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CATTLE

North Dakota

All cattle and calves as of January 1, 2007 totaled 1.85 million head, up from 1.72 million head on January 1, 2006. This is the second yearly increase after a four year decline and the largest inventory since 1.88 million head on January 1, 2003.

All cows and heifers that have calved as of January 1, 2007, at 970,000 head, were equal to the number of cows on January 1, 2006, but down from 980,000 cows on January 1, 2005. Beef cows, at 939,000 head, were up slightly from last year, but down from 2005. Milk cows, at 31,000 head, were down from 33,000 head the last three years.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 440,000 head, were up 20 percent from a year ago. Heifers for beef cow replacement, at 202,000 head, were up from 157,000 a year ago. Heifers for milk cow replacement, at 18,000 head, were down from 19,000 head a year ago. Other heifers not for breeding, at 220,000 head, were up from 190,000 head a year ago.

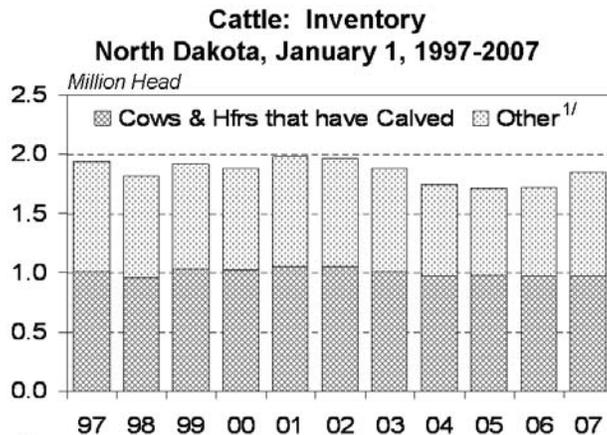
Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 260,000 head, were up 16 percent from a year ago and 13 percent above January 1, 2005. Calves under 500 pounds, at 122,000 head, were up from 100,000 head a year ago and were the highest since January 1, 1999, when 175,000 head were on hand. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, at 60,000 head, were equal to the last two years, which is the lowest level

since January 1, 1991 when 50,000 head were on feed. The 2006 calf crop is estimated at 960,000 head, up from 2005's calf crop of 930,000 head, but equal to 2004's calf crop.

United States
All cattle and calves as of January 1, 2007, totaled 97.0 million head, slightly above the 96.7 million on January 1, 2006. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.0 million, were down slightly from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2006. Beef cows, at 32.9 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2006. Milk cows, at 9.13 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2006.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2007, and the change from January 1, 2006, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.1 million, up 1 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.88 million, down slightly. Milk replacement heifers, 4.31 million, up 1 percent. Other heifers, 9.90 million, up 1 percent.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.2 million, up 2 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 14.3 million, down slightly. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up 1 percent. The 2006 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down slightly from 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2005.



^{1/} Other includes heifers not calved, steers and bulls 500 pounds and over and calves under 500 pounds.

Cattle and Calves: Inventory, Calf Crop and Cattle on Feed North Dakota and United States, January 1, 2006-2007

Class	North Dakota		United States ^{1/}	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
All Cattle and Calves	1,720	1,850	96,702	97,003
Cows and Heifers That Calved	970	970	42,056	42,023
Beef Cows	937	939	32,994	32,894
Milk Cows	33	31	9,063	9,129
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	366	440	19,984	20,086
For Beef Cow Replacement	157	202	5,904	5,877
Expected to Calve ^{2/}			3,580	3,568
For Milk Cow Replacement	19	18	4,275	4,310
Expected to Calve ^{2/}			2,896	2,842
Other Heifers	190	220	9,805	9,899
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	225	260	16,933	17,222
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	59	58	2,263	2,215
Calves Under 500 Pounds	100	122	15,465	15,456
Calf Crop ^{3/}	930	960	37,575	37,567
Cattle on Feed	60	60	14,132	14,269

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding. ^{2/} Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year, published at U.S. level only. ^{3/} Preceding year.

SHEEP AND GOATS

North Dakota

All sheep and lamb inventory in North Dakota on January 1, 2007 totaled 100,000 head, down 4 percent from the previous year's 104,000 head. This flock ties 2004 for the smallest flock since records began in 1920.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 78,000 head, up 3 percent from last year's 76,000 head. Ewes one year and older, at 62,000 head, were up 3,000 head from the previous year. Rams at 2,500 head, were up 500 head from last year. Replacement lambs totaled 13,500 head, down 1,500 head from a year earlier.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 22,000 head, down from 28,000 head on January 1, 2006. Only 1,000 head were mature sheep (1 year old and older) and the remaining 21,000 were under 1 year. The 2006 lamb crop totaled 80,000 head, down 5 percent from 2005. This is the smallest lamb crop since records began in 1924. The 2006 lambing rate was 136 per 100 ewes one year and older on January 1, 2006, compared with 133 per 100 ewes in 2005.

Shorn wool production during 2006 was 695,000 pounds, up 1 percent from 2005. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 80,000 head, up from 78,000 head during 2005. Average price paid for wool sold in 2006 was \$0.60 cents per pound, unchanged from 2005. The total value of wool was \$417,000, up 1 percent from \$414,000 in 2005.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in North Dakota on January 1, 2007, totaled 2,350 head, down 150 head from January 1, 2006. This is the third year of published estimates for North Dakota's goat data in the *Sheep and Goat* release. For angora and milk goats, North Dakota data are not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

United States

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 6.19 million head, down 1 percent from 2006, but still 1 percent above 2005. After two consecutive year to year increases, inventory growth was hampered by extremely dry weather in the Southwestern part of the United States.

Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.62 million head on January 1, 2007, down slightly from 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.71 million head, were 1 percent above last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2007, totaled 1.57 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2006. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. The 2006 lamb crop of 4.09 million head, was down 1 percent from 2005. The 2006 lambing rate was 112 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2006, down 3 percent from 2005. Shorn wool production in the United States during 2006 was 36.0 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2005. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.85 million head, down 4 percent from 2005. The average price paid for wool sold in 2006 was \$0.68 per pound for a total value of 24.4 million dollars, down 7 percent from 26.3 million dollars in 2005.

All goat inventory on January 1, 2007, totaled 2.93 million head, up 3 percent from 2006. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.44 million head up 3 percent from 2006. All market goats and kids totaled 494,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2007 meat and all other goats totaled 2.40 million head, up 5 percent from 2006. Milk goat inventory increased 2 percent to 296,000 head while angora goats were down 8 percent totaling 238,000 head. The 2006 kid crop totaled 1.92 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2005.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop, North Dakota and United States, January 1, 2006-2007

Class	North Dakota		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
All Sheep and Lambs	104.0	100.0	6,230.0	6,185.0
Total Market	28.0	22.0	1,590.0	1,565.0
Lambs	27.0	21.0	1,514.0	1,476.0
Under 65 Pounds	4.5	2.5	416.3	368.1
65 to 84 Pounds	5.0	3.0	209.4	200.8
85 to 105 Pounds	8.0	7.5	362.4	371.6
Over 105 Pounds	9.5	8.0	525.9	535.5
Sheep	1.0	1.0	76.0	89.0
Total Breeding	76.0	78.0	4,640.0	4,620.0
Ewes, One Year and Older	59.0	62.0	3,661.0	3,706.0
Rams, One Year and Older	2.0	2.5	196.0	195.0
Replacement Lambs	15.0	13.5	783.0	719.0
Lamb Crop ^{1/}	84.0	80.0	4,117.0	4,085.0
From Breeding Ewes 1 yr + Jan 1 ^{1/}	63.0	59.0	3,572.5	3,661.0
Rate Per 100 Ewes 1 yr ^{1/}	133	136	115	112

1/ Preceding year.

Wool: Production, Price and Value, Selected States and United States, 2005-2006

State	Sheep Shorn ^{1/}		Weight per Fleece		Production		Price per Pound		Value ^{2/}	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Dollars
North Dakota	78	80	8.8	8.7	690	695	60	60	414	417
California	500	490	7.0	7.1	3,500	3,500	70	72	2,450	2,520
Colorado	420	380	6.3	6.8	2,650	2,600	63	75	1,670	1,950
Minnesota	150	140	6.5	6.5	970	910	38	34	369	309
Montana	260	255	9.6	9.2	2,490	2,350	98	91	2,440	2,139
South Dakota	330	335	7.8	7.2	2,582	2,415	60	63	1,549	1,521
Texas	800	700	6.9	7.0	5,550	4,900	96	91	5,328	4,459
Wyoming	380	370	9.3	9.6	3,530	3,550	100	92	3,530	3,266
United States	5,072.0	4,852.0	7.3	7.4	37,232	36,019	71	68	26,272	24,414

1/ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards. 2/ Production multiplied by marketing year average price.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in January is 128 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is up 9 percent from last year and two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 133 percent of the base, is up 22 percent from January 2006 while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 116 percent, is down 15 percent from last year. January indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

**Index Numbers of Farm Prices
North Dakota and United States, January 2007**

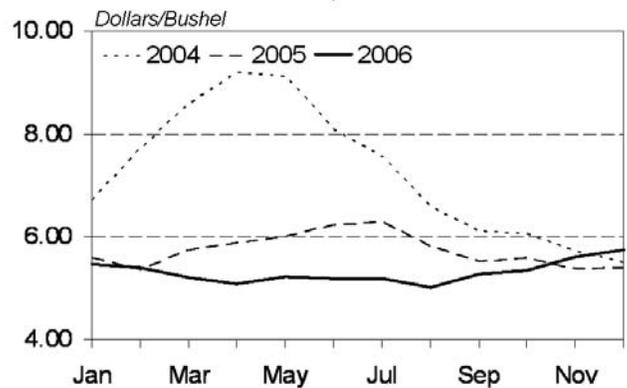
Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Jan 2006	Dec 2006	Jan 2007	Jan 2006	Dec 2006	Jan 2007
Prices Received	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	117	130	128	113	121	124
Crops	109	133	133	108	128	132
Food Grains	117	155	150	117	150	149
Feed Grains & Hay	93	136	139	92	134	142
Oil Bearing Crops ^{1/}	108	117	121	105	110	115
Potatoes & Dry Beans ^{2/}	107	114	105	118	118	120
Livestock and Products	137	120	116	118	113	116
Meat Animals	140	121	117	122	109	110
Dairy Products	121	127	121	111	108	110
Other Livestock Products ^{3/}	100	101	99	114	125	134
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	148	150	152
Ratio ^{4/}	NA	NA	NA	76	81	82

1/ Includes non-oil sunflower. 2/ North Dakota includes sugarbeets. 3/ United States excludes wool. 4/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid. NA=Not applicable.

United States

The January All Farm Products Index is 124 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 2 percent from the December index and 10 percent above the January 2006 index. The All Crops Index is 132, up 3 percent from December and 22 percent above January 2006. The All Livestock and Products index, at 116, is 3 percent above last month but down 2 percent from January 2006.

**Soybeans: Prices Received
North Dakota, 2004-2006**



**Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota and United States, January 2007**

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price Jan 2007
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		Jan 2006	Dec 2006	Jan 2007	Jan 2006	Dec 2006	Jan 2007	
Wheat, All	Bu	3.56	4.49	4.57	3.52	4.51	4.50	10.50
Durum	Bu	3.22	4.74	4.65	3.29	4.74	4.69	NA
Other Spring	Bu	3.68	4.44	4.55	3.70	4.48	4.52	NA
Winter	Bu	3.09	4.36	4.35	3.45	4.51	4.47	NA
Corn	Bu	1.72	2.63	2.90	2.00	3.01	3.23	7.76
Oats	Bu	1.69	2.05	2.15	1.73	1.97	2.12	4.35
Barley, All	Bu	2.10	2.75	3.05	2.42	2.95	3.13	7.32
Feed	Bu	1.86	2.62	2.70	1.94	2.79	2.93	NA
Malting	Bu	2.16	2.85	3.20	2.56	3.02	3.21	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	11.70	13.50	14.10	11.40	13.60	14.30	33.50
Oil	Cwt	10.90	13.10	13.40	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	16.30	15.30	16.80	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All ^{1/}	Ton	51.00	66.00	64.00	93.10	108.00	112.00	NA
Alfalfa ^{1/}	Ton	55.00	69.00	69.00	96.40	112.00	115.00	NA
Other ^{1/}	Ton	39.00	49.00	49.00	84.30	99.30	102.00	NA
Canola	Cwt	9.57	12.30	NA	NA	NA	NA	27.70
Flaxseed	Bu	5.64	5.73	6.00	5.64	5.73	6.00	17.00
Soybeans	Bu	5.47	5.74	6.00	5.87	6.18	6.42	17.20
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	16.00	19.50	20.30	19.20	21.60	22.70	55.00
Navy	Cwt	18.10	16.80	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	15.50	19.90	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	7.45	6.50	6.25	7.07	6.90	6.98	16.50
Fresh ^{2/}	Cwt	11.00	7.65	NA	9.16	8.47	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	6.25	6.05	NA	5.69	5.97	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	109.00	86.50	90.50	95.10	83.60	85.00	205.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	116.00	99.00	96.00	102.00	89.30	90.30	NA
Cows	Cwt	50.70	42.00	41.00	47.30	42.20	43.80	NA
Calves	Cwt	143.00	114.00	114.00	141.00	115.00	115.00	295.00
Sheep	Cwt	46.00	33.00	NA	47.70	35.30	NA	99.10
Lambs	Cwt	105.00	108.00	NA	96.10	93.20	NA	241.00
Hogs	Cwt	42.30	44.40	NA	40.70	43.50	41.40	118.00

1/ Alfalfa, other and all hay are preliminary prices only. 2/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

MILK PRODUCTION

North Dakota

Milk production for the October-December 2006 quarter is estimated at 118 million pounds, down 11 percent from the same period a year earlier. Average milk cows during the quarter, at 31,000 head, were down from 33,000 head the same period last year but equal to the July-September 2006 quarter. Milk produced per cow during the October-December quarter was 3,820 pounds, down from 4,000 pounds a year earlier and 3,850 pounds during the July-September 2006 quarter.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States and United States, October - December, 2005-2006

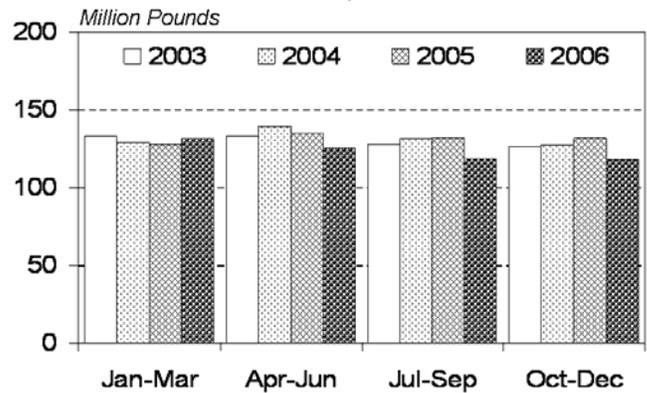
State	Oct-Dec Milk Cows ^{1/}		Oct-Dec Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
North Dakota	33	31	132	118	-10.6
California	1,769	1,781	9,383	9,660	3.0
Minnesota	447	452	1,999	2,070	3.6
New York	649	633	2,974	2,961	-0.4
Wisconsin	1,238	1,247	5,652	5,747	1.7
United States	9,060	9,116	43,674	44,639	2.2

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

United States

Milk production in the U.S. during the October-December quarter totaled 44.6 billion pounds, up 2.2 percent from the October-December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.12 million head, 56,000 head more than the same period last year. Milk produced per cow during the October-December quarter was 4,897 pounds, up from 4,821 pounds a year earlier but down from 4,907 pounds during the July-September 2006 quarter.

Quarterly Milk Production North Dakota, 2003-2006



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