

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle numbers on Minnesota farms on January 1, 2005, were unchanged from the January 1, 2004 inventory. Minnesota's 2004 calf crop at 830,000 was down 2 percent from 2003. Meanwhile, sheep and lambs were up 4 percent from the January 1, 2004 inventory. The inventory of all hogs on December 1, 2004, was unchanged from a year earlier. Annual farrowings, at 1,140,000, were 4 percent above the previous year. A pig crop of 10,302,000 was produced in the state during 2004, up 5 percent from 2003. The average annual litter rate of 9.04 was up from 8.91 in 2003. All chickens on farms were down 3 percent from a year earlier.

The combined value of all livestock and poultry on Minnesota farms was \$3.1 billion at the end of 2004. All cattle and calves, valued at \$2.3 billion, were up 13 percent from a year earlier. The value of hogs on hand on December 1, 2004, accounted for \$780 million, up 52 percent; all sheep and lambs, \$19.1 million, up 13 percent; and all chickens, \$20.3 million, down 1 percent from last year.

The number of cattle operations was down 1,000 from last year while hog operations dropped 700 from 2003. Operations with milk cows decreased 500 and beef cow operations were down 100. All sheep operations were down 100 from the previous year.



LIVESTOCK: January 1 Inventory, Minnesota, 2001-2005

Year	All Cattle	Cattle on Feed	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs 1/	All Sheep
			<u>1,000 Head</u>			
2001	2,550	290	520	410	5,800	170
2002	2,500	285	500	400	5,800	160
2003	2,450	300	480	400	6,100	150
2004	2,400	310	465	395	6,500	140
2005	2,400	290	460	395	6,500	145

1/ Inventory as of December 1 previous year.

LIVESTOCK: Number of Operations, Minnesota, 2000-2004 1/

Year	Number of Operations With:				
	All Cattle	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs	All Sheep
			<u>Operations</u>		
2000	30,000	8,500	15,800	7,300	3,000
2001	29,000	7,800	15,500	6,500	2,900
2002	29,000	7,200	15,500	5,800	2,800
2003	28,000	6,600	15,300	5,700	2,700
2004	27,000	6,100	15,200	5,000	2,600

1/ An operation is any farm having one or more head of livestock on hand at any time during the year. Some farms will be in more than one category.