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FARM NUMBERS

The 2006 total number of farms in Minnesota is estimated at 79,300, down 300 farms from 2005, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The number of farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 economic sales class is down 300 from 2005. Farms with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 economic sales class are down 200 from 2005. Farms in the \$100,000-\$249,000 sales class remain unchanged from 2005 at 9,900.

A farm is defined as any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Government payments are included as sales.

**NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND AVERAGE SIZE:
 Minnesota, 1994-2006 1/**

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size of Farms
	Number	1,000 Acres	Acres
1994	84,500	29,500	349
1995	83,000	29,400	354
1996	82,000	29,200	356
1997	81,000	29,100	359
1998	80,000	28,600	357
1999	81,000	28,200	348
2000	81,000	27,900	344
2001	81,000	27,800	343
2002	80,900	27,800	344
2003	80,000	27,700	346
2004	79,600	27,600	347
2005	79,600	27,500	345
2006	79,300	27,400	346

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**NUMBER OF FARMS: By Economic Sales Class
 Minnesota, 2000-2006**

Year	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000 & Over	Total
	Number					
2000	32,100	28,400	11,600	5,500	3,400	81,000
2001	33,900	27,100	10,900	5,400	3,700	81,000
2002	35,400	26,200	10,000	5,400	3,900	80,900
2003	35,200	25,500	10,000	5,400	3,900	80,000
2004	34,800	25,500	9,900	5,400	4,000	79,600
2005	34,800	25,400	9,900	5,500	4,000	79,600
2006	34,500	25,200	9,900	5,600	4,100	79,300

**LAND IN FARMS: By Economic Sales Class
 Minnesota, 2000-2006**

Year	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$249,999	\$250,000-\$499,999	\$500,000 & Over	Total
	1,000 Acres					
2000	3,210	7,500	6,400	5,390	5,400	27,900
2001	3,220	7,200	6,200	5,380	5,800	27,800
2002	3,290	6,830	5,900	5,380	6,400	27,800
2003	3,070	6,850	5,920	5,410	6,450	27,700
2004	3,000	6,700	5,900	5,400	6,600	27,600
2005	2,950	6,550	5,900	5,400	6,700	27,500
2006	2,800	6,500	5,900	5,400	6,800	27,400

(Over)

Number of Livestock Operations Continued Decline

The number of operations in Minnesota with cattle was 25,000, down 1,000 from last year. The number of beef cow operations was 14,600, down 400 from 2005. Operations with milk cows were down 400 to 5,400 operations.

The number of operations in Minnesota with hogs was 4,800, down 100 from last year. The number of sheep and lamb operations was 2,500, down 100 from last year.

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

Year	Number of Operations With:				
	All Cattle	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs	All Sheep
	<u>Operations</u>				
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.

CATTLE: Operations and Inventory by Size Group, Minnesota, 2002-2006

Year	Number of Operations Having:					Percent of Inventory on Operations Having:				
	1-49	50-99	100-499	500-999	1,000+	1-49	50-99	100-499	500-999	1,000+
	<u>Number</u>					<u>Percent</u>				
2002	14,700	6,800	7,000	380	120	13.0	19.0	50.0	10.0	8.0
2003	14,500	6,000	7,000	360	140	13.0	17.0	51.0	9.5	9.5
2004	14,300	5,600	6,600	360	140	13.0	17.0	51.0	10.0	9.0
2005	13,500	5,400	6,600	360	140	12.5	16.0	52.0	10.0	9.5
2006	13,000	5,550	5,900	400	150	12.0	17.0	49.0	12.0	10.0

HOGS: Operations and Inventory by Size Group, Minnesota, 2002-2006

Year	Number of Operations Having:						Percent of Inventory on Operations Having:					
	1-99 Head	100-499 Head	500-999 Head	1,000-1,999	2,000-4,999	5,000+ Head	1-99 Head	100-499 Head	500-999 Head	1,000-1,999	2,000-4,999	5,000+ Head
	<u>Number</u>						<u>Percent</u>					
2002	1,800	1,500	900	630	700	270	1.0	5.0	9.0	12.0	30.0	43.0
2003	1,800	1,400	900	620	710	270	1.0	4.0	9.0	11.0	30.0	45.0
2004	1,300	1,300	780	600	730	290	0.5	4.5	8.0	10.0	31.0	46.0
2005	1,300	1,300	700	600	710	290	0.5	4.5	7.0	11.0	31.0	46.0
2006	1,200	1,200	700	600	800	300	0.5	4.5	6.0	11.0	32.0	46.0