



# South Dakota CATTLE INVENTORY

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## ***SOUTH DAKOTA CATTLE INVENTORY EQUAL TO LAST YEAR***

**SIOUX FALLS, July 23, 2004** – All cattle and calves in South Dakota as of July 1, 2004 totaled 4.85 million head, unchanged from the July 1, 2003 inventory, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. The current mid-year inventory is down from the recent high of 5.1 million head, in 2001.

**All cows**, at 1.95 million head, are 2 percent below the 1.98 million head on July 1, 2003.

**Beef Cows**, at 1.87 million head, are down 1 percent from last year's 1.898 million head.

**Milk cows**, at 80,000 head, are down 2,000 head from last year.

The 2004 **calf crop** is expected to total 1.71 million head, down 1 percent from last year's 1.73 million head.

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