

United States and Canadian Cattle

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July Cattle Inventory Up Slightly

SIOUX FALLS, August 19, 2004 – All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada combined totaled 120.4 million head on July 1, 2004, up slightly from last year's 119.6 million head. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 48.9 million head, were up 0.5 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2004, totaled 103.6 million head, down slightly from 103.9 million on July 1, 2003 and 1.4 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 42.9 million two years ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of July 1, 2004, totaled 16.8 million head, up 6 percent from the 15.7 million on July 1, 2003, and 9 percent above the 15.4 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 6.4 million, were up 8 percent from the 6.0 million on July 1, 2003, and 9 percent above July 1, 2002.

This publication is a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and NASS to release the number of cattle and calves by class within one publication. This information was requested by the U.S. cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on July 23, 2004.

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