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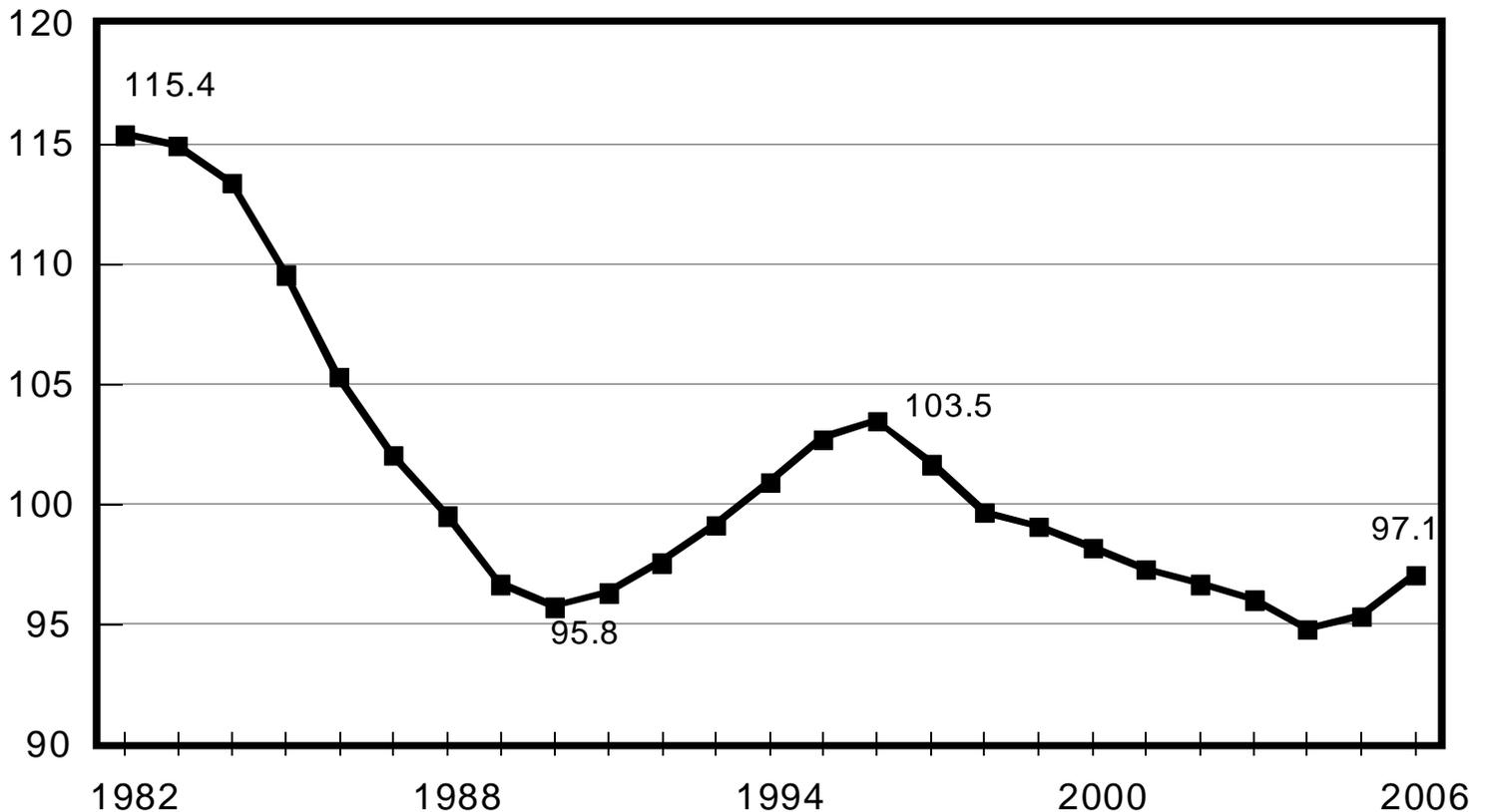
MINNESOTA CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT, US INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

Minnesota cattle and calves inventory was 2,350,000 head on January 1, 2006, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2005 inventory, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The U.S. inventory at 97.1 million head was up 2 percent from the previous year.

Minnesota cows and heifers that have calved totaled 835,000 head on January 1, 2006, 2 percent below last year. Beef cows in the state, at 390,000 head, were down 1 percent and milk cows, at 445,000 head, were down 3 percent from a year ago. Nationally, the total cows and heifers that have calved were 42.3 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago. Beef cows, at 33.3 million head, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005 and milk cows, at 9.06 million head, were up 1 percent from last year.

United States Cattle Inventory
January 1, 1982-2006

Million Head



ITEM	MINNESOTA			UNITED STATES		
	(Thousands)		2006 as % of 2005	(Thousands)		2006 as % of 2005
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
All Cattle & Calves	2,400	2,350	98	95,438	97,102	102
All Cows	855	835	98	41,920	42,311	101
Beef Cows	395	390	99	32,915	33,253	101
Milk Cows	460	445	97	9,005	9,058	101
All Heifers 500 Lbs.+	555	530	95	19,573	19,978	102
Beef Replacement Heifers	95	95	100	5,691	5,905	104
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		3,496	3,574	102
Milk Replacement Heifers	270	265	98	4,118	4,278	104
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		2,815	2,890	103
Other Heifers	190	170	89	9,763	9,795	100
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	440	450	102	16,476	16,923	103
Bulls 500 Lbs. & Over	40	35	88	2,219	2,263	102
Heifers, Steers, & Bulls Under 500 Lbs.	510	500	98	15,250	15,626	102
Cattle & Calves on Feed	290	290	100	13,745	14,132	103
			2005 as % of 2004			2005 as % of 2004
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
Calf Crop	820	800	98	37,505	37,780	101