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This report contains the results from the *2008 July Milk Production, Cattle and Sheep and Goat Reports*. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

Quarterly Milk Production Down 7 Percent in Arkansas U.S. Cattle and Sheep July 1 Inventories Down from 2007, Goats Up 4 Percent

Milk Production: Arkansas milk production during the April-June 2008 quarter was 56 million pounds, down 7 percent from the same period in 2007, but up 4 percent from the January-March quarter. The average number of milk cows on farms during the quarter continued to decline, down to 16,000 head. This is 1,500 head fewer than the same period last year, and down 500 head from the previous quarter. Nationally, the number of cows and milk production and number of milk cows continued to increase from last year.

Cattle: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2008, totaled 104.3 million head, slightly below July 1, 2007. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.4 million, were down slightly from the 42.5 million on July 1, 2007; beef cows were down 1 percent, but milk cows were up 1 percent from July 1, 2007. The 2008 calf crop is expected to be 37.3 million, down slightly from 2007.

Goats: On July 1, 2008, all goat inventory in the United States totaled 3.73 million head, up 4 percent from the previous July. Milk goat inventory was up 4 percent to a total of 350,000 head. Meat and all other goat inventory was up 5 percent to a total of 3.15 million head.

Sheep: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2008, totaled 7.35 million head, down 250,000 head from July 1, 2007.

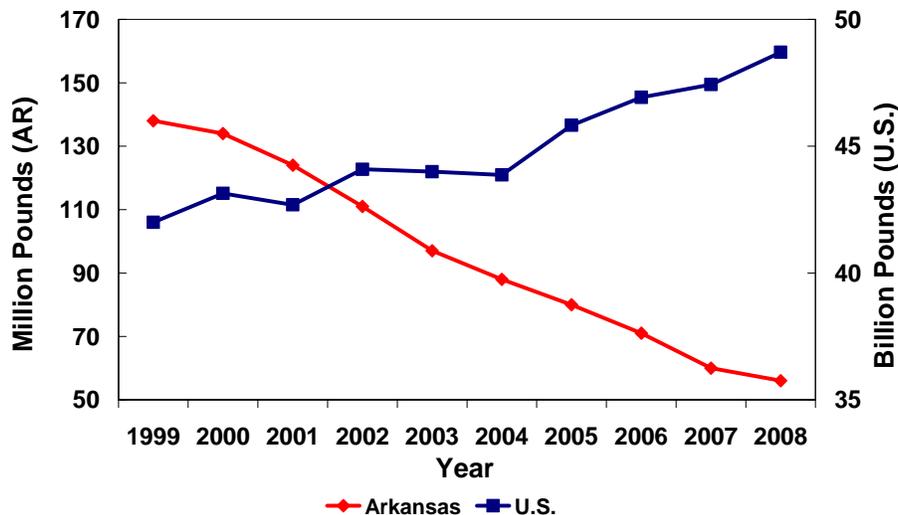
Quarterly Milk Cows and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2006-2008

Item/Period	Arkansas				United States			
	2006	2007	2008	% Change from '07	2006	2007	2008	% Change from '07
Milk Cows¹	<i>Thousand Head</i>				<i>Thousand Head</i>			
1st Quarter, January-March	20	18.0	16.5	- 8	9,091	9,138	9,249	+ 1
2nd Quarter, April-June	20	17.5	16.0	- 9	9,128	9,138	9,274	+ 1
3rd Quarter, July-September	19	17.0			9,113	9,159		
4th Quarter, October-December	19	17.0			9,116	9,198		
Milk Production²	<i>Million Pounds</i>				<i>Million Pounds</i>			
1st Quarter, January-March	69	61	54	- 11	45,550	46,058	47,541	+ 3
2nd Quarter, April-June	71	60	56	- 7	46,936	47,419	48,703	+ 3
3rd Quarter, July-September	58	49			44,691	46,110		
4th Quarter, October-December	60	50			44,619	46,015		

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

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

Quarterly Milk Production, Arkansas and U.S.,
April-June, 1999-2008



U.S. Cattle Inventory by Class, July 1, 2006-2008

Class ¹	2006	2007	2008	% Change from '07
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			
All Cattle and Calves	105,200	104,800	104,300	- <0.5
All Cows and Heifers that have calved	42,600	42,500	42,400	- <0.5
Beef Cows	33,450	33,350	33,150	- 1
Milk Cows	9,150	9,150	9,250	+ 1
All Heifers 500 pounds and over	16,600	16,600	16,500	- 1
Beef Replacement Heifers	5,000	4,700	4,600	- 2
Milk Replacement Heifers	3,800	3,900	3,900	-
Other Heifers	7,800	8,000	8,000	-
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	15,000	14,900	14,700	- 1
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	-
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,900	28,700	28,600	- <0.5
Cattle and Calves on Feed ²	12,500	12,300	11,700	- 5
Calf Crop	2006	2007	2008	% Change from '07
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Calf Crop During Year	37,519	37,361	37,250	- <0.5

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² 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 class.

U.S. Goat and Sheep Inventory, July 1, 2006-2008

Animal & Class	2006	2007	2008	% Change from '07
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			
All Goats	3,465	3,595	3,730	+ 4
Angora Goats	285	260	230	- 12
Meat and Other Goats	2,860	3,000	3,150	+ 5
Milk Goats	320	335	350	+ 4
All Sheep and Lambs	7,770	7,600	7,350	- 3