

LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Cattle numbers on Minnesota farms on January 1, 2004, decreased 2 percent from the January 1, 2003 inventory. Minnesota's 2003 calf crop at 850,000 was down 3 percent from 2002. Meanwhile, sheep and lambs were down 7 percent from the revised January 1, 2003 inventory. The inventory of all hogs on December 1, 2003, was up 7 percent from a year earlier. Farrowings at 1,100,000 were 2 percent above the previous year. A pig crop of 9,806,000 was produced in the state during 2003, up 3 percent from 2002. The average annual litter rate of 8.91 was up from 8.88 in 2002. All chickens on farms were down 3 percent from a year earlier.

The combined value of all livestock and poultry on Minnesota farms was \$2.6 billion at the end of 2003. All cattle and calves, valued at \$2.0 billion, were up 7 percent from a year earlier. The value of hogs on hand on December 1, 2003, accounted for \$514 million, down 1 percent; all sheep and lambs, \$16.9 million, up 15 percent; and all chickens, \$20 million, up 5 percent.

Cattle operations were down 1,000 from last year while hog operations were down 100 from 2002. Operations with milk cows decreased 600 and beef cows were down 200. All sheep operations were down 100 from the previous year.



LIVESTOCK: January 1 Inventory, Minnesota, 2000-2004

Year	All Cattle	Cattle on Feed	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs 1/	All Sheep
	1,000 Head					
2000	2,550	285	540	400	5,500	165
2001	2,550	290	520	410	5,800	170
2002	2,500	285	500	400	5,800	160
2003	2,450	300	480	400	6,100	150
2004	2,400	310	465	395	6,500	140

1/ Inventory as of December 1 previous year.

LIVESTOCK: Number of Operations, Minnesota, 1999-2003 1/

Year	Number of Operations With:				
	All Cattle	Milk Cows	Beef Cows	Hogs	All Sheep
	Operations				
1999	30,000	9,100	15,800	7,500	3,000
2000	30,000	8,500	15,800	7,300	3,000
2001	29,000	7,800	15,500	6,500	2,900
2002	29,000	7,200	15,500	5,800	2,800
2003	28,000	6,600	15,300	5,700	2,700

1/ An operation is any farm having one or more head of livestock on hand at any time during the year. Addition may exceed total farms in the state.