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MINNESOTA CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2%, U.S. INVENTORY DOWN 1%

Minnesota cattle and calves inventory is 2,400,000 head on January 1, 2004. This is a 2% decrease from the January 1, 2003 inventory, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The U.S. inventory of 94.9 million head is down 1% from the previous year.

Minnesota cows and heifers that have calved numbered 860,000 head on January 1, 2004, 2% below last year. Beef cows in the state, at 395,000 head, are down 1% and milk cows, at 465,000 head, are down 3% from a year ago. Nationally, the total cows and heifers that have calved are 41.9 million head, down 1% from a year ago. Beef cows, at 32.86 million head, are down slightly from January 1, 2003 and milk cows, at 8.99 million head, are down 2% from last year.

ITEM	MINNESOTA			UNITED STATES		
	(Thousands)		2004 as % of 2003	(Millions)		2004 as % of 2003
	2003	2004		2003	2004	
All Cattle & Calves	2,450	2,400	98	96.10	94.88	99
All Cows	880	860	98	42.13	41.85	99
Beef Cows	400	395	99	32.98	32.86	100
Milk Cows	480	465	97	9.14	8.99	98
All Heifers 500 Lbs.+	575	570	99	19.63	19.34	99
Beef Replacement Heifers	100	100	100	5.62	5.52	98
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		3.55	3.49	98
Milk Replacement Heifers	295	280	95	4.11	4.02	98
Expected to Calve	NA	NA		2.88	2.76	96
Other Heifers	180	190	106	9.89	9.80	99
Steers 500 Lbs. & Over	460	450	98	16.55	16.28	98
Bulls 500 Lbs. & Over	35	35	100	2.25	2.21	98
Heifers, Steers, & Bulls Under 500 Lbs.	500	485	97	15.55	15.20	98
Cattle & Calves on Feed	300	310	103	13.22	13.81	104
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
Calf Crop	880	850	97	38.22	37.90	99