

ARKANSAS FARM REPORT

MILK PRODUCTION CATTLE INVENTORY



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This report contains the results of the July 1 Milk Production and July 1 Cattle and Calves Surveys conducted during the first half of July 2005. Cattle and calves estimates are published for U.S. only and Arkansas data are included in the U.S. total. More detailed national reports for both surveys are available separately on the NASS website at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for the surveys.

SECOND QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION AND MILK COWS DOWN

ARKANSAS Milk production during the April-June 2005 quarter totaled 82 million pounds, 4 percent below the 85 million pounds produced during the same period in 2004.

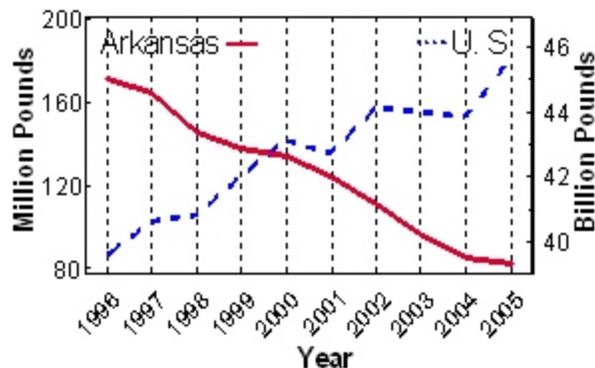
The average number of milk cows on farms during the April-June period was estimated at 23,000 head, down 1,000 head from the same quarter a year earlier.

QUARTERLY MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, 2003-2005, ARKANSAS AND U. S.

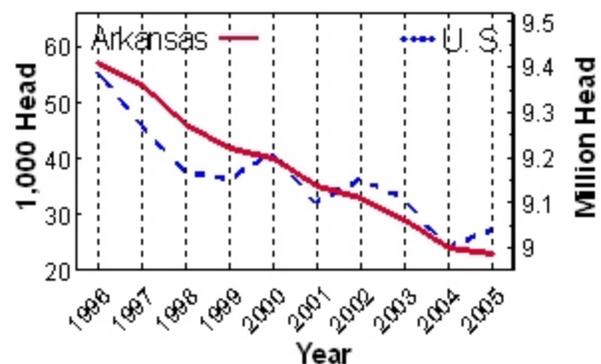
Item/ Quarter	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		2004	2005	% Chg.	2004	2005	% Chg.
MILK COWS¹							
January-March	Thousand Head	25	23	-8	8,993	8,996	0
April-June	Thousand Head	24	23	-4	9,001	9,035	0
MILK PRODUCTION²							
January-March	Million Pounds	86	82	-5	42,759	43,242	+1
April-June	Million Pounds	85	82	-4	43,824	45,633	+4
Item/Previous Year Quarter	Unit	2003	2004	% Chg.	2003	2004	% Chg.
MILK COWS¹							
July-September	Thousand Head	28	26	-7	9,073	9,031	0
October-December	Thousand Head	27	23	-15	9,011	9,019	0
MILK PRODUCTION²							
July-September	Million Pounds	79	72	-9	41,746	42,174	+1
October-December	Million Pounds	80	73	-9	41,550	41,893	+1

¹Average number includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

Milk Production, April-June Quarter
Arkansas and U. S., 1996-2005



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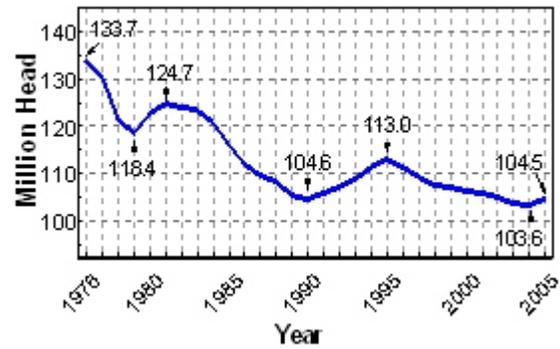


U. S. JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2005, totaled 104.5 million head, up 1 percent from July 1, 2004. **All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 42.8 million head, were up 1 percent; **beef cows** were up 1 percent, and **milk cows** were also up 1 percent from July 1, 2004.

The 2005 calf crop is expected to be 37.8 million head, up slightly from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year were estimated at 27.5 million head, up slightly from the same period last year.

U. S. CATTLE INVENTORY, JULY 1, 1976-2005



U. S. CATTLE INVENTORY BY CLASS, JULY 1, 2003 - 2005

Class	2003	2004	2005	% Chg. 2004-2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	103,900	103,600	104,500	+1
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,700	42,500	42,800	+1
Beef Cows That Have Calved	33,600	33,500	33,750	+1
Milk Cows That Have Calved	9,100	9,000	9,050	+1
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	15,900	15,950	16,200	+2
Beef Cow Replacement Heifers	4,600	4,800	5,000	+4
Milk Cow Replacement Heifers	3,600	3,600	3,700	+3
Other Heifers	7,700	7,550	7,500	-1
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,200	14,200	14,400	+1
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,100	2,050	2,100	+2
Calves Under 500 Lbs.	29,000	28,900	29,000	0
Cattle on Feed	11,810	11,800	12,000	+2

CALF CROP: NUMBER AND PERCENT OF TOTAL BY SIX-MONTH PERIOD AND ANNUAL TOTAL

Period	2003		2004		2005 (Preliminary)	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
January 1 - June 30	27,700	73.1	27,400	72.8	27,450	72.6
July 1 - December 31	10,203	26.9	10,225	27.2	10,350	27.4
TOTAL	37,903	100.0	37,625	100.0	37,800	100.0