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JULY 2004 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS JULY LIVESTOCK

CATTLE INVENTORY

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the July 2004 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
State Director

United States July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2004, totaled 103.6 million head, down slightly from the 103.9 million on July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below the 105.1 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.5 million, were slightly below the 42.7 million on July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below the 42.9 million two years ago.

Beef cows, at 33.5 million, were down slightly from July 1, 2003 and 1 percent below two years ago.

Milk cows, at 9.0 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2003 and down 2 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2004 and the changes from July 1, 2003, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 15.95 million, up slightly.

Beef replacement heifers, 4.8 million, up 4 percent.

Milk replacement heifers, 3.6 million, unchanged.

Other heifers, 7.55 million, down 2 percent.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, unchanged.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.05 million, down 2 percent.

Calves under 500 pounds, 28.9 million, down slightly.

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.8 million, down slightly.

Calf Crop Down 1 Percent: The 2004 calf crop is expected to be 37.7 million, down 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.5 million, down 1 percent from both 2003 and 2002.

Cattle and Calves: Number of Class and Calf Crop, U.S., July 1, 2002-2004

Class	2002	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
	-----1,000 Head-----			Percent
Cattle and Calves	105,100	103,900	103,600	100
Cows and Heifers that have Calved	42,900	42,700	42,500	100
Beef Cows	33,750	33,600	33,500	100
Milk Cows	9,150	9,100	9,000	99
Heifers 500 pounds and Over	16,200	15,900	15,950	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,600	4,800	104
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,700	3,600	3,600	100
Other Heifers	7,900	7,700	7,550	98
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,500	14,200	14,200	100
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,050	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	29,400	29,000	28,900	100
Calf Crop	38,224	37,903	37,700	99
Cattle on Feed	12,500	11,810	11,800	100

SHEEP INVENTORY

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2004, totaled 7.65 million head, 2 percent below July 1, 2003. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.55 million head on July 1, 2004 was 1 percent below July 1, 2003. Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs) at 3.11 million head, were 3 percent below last July.

The breeding flock consists of 3.75 million ewes one year old and older, 180,000 rams one year old and older, and 620,000 replacement lambs (including newborn lambs).

All Sheep and Lambs Inventory: By Region and United States, July 1, 2003 - 2004

Regions ^{1/}	All Sheep and Lambs			Breeding Sheep & Lambs		Market Sheep & Lambs	
	2003	2004	2004 as % 2003	2003	2004	2003	2004
	-----1,000 Head----		---Percent---	-----1,000 Head-----			
Region 1	1,330	1,290	97	830	810	500	480
Region 2	1,620	1,540	95	1,050	1,010	570	530
Region 3	2,610	2,600	100	1,420	1,430	1,190	1,170
Region 4	1,220	1,180	97	670	650	550	530
Region 5	1,020	1,040	102	640	645	380	395
U.S.	7,800	7,650	98	4,610	4,545	3,190	3,105

^{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.