



Non-Ambulatory Cattle and Calves

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Non-ambulatory cattle and calves in the United States totaled 465,000 head during 2003 and 450,000 head during 2004. The number of non-ambulatory cattle 500 pounds or greater totaled 280,000 head in 2003 and 270,000 head in 2004. The number of calves under 500 pounds reported as non-ambulatory totaled 185,000 head in 2003 and 180,000 head in 2004.

The number of operations that reported non-ambulatory cattle and calves was 103,000 in 2003 and 81,000 in 2004. In 2003, there were 66,800 beef cow operations reporting non-ambulatory cattle and calves compared to 49,700 in 2004. There were 22,800 dairy operations reporting non-ambulatory cattle and calves in 2003 compared to 23,000 in 2004.

This report is released as a cooperative effort between the National Agricultural Statistics Service and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Veterinary Services. Data for this report were collected on the January 1, 2004 and 2005 Cattle Surveys.

**Cattle and Calves: Non-Ambulatory Number,
by Region and United States, 2003-2004**

Region and U.S.	2003	2004
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
Mountain and Western ¹	165,000	170,000
Midwestern ²	155,000	145,000
Southern and Eastern ³	145,000	135,000
United States	465,000	450,000

¹ AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, KS, MT, NE, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, and WY are included in the Mountain and Western region.

² AR, IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, and WI are included in the Midwestern region.

³ AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, and WV are included in the Southern and Eastern region.

**Cattle and Calves: Non-Ambulatory Number,
United States, 2003-2004**

Year and Item	Culled or Recovered	Died	Total
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
2003			
Cattle 500 Pounds and Over	70,000	210,000	280,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,000	170,000	185,000
2004			
Cattle 500 Pounds and Over	60,000	210,000	270,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	20,000	160,000	180,000

**Cattle and Calves: Non-Ambulatory Number,
Mountain and Western Region, 2003-2004 ¹**

Year and Item	Culled or Recovered	Died	Total
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>
2003			
Cattle 500 Pounds and Over	29.0	71.0	100,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	10.0	90.0	65,000
2004			
Cattle 500 Pounds and Over	16.0	84.0	95,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	13.0	87.0	75,000

¹ AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, KS, MT, NE, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, and WY are included in the Mountain and Western region.

**Cattle and Calves: Non-Ambulatory Number,
Midwestern Region, 2003-2004 ¹**

Year and Item	Culled or Recovered	Died	Total
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>
2003			
Cattle 500 Pounds and Over	23.0	77.0	90,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	6.0	94.0	65,000
2004			
Cattle 500 Pounds and Over	23.0	77.0	90,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	10.0	90.0	55,000

¹ AR, IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, and WI are included in the Midwestern region.

**Cattle and Calves: Non-Ambulatory Number,
Southern and Eastern Region, 2003-2004 ¹**

Year and Item	Culled or Recovered	Died	Total
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>
2003			
Cattle 500 Pounds and Over	23.0	77.0	90,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	8.0	92.0	55,000
2004			
Cattle 500 Pounds and Over	28.0	72.0	85,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	9.0	91.0	50,000

¹ AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, and WV are included in the Southern and Eastern region.

**Cattle and Calves: Number of Operations with Non-Ambulatory Cattle and Calves,
United States, 2003-2004**

Item	All Cattle ¹		Dairy ²		Beef ²	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
Cattle 500 Pounds and Over	75,600	66,500	20,000	21,600	44,600	39,400
Calves Under 500 Pounds	49,500	38,000	9,500	10,800	34,300	23,000
Total ³	103,000	81,000	22,800	23,000	66,800	49,700

¹ The number of dairy and beef cow operations will not add to the total “all cattle” operations. The “all cattle” category includes mixed and other operations in addition to dairy and beef cow. See page 5, Methodology and Terminology.

² See page 5, Methodology and Terminology for definitions.

³ Totals will not add because an individual operation may report both cattle and calves, and therefore be included in both the “cattle” and “calves” categories.

**Cattle and Calves: Non-Ambulatory Number by Type of Operation
United States, 2003-2004**

Item	All Cattle ¹		Dairy ²		Beef ²	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
Cattle 500 Pounds and Over	280,000	270,000	135,000	155,000	105,000	85,000
Calves Under 500 Pounds	185,000	180,000	60,000	75,000	95,000	75,000
Total	465,000	450,000	195,000	230,000	200,000	160,000

¹ The number of non-ambulatory cattle and calves reported by dairy and beef cow operations will not add to the total. The “all cattle” category includes cattle and calves on mixed and other operations in addition to dairy and beef cow. See page 5, Methodology and Terminology.

² See page 5, Methodology and Terminology for definitions.

Methodology and Terminology

Information for this report was collected from the January 1, 2004 and 2005 cattle inventory surveys. Further information on the January 1 Cattle Survey can be found in the January 1, 2005 *Cattle* report. The January cattle survey measures inventory for a point in time. However, the number of non-ambulatory animals reported in this release is a summation of all animals during the calendar year for 2003 and 2004. Therefore, the data user is cautioned when making any comparison of non-ambulatory animals to January 1 cattle inventory numbers.

Likewise, when comparing the number of operations in this report to the number of operations in the *Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations* report released on January 31, 2005, the user needs to be aware that beef and dairy operations are defined differently in each report. In the *Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations* report, a milk cow operation is defined as “any place having one or more head of milk cows, excluding cows used to nurse calves, on hand at any time during the year.” A beef cow operation is defined as “any place having one or more head of beef cows on hand at any time during the year.”

For this report the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Veterinary Services specified that the following definitions be used.

Beef Operations: Any place having more beef cows than milk cows, and the milk cow inventory is less than 5 head.

Dairy Operations: Any place having more milk cows than beef cows, and the beef cow inventory is less than 5 head.

Mixed Operations: Any place having 5 or more milk cows and 5 or more beef cows, or the number of milk cows equals the number of beef cows.

Other Operations: Any place not meeting the criteria for a dairy, beef, or mixed operation.

Non-ambulatory: Refers to cattle or calves unable to stand or walk for any reason at any time during the year.

Cattle: Includes all cows, bulls, steers, and heifers weighing 500 pounds or more.

Calves: Includes steers, heifers, and bulls weighing less than 500 pounds.

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