

OKLAHOMA LIVESTOCK

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Oklahoma's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2004, was down 6 percent from a year earlier while hog numbers on December 1, 2003, were up 140,000 head. The all sheep and lamb inventory was down 12 percent from last year.

Cattle and calves on Oklahoma's farms and ranches totaled 5,100,000 head, down 300,000 head from last year. All cows that have calved, at 2,050,000 head, were down 4 percent from a year ago. The cow inventory consists of 1,970,000 beef cows and 80,000 milk cows. There were 370,000 beef cow replacement heifers entering the state's breeding herd on January 1, 2004. The 2003 calf crop was 1,890,000 head, down 2 percent from 2002. The average inventory value of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2004, was \$730 per head, up \$80 from last year. The total inventory value of all cattle and calves was \$3.7 billion, up 6 percent from a year ago. In 2003, there were 58,000 operations with cattle, down 2,000 from the number of operations in 2002.

Oklahoma feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head had 355,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market on January 1, 2004, up 6 percent from last year. Fed cattle marketings during 2003 totaled 776,000 head, up 6,000 head from the previous year. The number of cattle placed on feed during 2003 totaled 831,000 head, up 9 percent from 2002.

The state's hog population on December 1, 2003, totaled 2,380,000 head, up 140,000 head from the previous year. The hog inventory consisted of 360,000 breeding hogs, up 9 percent from last year, and 2,020,000 market hogs, up 6 percent. The 2003 pig crop totaled 6,329,000 head, up 6 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2003, was \$57, down \$3 from 2002. The total inventory value of all hogs and pigs was \$135.7 million, 1 percent above last year's estimate. In 2003, there were 2,500 operations with hogs, unchanged from 2002.

Sheep and lamb numbers on January 1, 2004, totaled 70,000 head, down 12 percent from last year. Of this total, 55,000 head were breeding sheep and lambs, and 15,000 were market sheep and lambs. The 2003 lamb crop, at 48,000 head, was down 11 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head of all sheep and lambs on January 1, 2004, was \$139, up \$19 from 2003. The total inventory value was \$9.7 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. There were 315,000 pounds of wool produced in 2003, down 28 percent from a year ago. The average price of wool was 40 cents per pound. There were 1,900 operations with sheep and lambs in Oklahoma during 2003, up 200 from 2002.