

Arkansas

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 2006. 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 2006 quarter totaled 74 million pounds, 8 percent below the 80 million pounds produced during the same period in 2005.

The average number of **milk cows** on farms during the April-June period was estimated at 21,000 head, down 2,000 head from the same quarter a year earlier.

QUARTERLY MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, 2004-2006, ARKANSAS AND U. S.

Item/ Quarter	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		2005	2006	% Chg.	2005	2006	% Chg.
MILK COWS¹							
January-March	<i>Thousand Head</i>	23	21	-9	9,002	9,094	+1
April-June	<i>Thousand Head</i>	23	21	-9	9,041	9,134	+1
MILK PRODUCTION²							
January-March	<i>Million Pounds</i>	77	71	-8	43,350	45,553	+5
April-June	<i>Million Pounds</i>	80	74	-8	45,831	46,896	+2
Item/Previous Year Quarter	Unit	2004	2005	% Chg.	2004	2005	% Chg.
MILK COWS¹							
July-September	<i>Thousand Head</i>	24	22	-8	9,027	9,054	0
October-December	<i>Thousand Head</i>	23	21	-9	9,019	9,050	0
MILK PRODUCTION²							
July-September	<i>Million Pounds</i>	74	67	-10	42,239	43,984	+4
October-December	<i>Million Pounds</i>	73	64	-12	41,983	43,605	+4

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

U. S. JULY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2006, totaled 105.7 million head, 1 percent above the 104.5 million on July 1, 2005. **All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 43.0 million, were up slightly from the 42.8 million on July 1, 2005 ; **beef cows** were up slightly, and **milk cows** were also up 1 percent from July 1, 2005.

The 2006 calf crop is expected to be 37.9 million, up slightly from 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.6 million, up 1 percent from 2005.

U. S. CATTLE INVENTORY BY CLASS, JULY 1, 2004 - 2006

Class	2004	2005	2006	% Chg. 2005-2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	103,400	104,500	105,700	+1
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,400	42,800	43,000	0
Beef Cows That Have Calved	33,400	33,750	33,850	0
Milk Cows That Have Calved	9,000	9,050	9,150	+1
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	15,950	16,200	16,500	+2
Beef Cow Replacement Heifers	4,800	5,000	5,000	0
Milk Cow Replacement Heifers	3,600	3,700	3,800	+3
Other Heifers	7,550	7,500	7,700	+3
Steers 500 Lbs. and Over	14,200	14,400	14,900	+3
Bulls 500 Lbs. and Over	2,050	2,100	2,100	0
Calves Under 500 Lbs.	28,800	29,000	29,200	1
Cattle on Feed	11,800	12,000	12,500	+4

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

Period	2004		2005		2006 (Preliminary)	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
January 1 - June 30	27,300	72.8	27,430	72.6	27,600	72.8
July 1 - December 31	10,205	27.2	10,350	27.4	10,300	27.2
TOTAL	37,505	100.0	37,780	100.0	37,900	100.0