

## LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

The number of cattle on Minnesota farms on January 1, 2008, was down 1 percent from the January 1, 2007, inventory. Minnesota's calf crop, at 840,000, was 1 percent larger than 2007. Sheep and lambs inventory was down 3 percent from January 1, 2007. The inventory of all hogs on December 1, 2007, was up 4 percent from a year earlier. During 2007, 1,135,000 sows farrowed, 2 percent higher than the previous year. A pig crop of 10,586,000 pigs was produced in the state during 2007, up 3 percent from 2006. The average annual litter rate of 9.33 pigs per sow was up from 9.24 in 2006. The number of chickens on farms was down 4 percent from a year earlier.

The combined value of all livestock and poultry on Minnesota farms was \$3.3 billion at the end of 2007. The value of all cattle and calves, at \$2.6 billion, was up 13 percent from a year earlier. The value of hogs on hand on December 1, 2007, accounted for \$638 million, down 15 percent, while all sheep and lambs, at \$21.0 million, was up slightly. The value of all chicken inventory was \$23.3 million, up 2 percent from last year.

The number of cattle operations, at 25,000, was the same as last year while the number of hog operations dropped by 100 from 2006. The number of operations with milk cows were down 200 and the number of beef cows remained the same. The number of sheep operations was up by 100 from the previous year.



### LIVESTOCK: January 1 Inventory, Minnesota, 2004-2008

Year	All Cattle	Cattle on Feed	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs 1/	All Sheep
			<u>1,000 Head</u>			
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	6,900	150
2008	2,400	305	463	397	7,200	145

1/ Inventory as of December 1 the previous year.

### LIVESTOCK: Number of Operations, Minnesota, 2003-2007 1/

Year	Number of Operations With:				
	All Cattle	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs	All Sheep
			<u>Operations</u>		
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
2007	25,000	5,200	14,600	4,700	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.