	440	102
VT	285	285	100	163	155	95
VA	1,630	1,540	94	800	800	100
WA	1,100	1,120	102	495	510	103
WV	405	380	94	210	200	95
WI	3,350	3,350	100	1,500	1,490	99
WY	1,290	1,400	109	710	760	107
US	96,100.0	94,882.0	99	42,125.0	41,850.8	99

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2003-2004 (continued)**

State	Beef Cows That Have Calved			Milk Cows That Have Calved		
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	761	732	96	19	18	95
AK	4.7	5.1	109	1.3	1.2	92
AZ	170	175	103	155	155	100
AR	949	982	103	31	28	90
CA	740	720	97	1,670	1,700	102
CO	702	612	87	98	98	100
CT	6	6	100	23	21	91
DE	4	4	100	9	8	89
FL	953	950	100	147	140	95
GA	625	616	99	85	84	99
HI	79	82	104	7	6	86
ID	490	488	100	390	412	106
IL	426	432	101	114	108	95
IN	230	227	99	145	143	99
IA	992	984	99	208	196	94
KS	1,518	1,550	102	112	110	98
KY	1,120	1,128	101	120	112	93
LA	475	489	103	45	41	91
ME	10	11	110	36	34	94
MD	41	42	102	80	77	96
MA	5	6	120	20	18	90
MI	89	85	96	301	300	100
MN	400	395	99	480	465	97
MS	557	541	97	33	29	88
MO	2,116	2,125	100	134	125	93
MT	1,432	1,472	103	18	18	100
NE	1,934	1,848	96	66	62	94
NV	245	244	100	25	26	104
NH	4.0	3.5	88	17	16	94
NJ	9	10	111	13	12	92
NM	466	455	98	314	325	104
NY	85	82	96	675	658	97
NC	412	402	98	63	58	92
ND	973	937	96	37	33	89
OH	260	262	101	260	258	99
OK	2,047	1,970	96	83	80	96
OR	593	603	102	117	117	100
PA	150	156	104	590	564	96
RI	1.6	1.7	106	1.4	1.3	93
SC	210	218	104	20	17	85
SD	1,696	1,711	101	84	79	94
TN	1,106	1,103	100	84	77	92
TX	5,480	5,483	100	320	317	99
UT	339	351	104	91	89	98
VT	10	9	90	153	146	95
VA	684	695	102	116	105	91
WA	248	270	109	247	240	97
WV	195	186	95	15	14	93
WI	235	245	104	1,265	1,245	98
WY	706	756	107	4	4	100
US	32,983.3	32,860.3	100	9,141.7	8,990.5	98

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2003-2004 (continued)**

State	Heifers 500 Pounds and Over					
	Beef Cow Replacement		Milk Cow Replacement		Other	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL	118	105	7	7	40	33
AK	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2
AZ	34	33	35	37	20	20
AR	180	180	10	10	75	85
CA	130	125	790	730	170	170
CO	102	95	38	45	650	580
CT	1.0	1.5	11.0	10.5	1.5	1.0
DE	0.3	0.3	2.7	2.8	0.6	1.9
FL	130	140	40	40	25	20
GA	90	85	29	26	36	30
HI	12	12	3	2	6	6
ID	90	95	190	180	195	205
IL	60	61	50	52	160	132
IN	41	41	55	55	56	62
IA	130	125	100	95	590	590
KS	250	230	50	80	1,620	1,650
KY	175	160	45	40	130	110
LA	86	81	10	10	17	17
ME	4.5	4.0	19.0	18.5	1.5	1.5
MD	11	10	32	30	9	10
MA	1.0	1.5	10.0	9.0	1.0	0.5
MI	35	30	135	130	42	51
MN	100	100	295	280	180	190
MS	95	95	15	12	25	25
MO	305	280	55	60	320	270
MT	390	420	11	8	189	142
NE	280	280	20	20	1,390	1,520
NV	46	44	11	10	35	35
NH	1.5	1.1	8.0	8.0	0.5	0.4
NJ	3.0	3.5	6	6	2.0	2.5
NM	90	85	70	75	110	105
NY	25	28	325	300	40	42
NC	73	72	28	27	19	21
ND	155	156	13	14	230	215
OH	70	65	110	115	70	80
OK	380	370	30	20	500	530
OR	115	120	60	70	110	130
PA	45	40	280	280	50	50
RI	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.1
SC	38	32	8	7	15	12
SD	290	290	30	35	470	470
TN	200	185	40	35	75	65
TX	760	740	110	110	1,710	1,630
UT	75	65	45	40	70	70
VT	5	4	60	67	5	3
VA	120	100	48	38	67	57
WA	55	50	105	95	115	120
WV	35	40	7	4	23	21
WI	70	75	660	670	75	75
WY	120	160	1	3	149	147
US	5,623.5	5,517.2	4,113.9	4,020.0	9,890.5	9,804.1

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2003-2004 (continued)**

State	Steers 500 Pounds and Over		Bulls 500 Pounds and Over		Calves Under 500 Pounds	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL	75	55	55	50	365	360
AK	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.3	2.6	2.4
AZ	255	255	21	22	150	153
AR	130	140	55	55	420	420
CA	615	640	65	65	1,070	1,050
CO	870	820	40	35	150	115
CT	2.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	10.0	11.0
DE	0.8	3.6	0.4	0.4	3.2	4.0
FL	25	20	60	60	370	370
GA	50	40	40	39	335	330
HI	7	7	5	5	32	36
ID	360	350	35	35	250	245
IL	280	270	25	25	245	230
IN	128	113	20	19	185	170
IA	1,010	940	70	70	450	450
KS	1,970	2,180	90	95	740	755
KY	220	190	80	80	540	500
LA	24	21	33	33	170	158
ME	3.5	3.5	1.5	1.5	17.0	17.0
MD	23	20	4	4	40	42
MA	2.5	2.7	1.0	0.8	9.5	9.5
MI	195	215	18	19	175	200
MN	460	450	35	35	500	485
MS	56	50	39	38	250	230
MO	485	440	125	120	960	930
MT	240	200	100	90	70	50
NE	2,000	2,120	100	90	410	310
NV	52	51	16	15	80	85
NH	1.5	2.0	0.5	0.5	7.0	7.5
NJ	4	3	1	1	8	8
NM	210	190	45	45	245	230
NY	37	37	18	18	245	255
NC	43	40	32	30	230	230
ND	300	260	56	50	116	85
OH	180	180	30	30	240	240
OK	1,230	1,080	135	130	995	920
OR	150	180	40	40	175	180
PA	170	165	25	25	320	360
RI	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.8
SC	15	15	17	17	112	107
SD	730	670	90	90	310	305
TN	140	110	75	75	550	560
TX	2,750	2,750	370	370	2,500	2,500
UT	125	110	22	22	113	113
VT	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	46	50
VA	190	130	40	40	365	375
WA	177	185	23	25	130	135
WV	43	35	14	15	73	65
WI	345	350	30	30	670	660
WY	170	185	45	45	95	100
US	16,554.1	16,280.1	2,247.9	2,205.6	15,545.1	15,204.2

Calf Crop: Number by State and United States, 2002-2003

State	2002	2003	2003 as % 2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	690	680	99
AK	4.1	3.7	90
AZ	270	270	100
AR	850	860	101
CA	2,040	2,050	100
CO	820	730	89
CT	24	22	92
DE	10.0	9.5	95
FL	930	920	99
GA	600	580	97
HI	63	66	105
ID	860	880	102
IL	490	480	98
IN	340	330	97
IA	1,110	1,120	101
KS	1,510	1,550	103
KY	1,110	1,110	100
LA	415	415	100
ME	42	40	95
MD	102	100	98
MA	19	18	95
MI	340	350	103
MN	880	850	97
MS	500	480	96
MO	2,090	2,080	100
MT	1,520	1,540	101
NE	1,820	1,770	97
NV	220	235	107
NH	19	18	95
NJ	18	18	100
NM	600	590	98
NY	640	620	97
NC	440	420	95
ND	1,000	960	96
OH	470	470	100
OK	1,930	1,890	98
OR	660	690	105
PA	660	650	98
RI	2.6	2.6	100
SC	185	190	103
SD	1,840	1,730	94
TN	1,060	1,060	100
TX	5,000	5,100	102
UT	390	390	100
VT	140	135	96
VA	730	710	97
WA	450	455	101
WV	190	185	97
WI	1,350	1,350	100
WY	780	730	94
US	38,223.7	37,902.8	99

**Cattle and Calves: Total Number on Feed by State
and United States, January 1, 2003-2004 ¹**

State	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	5		
AZ	289	293	101
AR	15	10	67
CA	495	510	103
CO	1,040	1,060	102
GA	3		
ID	305	305	100
IL	215	200	93
IN	115	105	91
IA	1,090	950	87
KS	2,240	2,480	111
KY	10	10	100
MD	13	11	85
MI	180	210	117
MN	300	310	103
MO	70	65	93
MT	70	70	100
NE	2,300	2,450	107
NV	16	13	81
NJ	2		
NM	119	115	97
NY	20	20	100
NC	4	5	125
ND	70	65	93
OH	180	200	111
OK	340	360	106
OR	55	85	155
PA	75	75	100
SC	4		
SD	395	375	95
TN	5	5	100
TX	2,640	2,850	108
UT	30	35	117
VA	29	29	100
WA	190	205	108
WV	7	5	71
WI	200	210	105
WY	75	100	133
Oth Sts ²	8.8	19.9	226
US	13,219.8	13,810.9	104

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

² Other States include AK, CT, DE, FL, HI, LA, ME, MA, MS, NH, RI, and VT. AL, GA, NJ, and SC included in Other States beginning in 2004, which impacts 2004 as a percent of 2003.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop
United States, July 1, 2002-2003 ¹**

Class	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	105,100	103,900	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,900	42,700	100
Beef Cows	33,750	33,600	100
Milk Cows	9,150	9,100	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,200	15,900	98
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,600	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,700	3,600	97
Other Heifers	7,900	7,700	97
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,500	14,200	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	29,400	29,000	99
Calf Crop	38,224	37,903	99
Cattle on Feed	12,500	11,810	94

¹ Revised.

**Calf Crop: Number and Percent of Total by Six Month Period,
United States, 2002-2003 ¹**

Period	2002		2003	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
	<i>1,000 Hd</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Hd</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan 1 - Jun 30	27,900.0	73.4	27,700.0	73.0
Jul 1 - Dec 31	10,323.7	26.6	10,202.8	27.0
Total	38,223.7	100.0	37,902.8	100.0

¹ Revised.

**Cattle and Calves: Balance Sheet, United States,
January 1 - June 30, 2002-2003**

Item	2002	2003
	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Million Head</i>
January 1 Inventory	96.7	96.1
Calf Crop and Imports	29.1	28.7
Total Supply ¹	125.8	124.8
Slaughter	18.1	18.4
Deaths and Exports	2.5	2.4
Total Disappearance ¹	20.7	20.8
Residual ¹	0.0	-0.1
July 1 Inventory	105.1	103.9

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, Selected States,
and United States, July 1, 2002-2003 ¹**

State	All Cattle and Calves			All Cows That Have Calved		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	5,200	5,150	99	2,400	2,390	100
CO	3,050	2,750	90	880	810	92
IA	4,000	3,900	98	1,240	1,240	100
KS	6,550	6,600	101	1,650	1,670	101
MO	4,650	4,600	99	2,180	2,150	99
MT	3,350	3,400	101	1,480	1,500	101
NE	7,050	6,600	94	2,030	1,950	96
OK	5,600	5,600	100	2,100	2,100	100
SD	5,000	4,850	97	2,020	1,980	98
TX	15,000	15,500	103	6,100	6,200	102
WI	3,550	3,600	101	1,510	1,510	100
Oth Sts	42,100	41,350	98	19,310	19,200	99
US	105,100	103,900	99	42,900	42,700	100
	Beef Cows That Have Calved			Milk Cows That Have Calved		
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	760	700	92	1,640	1,690	103
CO	776	710	91	104	100	96
IA	1,030	1,040	101	210	200	95
KS	1,543	1,560	101	107	110	103
MO	2,043	2,020	99	137	130	95
MT	1,462	1,482	101	18	18	100
NE	1,963	1,886	96	67	64	96
OK	2,016	2,019	100	84	81	96
SD	1,934	1,898	98	86	82	95
TX	5,783	5,880	102	317	320	101
WI	245	255	104	1,265	1,255	99
Oth Sts	14,195	14,150	100	5,115	5,050	99
US	33,750	33,600	100	9,150	9,100	99

¹ Revised.

Reliability of January 1 Cattle and Calves Estimates

Survey Procedures: A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all cattle producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. Data were collected from about 50,000 operators during the first half of January by mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews and 83 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.

Estimating Procedures: These cattle estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by each State office. National and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from the previous year using a balance sheet. The balance sheet begins with the previous inventory estimate, adds to it estimates of births and imports, and subtracts estimates of slaughter, exports, and deaths. This indicated ending inventory level is compared to the Agricultural Statistics Board estimate for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve year to year and item to item relationships. Estimates for the previous year are subject to revision when current estimates are made. The reviews are primarily based on livestock slaughter and additional foreign trade and survey data. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

Reliability: Since all cattle operators are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of estimates in this report, the "**Root Mean Square Error**" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and latest estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for cattle inventory estimates over the past 20 years is .6 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 94.9 million head by more than .6 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.0 percent.

The following table also shows a 20 year record of the range of differences between first and latest estimates for selected items. Using estimates of all cattle and calves as an example, changes between the first inventory estimate and the latest estimate during the past 20 years have averaged 443,000 head, ranging from 0 to 1,419,000 head. During this period the initial inventory estimate has been equal to the final estimate one time, below the final estimate 6 times, and above the final estimate 13 times. This does not imply that the January 1 estimate is likely to understate or overstate final inventory.

Reliability of January 1 Cattle Estimates ^{1 2}

Item	Root Mean Square Error	90 Percent Confidence Level		Difference Between First and Latest Estimates			Number of Years	
		Percent	Head	Average	Smallest	Largest	First Above Latest	First Below Latest
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
All Cattle	0.6	1.0	938	433	0	1,419	13	6
All Cows	0.7	1.2	517	215	6	911	12	8
Calf Crop	0.7	1.2	449	183	0	630	10	9

¹ Based on data from January 1984 through January 2003.

² Data in the above table do not reflect the 1-3 percent changes made during the 1989-93 historic revision period. The root mean square error's would be about 1 percentage point higher if these were included.

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