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Milk Production, Cattle, Goat, and Sheep Report



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This report contains the results from the July 2007, *Milk Production, Cattle and Sheep and Goat Reports* conducted during the first half of July. The data are also posted on our Web site at the Internet address above, and for more detailed U.S. statistics visit <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

Arkansas Milk Production U.S. Cattle, Goat, and Sheep Inventory

Milk Production: Arkansas milk production during the April-June 2007 quarter was 60 million pounds, down 15 percent from the same period in 2006, and down 2 percent from the January-March quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms continued to decline during the quarter, down to 17,500 head. This is 2,500 head less than the same period last year, and down 500 head from the previous quarter. Nationally, milk production continues to increase from last year, however, the number of milk cows declined slightly.

Cattle: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2007, totaled 105 million head, slightly below July 1, 2006. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.5 million, were down slightly from the 42.6 million on July 1, 2006; beef cows were down slightly, and milk cows were unchanged from July 1, 2006. The 2007 calf crop is expected to be 37.4 million, down slightly from 2006 and 2005.

Goats: On July 1, 2007, all goat inventory in the United States totaled 3.6 million head, up 4 percent from the previous July. Milk goat inventory was up 5 percent to a total of 335,000 head. Meat and all other goat inventory was also up 5 percent to a total of 3 million head.

Sheep: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2007, totaled 7.7 million head, down 40,000 head from July 1, 2006.

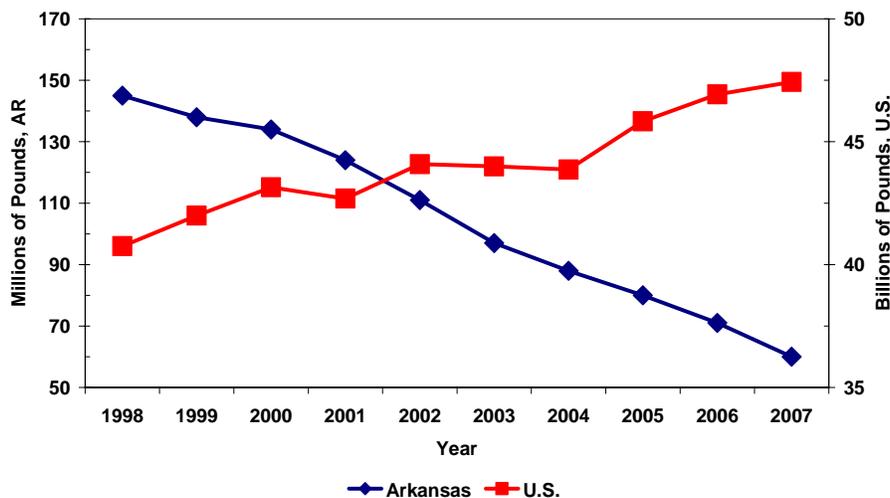
Quarterly Milk Cows and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2005-2007

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2005	2006	2007	% Change from '06	2005	2006	2007	% Change from '06
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1st Quarter, January-March	23	21	18.0	- 14	9,002	9,092	9,130	-
2nd Quarter, April-June	23	20	17.5	- 13	9,041	9,128	9,126	-
3rd Quarter, July-September	22	20			9,060	9,113		
4th Quarter, October-December	21	19			9,064	9,115		
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1st Quarter, January-March	77	71	61	- 14	43,350	45,547	46,006	+ 1
2nd Quarter, April-June	80	71	60	- 15	45,831	46,930	47,435	+ 1
3rd Quarter, July-September	73	61			44,134	44,710		
4th Quarter, October-December	67	62			43,659	44,611		

¹ Average number includes dry cows; excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

Quarterly Milk Production, April-June, Arkansas and U.S., 1998-2007



U.S. Cattle Inventory by Class, July 1, 2005-2007

Class ¹	2005	2006	2007	% Change from '06
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			
All Cattle and Calves	104,200	105,200	104,800	-
All Cows and Heifers that have calved	42,500	42,600	42,500	-
Beef Cows	33,450	33,450	33,350	-
Milk Cows	9,050	9,150	9,150	-
All Heifers 500 pounds and over	16,200	16,600	16,600	-
Beef Replacement Heifers	5,000	5,000	4,700	- 6
Milk Replacement Heifers	3,700	3,800	3,900	+ 3
Other Heifers	7,500	7,800	8,000	+ 3
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,500	15,000	14,900	- 1
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	-
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,900	28,900	28,700	- 1
Cattle and Calves on Feed ²	12,000	12,500	12,300	- 2
	2005	2006	2007	% Change from '06
Calf Crop	<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Calf Crop During Year	37,575	37,567	37,400	-

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.

²Cattle 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.

U.S. Goat and Sheep Inventory, July 1, 2005-2007

Animal & Class	2005	2006	2007	% Change from '06
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			
All Goats	3,350	3,465	3,595	+ 4
Angora Goats	290	285	260	- 9
Meat and Other Goats	2,740	2,860	3,000	+ 5
Milk Goats	320	320	335	+ 5
Sheep	7,800	7,770	7,730	- 1