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JULY 2006 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

CATTLE INVENTORY

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **USDA/NASS NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the July 2006 Livestock Survey. This report is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,

Dwaine C. Nelson
Director

July 1 Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2006, totaled 105.7 million head, 1 percent above the 104.5 million on July 1, 2005 and 2 percent above the 103.4 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.0 million, were up slightly from the 42.8 million on July 1, 2005 and 1 percent above the 42.4 million two years ago.

Beef cows, at 33.9 million, were up slightly from July 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from two years ago.

Milk cows, at 9.15 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2006 and the changes from July 1, 2005, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, up 2 percent.

Beef replacement heifers, 5.0 million, unchanged.

Milk replacement heifers, 3.8 million, up 3 percent.

Other heifers, 7.7 million, up 3 percent.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.9 million, up 3 percent.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.

Calves under 500 pounds, 29.2 million, up 1 percent.

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.5 million, up 4 percent.

Calf Crop Up Slightly: The 2006 calf crop is expected to be 37.9 million, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.6 million, up 1 percent from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004.

Cattle and Calves: Number of Class and Calf Crop, U.S., July 1, 2004-2006

Class	2004	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
	-----1,000 Head-----			-----Percent-----
Cattle and Calves	103,400	104,500	105,700	101
Cows and Heifers that have Calved	42,400	42,800	43,000	100
Beef Cows	33,400	33,750	33,850	100
Milk Cows	9,000	9,050	9,150	101
Heifers 500 pounds and Over	15,950	16,200	16,500	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,800	5,000	5,000	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	3,800	103
Other Heifers	7,550	7,500	7,700	103
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,200	14,400	14,900	103
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,050	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,800	29,000	29,200	101
Calf Crop	37,505	37,780	37,900	100
Cattle on Feed	11,800	12,000	12,500	104

SHEEP INVENTORY

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2006 totaled 7.77 million head, down slightly from July 1, 2005, but 2 percent above July 1, 2004. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.64 million head on July 1, 2006 was down slightly from July 1, 2005. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), at 3.14 million head, were also down slightly from last July.

The breeding herd consists of 3.78 million ewes one year old and older, 185,000 rams one year old and older, and 670,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs). Market lamb inventory at 3.06 million head was comprised of 1.80 million lambs under 65 pounds, 630,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 370,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 260,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 80,000 head.

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region and United States, July 1, 2005 - 2006

Regions ^{1/}	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Market Sheep & Lambs	
	2005	2006	2006 as % 2005	2005	2006	2005	2006
	-----1,000 Head----		---Percent---	-----1,000 Head-----			
Region 1	1,300	1,280	98	805	800	495	480
Region 2	1,500	1,470	98	1,000	980	500	490
Region 3	2,650	2,650	100	1,460	1,460	1,190	1,190
Region 4	1,200	1,200	100	665	665	535	535
Region 5	1,150	1,170	102	725	730	425	440
U.S.	7,800	7,770	100	4,655	4,635	3,145	3,135

^{1/} States included in regions as follows: 1 - AZ, CA, ID, NV, OR, & WA; 2 - NM & TX; 3 - CO, MT, SD, UT, & WY; 4 - IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, & OK; 5 - all other states.