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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.

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.

Special Note

Data from the 2007 Census of Agriculture were used in the review process for the 2009 and 2008 estimates included in this publication. The impact of the 5-year historical revision process may cause a discontinuity in the data series. January 1, 2008 and prior estimates contained in this publication will be republished in the *Cattle, Final Estimates 2004-2008* publication which is scheduled for release on March 5, 2009.

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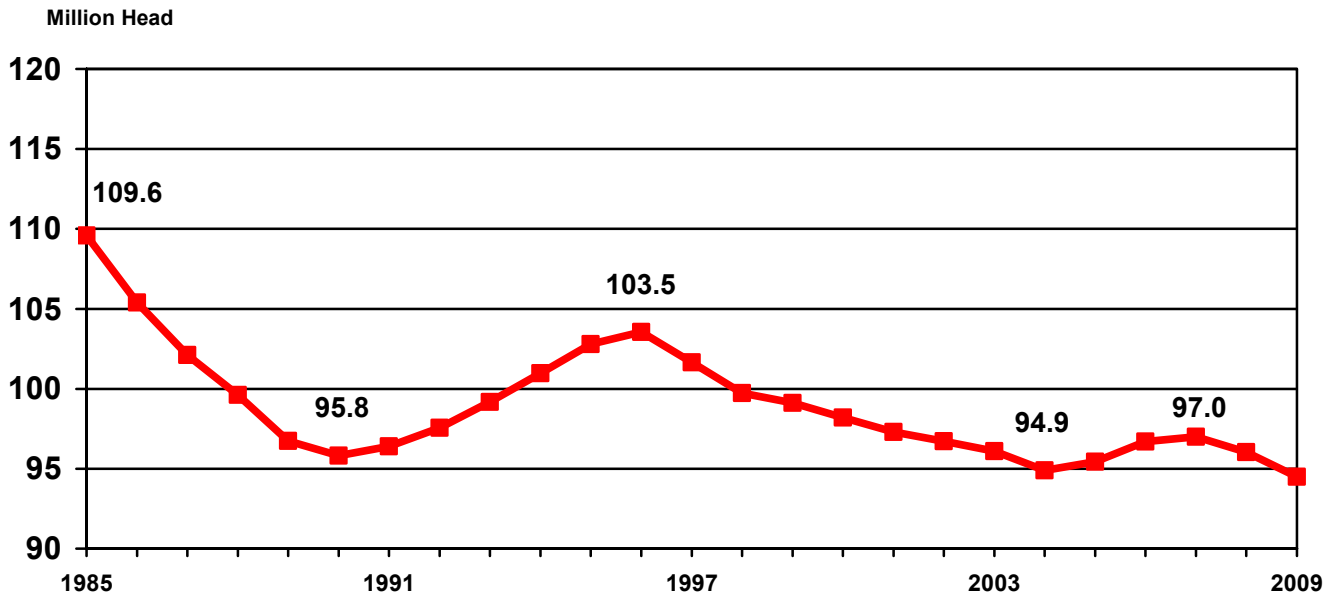
**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
United States, January 1, 2008-2009 ¹**

Class	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	96,035	94,491	98
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	41,692	41,005	98
Beef Cows	32,435	31,671	98
Milk Cows	9,257	9,333	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,854	19,586	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,647	5,526	98
Expected to Calve ²	3,414	3,357	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,415	4,410	100
Expected to Calve ²	2,923	2,909	100
Other Heifers	9,793	9,650	99
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	17,163	16,774	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,207	2,184	99
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,118	14,943	99
Cattle on Feed	14,827	13,851	93
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
Calf Crop	36,759	36,113	98

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year.

U.S. Cattle Inventory January 1



**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2008-2009**

State	All Cattle and Calves			All Cows That Have Calved		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<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	1,220	1,260	103	680	680	100
AK	15.5	14.0	90	6.5	6.1	94
AZ	1,000	1,020	102	380	390	103
AR	1,810	1,800	99	960	905	94
CA	5,450	5,250	96	2,490	2,460	99
CO	2,750	2,600	95	850	850	100
CT	50	52	104	25	25	100
DE	22	21	95	10.5	10.5	100
FL	1,710	1,700	99	1,060	1,060	100
GA	1,130	1,110	98	630	610	97
HI	152	150	99	85	86	101
ID	2,210	2,110	95	990	1,005	102
IL	1,230	1,200	98	530	510	96
IN	890	860	97	400	380	95
IA	4,000	3,950	99	1,180	1,140	97
KS	6,650	6,300	95	1,620	1,630	101
KY	2,400	2,300	96	1,250	1,200	96
LA	890	890	100	540	545	101
ME	89	89	100	45	44	98
MD	195	185	95	100	95	95
MA	46	43	93	23	22	96
MI	1,070	1,070	100	450	445	99
MN	2,400	2,400	100	860	860	100
MS	940	960	102	520	510	98
MO	4,250	4,250	100	2,180	2,100	96
MT	2,600	2,600	100	1,520	1,510	99
NE	6,450	6,350	98	1,940	1,910	98
NV	450	450	100	265	265	100
NH	37	39	105	20	21	105
NJ	38	38	100	19.0	19.5	103
NM	1,530	1,540	101	850	820	96
NY	1,440	1,380	96	730	710	97
NC	830	850	102	420	430	102
ND	1,810	1,750	97	950	910	96
OH	1,250	1,280	102	570	580	102
OK	5,400	5,400	100	2,120	2,100	99
OR	1,370	1,240	91	710	650	92
PA	1,610	1,590	99	710	700	99
RI	5.0	5.0	100	2.5	2.5	100
SC	395	380	96	210	205	98
SD	3,700	3,700	100	1,730	1,710	99
TN	2,100	1,980	94	1,140	1,010	89
TX	13,600	13,600	100	5,550	5,600	101
UT	850	810	95	450	435	97
VT	265	270	102	150	148	99
VA	1,570	1,460	93	790	730	92
WA	1,090	1,080	99	515	515	100
WV	415	415	100	215	215	100
WI	3,350	3,350	100	1,520	1,520	100
WY	1,310	1,350	103	730	720	99
US	96,034.5	94,491.0	98	41,691.5	41,004.6	98

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2008-2009 (continued)**

State	Beef Cows That Have Calved			Milk Cows That Have Calved		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<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	667	668	100	13.0	12.0	92
AK	5.9	5.5	93	0.6	0.6	100
AZ	195	200	103	185	190	103
AR	943	891	94	17.0	14.0	82
CA	655	615	94	1,835	1,845	101
CO	724	720	99	126	130	103
CT	5.5	6.0	109	19.5	19.0	97
DE	4.0	4.0	100	6.5	6.5	100
FL	940	942	100	120	118	98
GA	553	536	97	77	74	96
HI	82.7	84.4	102	2.3	1.6	70
ID	460	451	98	530	554	105
IL	427	408	96	103	102	99
IN	234	213	91	166	167	101
IA	965	925	96	215	215	100
KS	1,505	1,508	100	115	122	106
KY	1,159	1,114	96	91	86	95
LA	513	520	101	27	25	93
ME	12.0	11.0	92	33	33	100
MD	43	39	91	57	56	98
MA	8.0	7.5	94	15.0	14.5	97
MI	106	92	87	344	353	103
MN	397	392	99	463	468	101
MS	499	491	98	21.0	19.0	90
MO	2,070	1,992	96	110	108	98
MT	1,503	1,494	99	17.0	16.0	94
NE	1,883	1,851	98	57	59	104
NV	238	238	100	27	27	100
NH	5.0	6.0	120	15.0	15.0	100
NJ	9.0	9.5	106	10.0	10.0	100
NM	520	484	93	330	336	102
NY	104	85	82	626	625	100
NC	372	385	103	48	45	94
ND	924	885	96	26	25	96
OH	296	304	103	274	276	101
OK	2,053	2,038	99	67	62	93
OR	595	535	90	115	115	100
PA	158	150	95	552	550	100
RI	1.4	1.4	100	1.1	1.1	100
SC	192	188	98	18.0	17.0	94
SD	1,644	1,616	98	86	94	109
TN	1,079	951	88	61	59	97
TX	5,150	5,170	100	400	430	108
UT	365	350	96	85	85	100
VT	10.0	9.0	90	140	139	99
VA	692	633	91	98	97	99
WA	272	271	100	243	244	100
WV	203	204	100	12.0	11.0	92
WI	270	265	98	1,250	1,255	100
WY	723	713	99	7.0	7.0	100
US	32,434.5	31,671.3	98	9,257.0	9,333.3	101

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2008-2009 (continued)**

State	Heifers 500 Pounds and Over					
	Beef Cow Replacement		Milk Cow Replacement		Other	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<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	90	95	5.0	5.0	30	40
AK	1.7	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
AZ	30	35	50	50	15.0	20.0
AR	150	165	7.0	5.0	78	100
CA	110	110	800	780	180	175
CO	130	120	70	60	590	530
CT	1.5	2.0	10.5	11.0	0.5	0.5
DE	0.9	0.6	2.7	2.3	0.4	0.6
FL	135	140	35	35	30	25
GA	75	73	22	23	33	31
HI	14.0	13.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	5.0
ID	95	90	305	275	195	195
IL	62	49	57	59	121	117
IN	40	36	77	66	55	55
IA	150	140	110	130	700	600
KS	255	255	70	65	1,620	1,520
KY	185	160	45	50	110	110
LA	90	87	8.0	7.0	20.0	17.0
ME	3.5	4.0	17.5	18.0	2.0	2.0
MD	9.0	8.0	24	26	5.0	7.0
MA	2.0	2.0	8.0	7.0	1.0	1.0
MI	31	27	137	148	45	50
MN	100	95	270	285	175	165
MS	83	83	7.0	7.0	30	36
MO	300	320	60	40	250	270
MT	440	385	12.0	10.0	178	225
NE	300	320	20	20	1,470	1,450
NV	34	35	10.0	10.0	28	29
NH	2.0	1.5	6.5	7.5	1.0	1.0
NJ	2.0	2.5	5.0	5.0	2.0	2.0
NM	90	80	120	140	90	100
NY	34	28	345	320	56	42
NC	69	69	23	20	26	30
ND	165	180	15.0	20.0	230	215
OH	60	70	110	115	70	75
OK	410	390	30	30	530	580
OR	115	90	65	55	110	110
PA	40	40	275	270	60	60
RI	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1
SC	36	32	7.0	7.0	12.0	11.0
SD	290	285	35	40	550	580
TN	155	150	45	45	70	75
TX	750	790	180	220	1,590	1,550
UT	70	55	40	45	60	50
VT	3.5	3.5	58	61	3.5	4.5
VA	122	100	45	45	58	55
WA	59	55	105	110	106	95
WV	41	38	4.0	3.0	21	28
WI	65	65	655	650	60	55
WY	150	150	5.0	5.0	120	155
US	5,646.6	5,526.2	4,415.0	4,409.5	9,792.6	9,649.8

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2008-2009 (continued)**

State	Steers 500 Pounds and Over		Bulls 500 Pounds and Over		Calves Under 500 Pounds	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<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	45	55	45	45	325	340
AK	1.1	0.8	2.0	1.9	3.9	3.3
AZ	375	370	20	20	130	135
AR	145	145	55	60	415	420
CA	630	600	70	65	1,170	1,060
CO	890	770	50	50	170	220
CT	1.8	2.4	0.7	0.6	10.0	10.5
DE	4.0	3.0	0.3	0.4	3.2	3.6
FL	20	20	60	60	370	360
GA	46	48	34	35	290	290
HI	8.0	8.0	5.0	5.0	34	32
ID	300	260	35	35	290	250
IL	235	230	25	25	200	210
IN	105	104	19.0	16.0	194	203
IA	1,300	1,390	70	70	490	480
KS	2,270	2,020	95	95	720	715
KY	240	215	80	75	490	490
LA	23	24	34	34	175	176
ME	3.0	3.5	1.5	1.5	16.5	16.0
MD	16.0	15.0	4.0	4.0	37	30
MA	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	9.0	8.0
MI	195	185	16.0	15.0	196	200
MN	445	440	40	40	510	515
MS	46	55	39	39	215	230
MO	440	510	110	110	910	900
MT	250	265	110	90	90	115
NE	2,370	2,270	90	95	260	285
NV	37	36	13.0	13.0	63	62
NH	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	6.0	6.5
NJ	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	6.0
NM	160	170	40	30	180	200
NY	43	35	17.0	15.0	215	230
NC	33	30	29	31	230	240
ND	255	260	55	60	140	105
OH	170	190	30	30	240	220
OK	1,110	1,160	140	140	1,060	1,000
OR	165	145	40	35	165	155
PA	160	160	25	25	340	335
RI	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.8
SC	11.0	15.0	18.0	17.0	101	93
SD	690	685	80	85	325	315
TN	120	137	70	73	500	490
TX	2,850	2,780	360	370	2,320	2,290
UT	105	105	25	20	100	100
VT	5.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	42	47
VA	150	140	40	40	365	350
WA	140	143	24	22	141	140
WV	39	41	15.0	15.0	80	75
WI	360	360	30	30	660	670
WY	150	165	40	40	115	115
US	17,163.2	16,774.1	2,207.2	2,184.1	15,118.4	14,942.7

Calf Crop: Number by State and United States, 2007-2008

State	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	590	580	98
AK	3.9	3.6	92
AZ	290	300	103
AR	820	770	94
CA	2,010	2,010	100
CO	790	780	99
CT	19.0	20.0	105
DE	8.5	8.5	100
FL	900	880	98
GA	530	500	94
HI	65	65	100
ID	940	960	102
IL	490	470	96
IN	355	315	89
IA	1,060	1,070	101
KS	1,470	1,430	97
KY	1,110	1,070	96
LA	425	420	99
ME	36	36	100
MD	79	72	91
MA	20.0	19.0	95
MI	375	375	100
MN	840	840	100
MS	430	390	91
MO	1,980	1,930	97
MT	1,470	1,490	101
NE	1,760	1,730	98
NV	205	210	102
NH	16.0	14.0	88
NJ	14.0	14.0	100
NM	580	590	102
NY	480	500	104
NC	380	390	103
ND	930	920	99
OH	470	460	98
OK	1,940	1,880	97
OR	660	610	92
PA	620	610	98
RI	2.3	2.4	104
SC	175	165	94
SD	1,650	1,650	100
TN	1,040	950	91
TX	4,800	4,800	100
UT	390	360	92
VT	120	123	103
VA	720	670	93
WA	450	430	96
WV	200	200	100
WI	1,360	1,350	99
WY	690	680	99
US	36,758.7	36,112.5	98

**Cattle and Calves: Total Number on Feed by State
and United States, January 1, 2008-2009¹**

State	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	368	358	97
AR	3.0	2.0	67
CA	560	490	88
CO	1,140	1,020	89
ID	245	230	94
IL	170	180	106
IN	110	120	109
IA	1,350	1,300	96
KS	2,630	2,370	90
KY	15.0	10.0	67
MD	9.0	12.0	133
MI	170	165	97
MN	325	280	86
MO	65	60	92
MT	40	45	113
NE	2,700	2,500	93
NV	7.0	6.0	86
NM	160	165	103
NY	30	29	97
NC	3.0	2.0	67
ND	70	70	100
OH	190	195	103
OK	355	350	99
OR	80	75	94
PA	75	75	100
SD	400	390	98
TN	4.0	4.0	100
TX	2,980	2,800	94
UT	35	25	71
VA	30	29	97
WA	165	160	97
WV	5.0	9.0	180
WI	250	240	96
WY	70	70	100
Oth Sts ²	17.7	14.7	83
US	14,826.7	13,850.7	93

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 AL, AK, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, ME, MA, MS, NH, NJ, RI, SC, and VT.

**Cattle and Calves: Number Grazing on Small Grain Pasture,
3-State Total, January 1, 2008-2009**

Class	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Calves, Other Heifers and Steers	1.75	1.65	94

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop
United States, July 1, 2007-2008¹**

Class	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	104,300	103,300	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,300	42,000	99
Beef Cows	33,150	32,750	99
Milk Cows	9,150	9,250	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,500	16,300	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,700	4,600	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,900	3,900	100
Other Heifers	7,900	7,800	99
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,900	14,700	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,500	28,200	99
Calf Crop	36,759	36,113	98
Cattle on Feed	12,700	12,200	96

¹ Revised.

**Calf Crop: Number and Percent of Total by Six Month Period,
United States, 2007-2008¹**

Period	2007		2008	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan 1 - Jun 30	26,700.0	72.6	26,300.0	72.8
Jul 1 - Dec 31	10,058.7	27.4	9,812.5	27.2
Total	36,758.7	100.0	36,112.5	100.0

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 82 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 10 years is 0.3 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 94.5 million head by more than 0.3 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.6 percent.

The following table also shows a 10 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 10 years have averaged 223,000 head, ranging from 0 to 634,000 head. During this period the initial inventory estimate has been below the final estimate 5 times, and above the final estimate 4 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

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	0.3	0.6	567	223	0	634.1	5	4
All Cows	0.3	0.6	246	86	0	263	4	4
Calf Crop	0.6	1.1	397	135	0	602	4	5

¹ Based on data from January 1999 through January 2008.

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