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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.

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.

This report was approved on February 2, 2007.



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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
United States, January 1, 2006-2007 ¹**

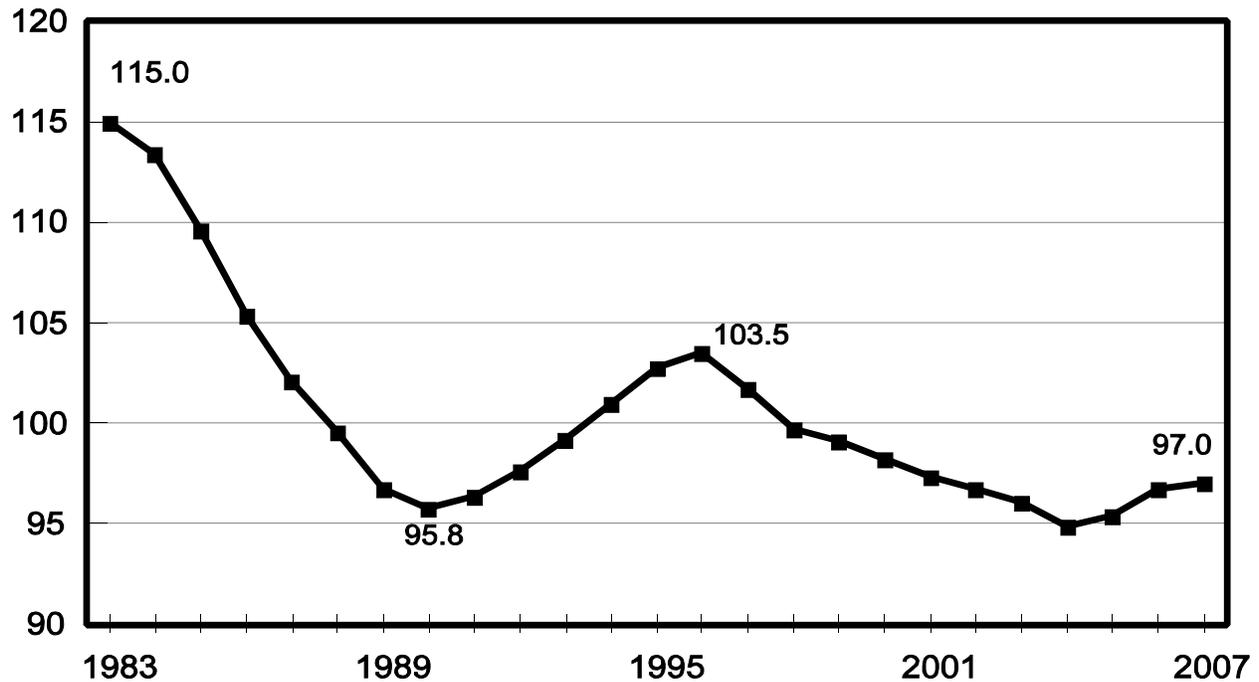
Class	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	96,702	97,003	100
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,056	42,023	100
Beef Cows	32,994	32,894	100
Milk Cows	9,063	9,129	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,984	20,086	101
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,904	5,877	100
Expected to Calve ²	3,580	3,568	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,275	4,310	101
Expected to Calve ²	2,896	2,842	98
Other Heifers	9,805	9,899	101
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,933	17,222	102
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,263	2,215	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,465	15,456	100
Cattle on Feed	14,132	14,269	101
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
Calf Crop	37,575	37,567	100

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year.

United States Cattle Inventory January 1, 1983-2007

Million Head



**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2006-2007**

State	All Cattle and Calves			All Cows That Have Calved		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<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	1,280	1,320	103	700	730	104
AK	15.5	16.0	103	6.9	7.1	103
AZ	940	940	100	355	350	99
AR	1,710	1,750	102	920	940	102
CA	5,450	5,500	101	2,450	2,490	102
CO	2,650	2,700	102	780	840	108
CT	52	53	102	25	26	104
DE	23	23	100	11	11	100
FL	1,680	1,730	103	1,050	1,080	103
GA	1,180	1,170	99	670	660	99
HI	161	158	98	92	89	97
ID	2,110	2,180	103	945	975	103
IL	1,330	1,340	101	550	530	96
IN	900	900	100	375	400	107
IA	3,800	3,950	104	1,240	1,280	103
KS	6,650	6,400	96	1,660	1,610	97
KY	2,380	2,460	103	1,220	1,300	107
LA	820	860	105	495	520	105
ME	92	86	93	44	43	98
MD	230	220	96	119	110	92
MA	47	44	94	24	22	92
MI	1,030	1,060	103	415	435	105
MN	2,350	2,420	103	835	860	103
MS	990	980	99	550	540	98
MO	4,500	4,450	99	2,320	2,260	97
MT	2,400	2,400	100	1,450	1,400	97
NE	6,500	6,650	102	1,990	2,000	101
NV	500	500	100	265	260	98
NH	39	35	90	20.0	18.5	93
NJ	42	38	90	21	19	90
NM	1,550	1,580	102	800	800	100
NY	1,400	1,420	101	730	740	101
NC	860	850	99	436	440	101
ND	1,720	1,850	108	970	970	100
OH	1,280	1,260	98	570	570	100
OK	5,450	5,250	96	2,150	2,070	96
OR	1,420	1,340	94	720	690	96
PA	1,590	1,600	101	710	700	99
RI	5.0	4.9	98	2.5	2.6	104
SC	410	400	98	225	220	98
SD	3,750	3,700	99	1,800	1,750	97
TN	2,240	2,310	103	1,180	1,220	103
TX	14,100	14,000	99	5,780	5,650	98
UT	800	830	104	410	430	105
VT	275	265	96	153	150	98
VA	1,660	1,620	98	830	810	98
WA	1,100	1,140	104	520	500	96
WV	410	420	102	217	225	104
WI	3,400	3,400	100	1,490	1,510	101
WY	1,430	1,430	100	765	770	101
US	96,701.5	97,002.9	100	42,056.4	42,023.2	100

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2006-2007 (continued)**

State	Beef Cows That Have Calved			Milk Cows That Have Calved		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<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	686	717	105	14	13	93
AK	6.1	6.5	107	0.8	0.6	75
AZ	185	175	95	170	175	103
AR	899	921	102	21	19	90
CA	680	700	103	1,770	1,790	101
CO	675	725	107	105	115	110
CT	5	7	140	20	19	95
DE	4	4	100	7	7	100
FL	916	950	104	134	130	97
GA	592	585	99	78	75	96
HI	87.4	85.2	97	4.6	3.8	83
ID	472	473	100	473	502	106
IL	446	427	96	104	103	99
IN	217	234	108	158	166	105
IA	1,053	1,070	102	187	210	112
KS	1,550	1,500	97	110	110	100
KY	1,118	1,207	108	102	93	91
LA	463	490	106	32	30	94
ME	12	11	92	32	32	100
MD	49	50	102	70	60	86
MA	8.0	6.5	81	16.0	15.5	97
MI	103	111	108	312	324	104
MN	390	405	104	445	455	102
MS	526	518	98	24	22	92
MO	2,206	2,146	97	114	114	100
MT	1,431	1,382	97	19	18	95
NE	1,930	1,940	101	60	60	100
NV	238	233	98	27	27	100
NH	4.0	4.0	100	16.0	14.5	91
NJ	9.5	8.5	89	11.5	10.5	91
NM	460	440	96	340	360	106
NY	78	112	144	652	628	96
NC	384	392	102	52	48	92
ND	937	939	100	33	31	94
OH	297	296	100	273	274	100
OK	2,075	2,000	96	75	70	93
OR	599	575	96	121	115	95
PA	152	150	99	558	550	99
RI	1.5	1.5	100	1.0	1.1	110
SC	208	203	98	17	17	100
SD	1,719	1,669	97	81	81	100
TN	1,110	1,153	104	70	67	96
TX	5,455	5,303	97	325	347	107
UT	325	344	106	85	86	101
VT	10	10	100	143	140	98
VA	727	710	98	103	100	97
WA	283	265	94	237	235	99
WV	204	212	104	13	13	100
WI	250	265	106	1,240	1,245	100
WY	758	763	101	7	7	100
US	32,993.5	32,894.2	100	9,062.9	9,129.0	101

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2006-2007 (continued)**

State	Heifers 500 Pounds and Over					
	Beef Cow Replacement		Milk Cow Replacement		Other	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<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	105	6	5	29	30
AK	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
AZ	30	33	44	50	19	17
AR	175	140	8	7	52	63
CA	120	125	790	790	180	170
CO	115	115	55	60	580	560
CT	1.5	2.0	11.0	10.0	0.5	0.5
DE	0.9	0.7	3.0	2.6	0.6	0.6
FL	140	145	40	30	20	30
GA	82	77	23	23	30	34
HI	15	15	2	1	5	5
ID	90	105	250	260	195	200
IL	70	65	52	52	158	158
IN	45	38	65	71	65	56
IA	140	160	120	120	640	680
KS	255	240	55	60	1,670	1,650
KY	180	190	50	40	100	120
LA	82	86	9	9	18	18
ME	4.0	4.0	18.0	16.0	2.0	1.0
MD	13	11	30	30	10	8
MA	2.0	2.0	8.5	7.0	0.5	1.0
MI	31	33	137	135	45	37
MN	95	100	265	270	170	175
MS	89	99	11	10	21	35
MO	340	330	70	70	260	270
MT	445	440	8	10	157	180
NE	295	330	15	20	1,470	1,470
NV	42	41	12	13	35	29
NH	1.5	1.0	8.5	6.5	0.5	0.5
NJ	2.0	2.0	6.0	5.0	2.0	2.0
NM	90	90	105	120	105	100
NY	25	36	325	335	40	49
NC	72	72	22	26	26	25
ND	157	202	19	18	190	220
OH	70	65	120	110	70	70
OK	410	405	20	15	530	510
OR	125	110	75	65	110	110
PA	40	40	275	270	45	65
RI	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.1
SC	40	35	6	7	10	12
SD	295	300	45	40	500	540
TN	185	180	40	40	85	90
TX	870	770	130	150	1,670	1,610
UT	60	65	45	45	65	60
VT	4	4	58	58	4	4
VA	125	120	40	40	63	70
WA	60	53	98	123	107	134
WV	38	39	4	4	25	24
WI	70	75	670	655	70	60
WY	175	180	5	5	155	145
US	5,903.5	5,877.4	4,275.0	4,309.9	9,805.4	9,898.8

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2006-2007 (continued)**

State	Steers 500 Pounds and Over		Bulls 500 Pounds and Over		Calves Under 500 Pounds	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<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	65	55	50	50	340	345
AK	1.1	1.1	2.4	2.9	3.3	3.2
AZ	340	340	22	20	130	130
AR	95	130	55	55	405	415
CA	635	665	75	70	1,200	1,190
CO	920	930	45	45	155	150
CT	2.0	2.5	1.0	1.0	11.0	11.0
DE	3.0	4.0	0.3	0.3	4.2	3.8
FL	20	20	60	60	350	365
GA	41	48	34	33	300	295
HI	7	8	5	5	35	35
ID	310	305	35	35	285	300
IL	250	280	25	25	225	230
IN	125	110	19	20	206	205
IA	1,100	1,160	70	70	490	480
KS	2,200	2,040	95	90	715	710
KY	205	220	75	80	550	510
LA	20	21	32	33	164	173
ME	4.0	3.5	1.5	1.5	18.5	17.0
MD	18	17	3	4	37	40
MA	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	9.0	9.0
MI	195	190	17	17	190	213
MN	450	460	35	35	500	520
MS	51	46	38	35	230	215
MO	450	460	130	120	930	940
MT	180	240	110	90	50	40
NE	2,310	2,450	100	100	320	280
NV	49	54	15	15	82	88
NH	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	6.5	6.5
NJ	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	7.0	7.0
NM	190	210	40	40	220	220
NY	28	34	17	16	235	210
NC	45	32	29	30	230	225
ND	225	260	59	58	100	122
OH	170	175	30	30	250	240
OK	1,190	1,110	140	140	1,010	1,000
OR	180	170	40	35	170	160
PA	150	160	25	25	345	340
RI	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.7
SC	10	11	17	17	102	98
SD	700	700	90	85	320	285
TN	125	135	75	75	550	570
TX	2,850	2,950	370	370	2,430	2,500
UT	105	105	20	20	95	105
VT	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	49.0	42.0
VA	165	130	42	40	395	410
WA	155	180	24	26	136	124
WV	38	40	14	15	74	73
WI	350	360	30	30	720	710
WY	200	190	45	45	85	95
US	16,933.1	17,222.0	2,262.8	2,215.4	15,465.3	15,456.2

Calf Crop: Number by State and United States, 2005-2006

State	2005	2006	2006 as % 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	630	650	103
AK	4.7	4.8	102
AZ	285	280	98
AR	800	810	101
CA	2,070	2,080	100
CO	760	790	104
CT	21	21	100
DE	9.0	8.5	94
FL	880	910	103
GA	550	540	98
HI	66	65	98
ID	900	930	103
IL	500	500	100
IN	330	350	106
IA	1,170	1,140	97
KS	1,490	1,450	97
KY	1,100	1,130	103
LA	395	415	105
ME	37	37	100
MD	85	81	95
MA	18	22	122
MI	350	365	104
MN	800	830	104
MS	465	440	95
MO	2,060	2,010	98
MT	1,470	1,450	99
NE	1,800	1,820	101
NV	210	205	98
NH	18	17	94
NJ	14	14	100
NM	600	600	100
NY	580	550	95
NC	400	410	103
ND	930	960	103
OH	470	480	102
OK	1,970	1,970	100
OR	660	650	98
PA	610	620	102
RI	2.4	2.4	100
SC	180	175	97
SD	1,720	1,720	100
TN	1,060	1,060	100
TX	5,130	5,000	97
UT	370	390	105
VT	130	119	92
VA	750	740	99
WA	440	455	103
WV	195	200	103
WI	1,350	1,350	100
WY	740	750	101
US	37,575.1	37,566.7	100

**Cattle and Calves: Total Number on Feed by State
and United States, January 1, 2006-2007 ¹**

State	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	334	334	100
AR	5	3	60
CA	550	550	100
CO	1,120	1,130	101
ID	280	265	95
IL	205	215	105
IN	115	110	96
IA	920	872	95
KS	2,550	2,620	103
KY	15	20	133
MD	12	10	83
MI	190	175	92
MN	290	285	98
MO	70	75	107
MT	55	55	100
NE	2,600	2,700	104
NV	8	8	100
NM	143	136	95
NY	18	20	111
NC	4	4	100
ND	60	60	100
OH	180	185	103
OK	375	355	95
OR	65	90	138
PA	75	75	100
SD	400	420	105
TN	8	7	88
TX	2,930	2,880	98
UT	30	30	100
VA	28	30	107
WA	155	187	121
WV	9	10	111
WI	230	240	104
WY	80	90	113
Oth Sts ²	22.9	22.7	99
US	14,131.9	14,268.7	101

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, 2006-2007**

Class	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Calves, Other Heifers and Steers Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas	2.10	2.60	124

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop
United States, July 1, 2005-2006¹**

Class	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	104,200	105,200	101
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,500	42,600	100
Beef Cows	33,450	33,450	100
Milk Cows	9,050	9,150	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,200	16,600	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,000	5,000	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,700	3,800	103
Other Heifers	7,500	7,800	104
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,500	15,000	103
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,900	28,900	100
Calf Crop	37,575	37,567	100
Cattle on Feed	12,000	12,500	104

¹ Revised.

**Calf Crop: Number and Percent of Total by Six Month Period,
United States, 2005-2006¹**

Period	2005		2006	
	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	27,300.0	72.7	27,350.0	72.8
Jul 1 - Dec 31	10,275.1	27.3	10,216.7	27.2
Total	37,575.1	100.0	37,566.7	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 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 97.0 million head by more than 0.6 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 425,000 head, ranging from 6,000 to 1,419,000 head. During this period the initial inventory estimate has been below the final estimate 8 times, and above the final estimate 12 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	955	425	6	1,419	12	8
All Cows	0.7	1.2	524	219	0	911	12	7
Calf Crop	0.7	1.2	449	188	0	630	10	9

¹ Based on data from January 1987 through January 2006.

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 errors would be about 1 percentage point higher if these were included.

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