

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

The number of cattle on Minnesota farms on January 1, 2007, was up 3 percent from the January 1, 2006, inventory. Minnesota's calf crop, at 830,000, was 4 percent larger than 2006. Sheep and lambs inventory was down 3 percent from January 1, 2006. The inventory of all hogs on December 1, 2006, was up 3 percent from a year earlier. During 2006, 1,105,000 sows farrowed, 2 percent less than the previous year. A pig crop of 10,223,000 pigs was produced in the state during 2006, down 1 percent from 2005. The average annual litter rate of 9.25 pigs per sow was up from 9.20 in 2005. The number of chickens on farms was 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 2006. The value of all cattle and calves, at \$2.3 billion, was down 4 percent from a year earlier. The value of hogs on hand on December 1, 2006, accounted for \$748 million, down 6 percent; all sheep and lambs, \$20.9 million, down 8 percent; and all chickens, \$22.8 million, down 3 percent from last year.

The number of cattle operations was down by 1,000 from last year while the number of hog operations dropped by 100 from 2005. The number of operations with milk cows and the number with beef cows were both down by 400. The number of sheep operations was down by 100 from the previous year.



LIVESTOCK: January 1 Inventory, Minnesota, 2003-2007

Year	All Cattle	Cattle on Feed	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs 1/	All Sheep
			1,000 Head			
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
2006	2,350	290	445	390	6,600	155
2007	2,420	285	455	405	6,800	150

1/ Inventory as of December 1 the previous year.

LIVESTOCK: Number of Operations, Minnesota, 2002-2006 1/

Year	Number of Operations With:				
	All Cattle	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs	All Sheep
			Operations		
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
2005	26,000	5,800	15,000	4,900	2,600
2006	25,000	5,400	14,600	4,800	2,500

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.