



Minnesota Ag News – Cattle

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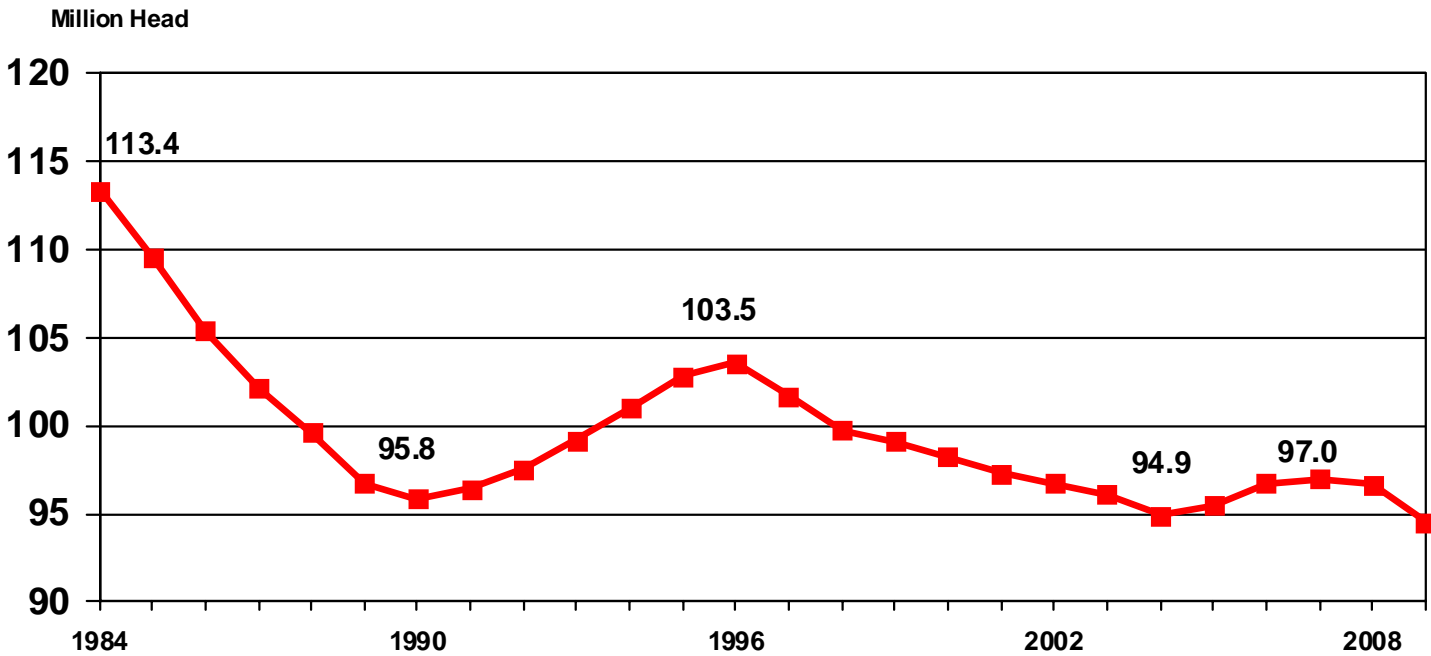
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U.S. CATTLE INVENTORIES DOWN, MINNESOTA UNCHANGED

Minnesota cattle and calves inventory was 2,400,000 head on January 1, 2009, unchanged from the January 1, 2008 inventory, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The U.S. inventory, at 94.5 million head, was down two percent from the previous year.

Minnesota cows and heifers that have calved totaled 860,000 head on January 1, 2009, unchanged from last year. Beef cows in the state, at 392,000 head, were down 1 percent and milk cows, at 468,000 head, were up 1 percent from a year ago. Nationally, the total cows and heifers that have calved were 41 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago. Beef cows, at 31.7 million head, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2008 and milk cows, at 9.33 million head, were up 1 percent from last year.

U.S. Cattle Inventory January 1



ITEM	MINNESOTA			UNITED STATES		
	(Thousands)		2009 as % of 2008	(Thousands)		2009 as % of 2008
	2008	2009		2008	2009	
All Cattle & Calves	2,400	2,400	100	96,035	94,491	98
All Cows	860	860	100	41,692	41,005	98
Beef Cows	397	392	99	32,435	31,671	98
Milk Cows	463	468	101	9,257	9,333	101
All Heifers 500 Lbs.+	545	545	100	19,854	19,586	99
Beef Replacement Heifers	100	95	95	5,647	5,526	98
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		3,414	3,357	98
Milk Replacement Heifers	270	285	106	4,415	4,410	100
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		2,923	2,909	100
Other Heifers	175	165	94	9,793	9,650	99
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	445	440	99	17,163	16,774	98
Bulls 500 Lbs. & Over	40	40	100	2,207	2,184	99
Calves Under 500 Lbs.	510	515	101	15,118	14,943	99
Cattle & Calves on Feed	325	280	86	14,827	13,851	93
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
Calf Crop	840	840	100	36,759	36,113	98