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**Idaho Cattle Industry Suffers A \$1.25 Million Predator Death Loss**

Predators caused Idaho cattle producers to lose an estimated 500 mature (exceeding 500 pounds) head of cattle and 2,000 calves, valued at \$1.25 million in 2005, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average value per head of mature cattle was \$985 and the average value per calf was \$378. The primary cause of death loss was coyotes which contributed to 600 calf deaths. Mountain lions, bobcats, and dogs caused 300 calf deaths. Other or unknown predators (which could include some additional deaths due to coyotes) accounted for 500 cattle and 1,100 calf deaths.

For the United States in 2005, cattle death losses due to predators are estimated at 34,000 and calf death losses are estimated at 156,000 resulting in a loss of \$92.7 million to farmers and ranchers. The total value of cattle and calf death losses due to predators reached \$31.6 million and \$61.1 million, respectively. The primary predator cause of death at the national level was also coyotes.

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