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January 1 Cattle Inventory Up 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, 2 percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.3 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005.

- **Beef cows**, at 33.3 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2006, and the change from January 1, 2005, are as follows:

- **All heifers 500 pounds and over**, 20.0 million, up 2 percent.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 5.90 million, up 4 percent.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.28 million, up 4 percent.
- **Other heifers**, 9.80 million, up slightly.
- **Steers weighing 500 pounds and over**, 16.9 million, up 3 percent.
- **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over**, 2.26 million, up 2 percent.
- **Calves under 500 pounds**, 15.6 million, up 2 percent.
- **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.1 million, up 3 percent.
- The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** outside of feedlots was 28.2 million, up 2 percent.

Calf Crop up 1 Percent

The 2005 calf crop was estimated at 37.8 million head, up 1 percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2004.

Revisions

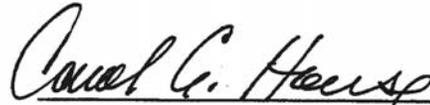
All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2004, January 1, 2005, and July 1, 2005, were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than one-half percent were made to previously released inventory estimates of all cattle, cows, steers, bulls, and calf crop. Revisions of less than one percent were made to heifers and calves.

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, 2005, were revised downward slightly based on the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys.

This report was approved on January 27, 2006.



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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
United States, January 1, 2005-2006 ¹**

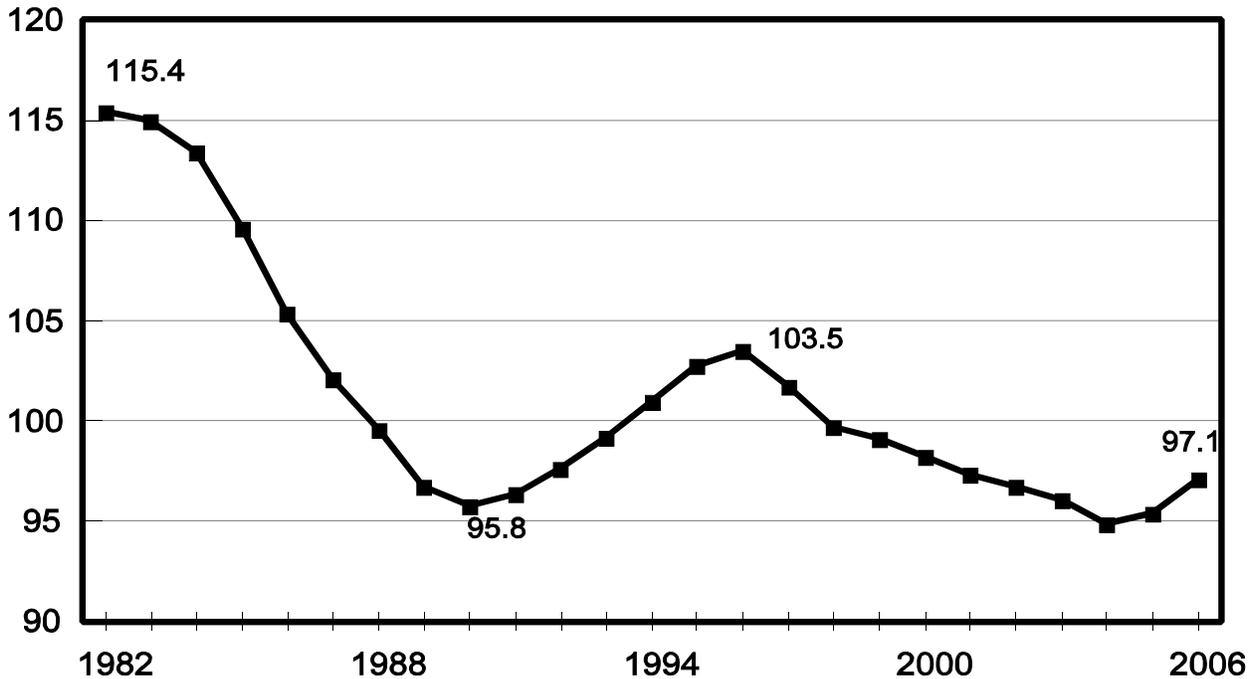
Class	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	95,438	97,102	102
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	41,920	42,311	101
Beef Cows	32,915	33,253	101
Milk Cows	9,005	9,058	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,573	19,978	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,691	5,905	104
Expected to Calve ²	3,496	3,574	102
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,118	4,278	104
Expected to Calve ²	2,815	2,890	103
Other Heifers	9,763	9,795	100
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,476	16,923	103
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,219	2,263	102
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,250	15,626	102
Cattle on Feed	13,745	14,132	103
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
Calf Crop	37,505	37,780	101

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year.

United States Cattle Inventory January 1, 1982-2006

Million Head



**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2005-2006**

State	All Cattle and Calves			All Cows That Have Calved		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<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	1,320	1,280	97	740	710	96
AK	14.5	15.5	107	6.6	6.9	105
AZ	910	940	103	340	355	104
AR	1,860	1,750	94	990	940	95
CA	5,400	5,500	102	2,460	2,470	100
CO	2,500	2,650	106	740	790	107
CT	56	52	93	27	25	93
DE	23	23	100	12	11	92
FL	1,710	1,690	99	1,070	1,060	99
GA	1,210	1,180	98	680	670	99
HI	155	161	104	87	92	106
ID	2,060	2,120	103	910	945	104
IL	1,370	1,340	98	565	550	97
IN	850	900	106	385	380	99
IA	3,600	3,800	106	1,200	1,240	103
KS	6,600	6,650	101	1,640	1,670	102
KY	2,250	2,400	107	1,210	1,230	102
LA	860	820	95	530	500	94
ME	92	92	100	45	44	98
MD	235	230	98	116	119	103
MA	48	47	98	24	24	100
MI	1,000	1,040	104	400	420	105
MN	2,400	2,350	98	855	835	98
MS	1,070	1,000	93	590	560	95
MO	4,400	4,550	103	2,240	2,350	105
MT	2,350	2,400	102	1,450	1,470	101
NE	6,350	6,550	103	1,970	1,990	101
NV	500	500	100	265	265	100
NH	40	39	98	20.0	20.0	100
NJ	44	42	95	22	21	95
NM	1,500	1,550	103	790	800	101
NY	1,410	1,410	100	730	730	100
NC	870	860	99	455	436	96
ND	1,710	1,720	101	980	970	99
OH	1,300	1,280	98	560	570	102
OK	5,350	5,450	102	2,090	2,150	103
OR	1,430	1,440	101	750	740	99
PA	1,620	1,610	99	720	710	99
RI	5.5	5.0	91	2.8	2.5	89
SC	435	415	95	240	230	96
SD	3,700	3,750	101	1,790	1,800	101
TN	2,170	2,240	103	1,150	1,180	103
TX	13,700	14,100	103	5,750	5,800	101
UT	860	820	95	435	420	97
VT	275	280	102	153	153	100
VA	1,640	1,690	103	810	850	105
WA	1,080	1,120	104	475	530	112
WV	405	410	101	210	217	103
WI	3,350	3,400	101	1,480	1,490	101
WY	1,350	1,440	107	760	770	101
US	95,438.0	97,101.5	102	41,920.4	42,311.4	101

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2005-2006 (continued)**

State	Beef Cows That Have Calved			Milk Cows That Have Calved		
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<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	724	696	96	16	14	88
AK	5.4	6.1	113	1.2	0.8	67
AZ	175	190	109	165	165	100
AR	964	919	95	26	21	81
CA	720	700	97	1,740	1,770	102
CO	639	685	107	101	105	104
CT	7	5	71	20	20	100
DE	4	4	100	8	7	88
FL	932	926	99	138	134	97
GA	596	592	99	84	78	93
HI	81.3	87.4	108	5.7	4.6	81
ID	475	472	99	435	473	109
IL	460	446	97	105	104	99
IN	230	222	97	155	158	102
IA	1,013	1,053	104	187	187	100
KS	1,530	1,560	102	110	110	100
KY	1,100	1,128	103	110	102	93
LA	494	468	95	36	32	89
ME	12	12	100	33	32	97
MD	43	49	114	73	70	96
MA	7	8	114	17	16	94
MI	93	108	116	307	312	102
MN	395	390	99	460	445	97
MS	564	536	95	26	24	92
MO	2,121	2,236	105	119	114	96
MT	1,432	1,451	101	18	19	106
NE	1,909	1,930	101	61	60	98
NV	240	238	99	25	27	108
NH	4.0	4.0	100	16.0	16.0	100
NJ	10	9	90	12	12	100
NM	472	460	97	318	340	107
NY	80	78	98	650	652	100
NC	400	384	96	55	52	95
ND	947	937	99	33	33	100
OH	294	297	101	266	273	103
OK	2,015	2,075	103	75	75	100
OR	630	619	98	120	121	101
PA	154	152	99	566	558	99
RI	1.7	1.5	88	1.1	1.0	91
SC	222	213	96	18	17	94
SD	1,710	1,719	101	80	81	101
TN	1,078	1,110	103	72	70	97
TX	5,432	5,475	101	318	325	102
UT	347	335	97	88	85	97
VT	10	10	100	143	143	100
VA	705	747	106	105	103	98
WA	240	293	122	235	237	101
WV	197	204	104	13	13	100
WI	245	250	102	1,235	1,240	100
WY	756	763	101	4	7	175
US	32,915.4	33,253.0	101	9,005.0	9,058.4	101

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2005-2006 (continued)**

State	Heifers 500 Pounds and Over					
	Beef Cow Replacement		Milk Cow Replacement		Other	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	100	85	7	6	33	29
AK	1.2	1.3	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2
AZ	28	30	42	44	22	19
AR	170	175	10	8	65	52
CA	130	120	760	790	190	180
CO	130	115	50	55	570	570
CT	2.0	1.5	11.0	11.0	1.0	0.5
DE	0.4	0.9	2.5	3.0	0.6	0.6
FL	145	140	40	40	20	20
GA	82	82	24	23	35	30
HI	15	15	2	2	5	5
ID	100	95	230	250	205	200
IL	65	70	55	52	150	158
IN	40	45	56	65	59	65
IA	120	140	100	120	580	630
KS	245	255	45	55	1,700	1,670
KY	170	180	45	50	100	100
LA	82	82	9	9	18	18
ME	4.5	4.0	19.0	18.0	1.5	2.0
MD	12	13	32	30	11	10
MA	2.0	2.0	8.5	8.5	0.5	0.5
MI	35	31	120	137	47	45
MN	95	95	270	265	190	170
MS	99	89	15	11	36	21
MO	290	340	65	70	275	260
MT	400	445	9	8	146	157
NE	300	295	20	15	1,470	1,490
NV	42	42	10	12	36	35
NH	1.5	1.5	9.0	8.5	0.5	0.5
NJ	3.0	2.0	6.0	6.0	2.0	2.0
NM	90	90	100	105	95	105
NY	27	25	305	325	48	40
NC	75	72	25	22	20	26
ND	147	157	18	19	210	190
OH	75	70	125	120	70	70
OK	375	410	15	20	550	530
OR	120	125	60	75	120	110
PA	40	40	275	275	55	50
RI	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.1
SC	38	40	7	6	15	10
SD	295	295	40	45	520	500
TN	195	185	40	40	75	85
TX	800	870	130	130	1,510	1,650
UT	65	60	45	45	70	65
VT	4	5	58	61	3	4
VA	125	125	43	40	72	63
WA	50	60	102	98	118	107
WV	45	38	4	4	21	25
WI	70	70	650	670	80	70
WY	145	175	3	5	142	155
US	5,690.9	5,904.5	4,118.3	4,278.0	9,763.4	9,795.4

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2005-2006 (continued)**

State	Steers 500 Pounds and Over		Bulls 500 Pounds and Over		Calves Under 500 Pounds	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<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	60	45	50	350	340
AK	1.2	1.1	1.9	2.4	2.9	3.3
AZ	330	340	23	22	125	130
AR	110	95	55	55	460	425
CA	670	645	70	75	1,120	1,220
CO	840	910	40	45	130	165
CT	2.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	11.5	11.0
DE	3.5	3.0	0.3	0.3	3.7	4.2
FL	20	20	60	60	355	350
GA	49	41	35	34	305	300
HI	7	7	5	5	34	35
ID	325	310	35	35	255	285
IL	275	255	25	25	235	230
IN	105	120	20	19	185	206
IA	1,020	1,100	70	70	510	500
KS	2,140	2,180	95	95	735	725
KY	190	205	75	75	460	560
LA	22	20	32	32	167	159
ME	3.5	4.0	1.5	1.5	17.0	18.5
MD	18	18	4	3	42	37
MA	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	10.0	9.0
MI	200	195	18	17	180	195
MN	440	450	40	35	510	500
MS	53	51	42	38	235	230
MO	460	460	120	130	950	940
MT	205	160	90	110	50	50
NE	2,180	2,340	100	100	310	320
NV	49	49	15	15	83	82
NH	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	7.0	6.5
NJ	3	3	1	1	7	7
NM	150	190	45	40	230	220
NY	34	28	16	17	250	245
NC	41	45	29	29	225	230
ND	230	220	55	59	70	105
OH	183	170	32	30	255	250
OK	1,180	1,180	130	140	1,010	1,020
OR	165	180	40	40	175	170
PA	170	160	25	25	335	350
RI	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.8
SC	13	10	18	17	104	102
SD	710	700	85	90	260	320
TN	115	125	75	75	520	550
TX	2,720	2,850	370	370	2,420	2,430
UT	110	105	22	20	113	105
VT	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	50.0	50.0
VA	150	170	40	42	400	400
WA	170	150	23	24	142	151
WV	35	38	15	14	75	74
WI	360	350	30	30	680	720
WY	165	200	45	45	90	90
US	16,475.8	16,923.1	2,219.3	2,262.8	15,249.9	15,626.3

Calf Crop: Number by State and United States, 2004-2005

State	2004	2005	2005 as % 2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	670	630	94
AK	4.4	4.7	107
AZ	275	285	104
AR	850	820	96
CA	2,070	2,080	100
CO	740	770	104
CT	23	21	91
DE	8.5	9.0	106
FL	900	880	98
GA	560	550	98
HI	63	66	105
ID	880	900	102
IL	510	500	98
IN	340	330	97
IA	1,100	1,170	106
KS	1,480	1,500	101
KY	1,040	1,110	107
LA	415	400	96
ME	38	37	97
MD	98	85	87
MA	19	18	95
MI	335	355	106
MN	820	800	98
MS	490	470	96
MO	2,040	2,080	102
MT	1,520	1,480	97
NE	1,800	1,800	100
NV	210	210	100
NH	18	18	100
NJ	16	14	88
NM	600	600	100
NY	600	590	98
NC	410	400	98
ND	960	930	97
OH	470	470	100
OK	1,900	1,980	104
OR	700	670	96
PA	650	620	95
RI	2.5	2.4	96
SC	195	185	95
SD	1,720	1,720	100
TN	1,020	1,060	104
TX	5,000	5,150	103
UT	390	380	97
VT	125	135	108
VA	720	760	106
WA	430	450	105
WV	190	195	103
WI	1,340	1,350	101
WY	750	740	99
US	37,505.4	37,780.1	101

**Cattle and Calves: Total Number on Feed by State
and United States, January 1, 2005-2006 ¹**

State	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	331	334	101
AR	10	5	50
CA	535	550	103
CO	1,100	1,120	102
ID	300	280	93
IL	210	205	98
IN	125	115	92
IA	920	920	100
KS	2,460	2,550	104
KY	10	15	150
MD	12	12	100
MI	190	190	100
MN	290	290	100
MO	70	70	100
MT	60	55	92
NE	2,470	2,600	105
NV	10	8	80
NM	126	143	113
NY	23	18	78
NC	4	4	100
ND	60	60	100
OH	200	180	90
OK	355	375	106
OR	80	65	81
PA	75	75	100
SD	400	400	100
TN	5	8	160
TX	2,720	2,930	108
UT	35	30	86
VA	30	28	93
WA	195	155	79
WV	7	9	129
WI	225	230	102
WY	80	80	100
Oth Sts ²	21.7	22.9	106
US	13,744.7	14,131.9	103

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, 2005-2006**

Class	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Calves, Other Heifers and Steers Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas	3.10	2.10	68

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop
United States, July 1, 2004-2005 ¹**

Class	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	103,400	104,500	101
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,400	42,800	101
Beef Cows	33,400	33,750	101
Milk Cows	9,000	9,050	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	15,950	16,200	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,800	5,000	104
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	103
Other Heifers	7,550	7,500	99
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,200	14,400	101
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,050	2,100	102
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,800	29,000	101
Calf Crop	37,505	37,780	101
Cattle on Feed	11,800	12,000	102

¹ Revised.

**Calf Crop: Number and Percent of Total by Six Month Period,
United States, 2004-2005 ¹**

Period	2004		2005	
	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	72.8	27,430.0	72.6
Jul 1 - Dec 31	10,205.4	27.2	10,350.1	27.4
Total	37,505.4	100.0	37,780.1	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 79 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 97.1 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 409,000 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	944	409	6	1,419	12	8
All Cows	0.7	1.2	518	209	0	911	11	8
Calf Crop	0.7	1.2	445	178	0	630	9	10

¹ Based on data from January 1986 through January 2005.

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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