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CATTLE

North Dakota All cattle and calves as of January 1, 2010 totaled 1.72 million head, down 2 percent from 1.76 million head on January 1, 2009. This is the third consecutive yearly decrease in herd size since January 1, 2007 when total inventory was 1.85 million head. For the current inventory, there were decreases from the previous year in beef and milk cows over 500 pounds that have calved, beef and milk replacement heifers over 500 pounds, and all calves under 500 pounds.

All cows and heifers that have calved as of January 1, 2010, at 890,000 head, were down from 920,000 cows a year ago. Beef cows, at 869,000 head, were down from 895,000 cows the previous year. Milk cows, at 21,000 head, were down from 25,000 cows a year ago.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 395,000 head, were down from 415,000 head last. Heifers for beef cow replacement, at 165,000 head, were down from last year's 180,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement, at 10,000 head, were down from 20,000 head a year ago. Other heifers not for breeding, at 220,000 head, were up from 215,000 head a year ago.

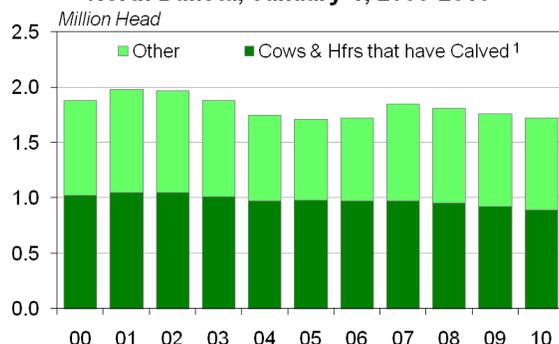
Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 275,000 head, were up from 260,000 head a year ago. Calves under 500 pounds, at 100,000 head, were down from 105,000 head a year ago. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, at 90,000 head, were up from 70,000 head a year ago. The 2009 calf crop is estimated at 890,000 head, down from 2008's calf crop of 920,000 head and 2007's calf crop of 930,000 head.

United States All cattle and calves as of January 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1 percent below 94.5 million head on January 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.5 million head, were down 1 percent from the 41.0 million head on January 1, 2009. Beef cows, at 31.4 million head, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2009. Milk cows, at 9.1 million head, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2009.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 19.7 million head, were up slightly from the previous year. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.4 million head, were down 2 percent January 1, 2009. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.5 million head were up 2 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.7 million head, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2009.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, at 16.4 million head, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, at 2.2 million head, were up slightly from January 1, 2009. Calves under 500 pounds, at 14.9 million, were up slightly from the previous year. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, at 13.6 million head, were down 2 percent from the previous year. The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008.

Cattle: Inventory
North Dakota, January 1, 2000-2010



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, 2009-2010

Class	North Dakota		United States ¹	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
All Cattle and Calves	<i>1,000 Head</i> 1,760	<i>1,000 Head</i> 1,720	<i>1,000 Head</i> 94,521	<i>1,000 Head</i> 93,701
Cows and Heifers That Calved	920	890	41,045	40,456
Beef Cows	895	869	31,712	31,376
Milk Cows	25	21	9,333	9,081
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	415	395	19,576	19,666
For Beef Cow Replacement	180	165	5,531	5,436
Expected to Calve ²			3,367	3,385
For Milk Cow Replacement	20	10	4,410	4,516
Expected to Calve ²			2,909	2,941
Other Heifers	215	220	9,635	9,714
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	260	275	16,769	16,440
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	60	60	2,184	2,190
Calves Under 500 Pounds	105	100	14,948	14,949
Calf Crop ³	920	890	36,153	35,819
Cattle on Feed	70	90	13,856	13,642

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.

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SHEEP AND GOATS

North Dakota

All sheep and lamb inventory in North Dakota on January 1, 2010 totaled 88,000 head, unchanged from the previous year's record low inventory.

Breeding sheep inventory totaled 71,000 head, up 6 percent from last year's 67,000 head. Ewes one year and older, at 59,000 head, were up 4,000 head from the previous year. Rams one year and older remained unchanged from last year's 2,000 head. Total replacement lambs, at 10,000 head, were unchanged from last year.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 17,000 head, down 19 percent from January 1, 2009. Only 1,000 head were mature sheep (1 year and older) while the remaining 16,000, down 4,000 head from January 1, 2009, were under 1 year. The 2009 lamb crop totaled 81,000 head, up from 77,000 in 2008. The 2009 lambing rate was 147 per 100 ewes one year and older, compared with 128 per 100 ewes in 2008.

Shorn wool production during 2009 was 640,000 pounds, up 10 percent from 2008. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 75,000 head, up from 70,000 head during 2008. The total value of wool was \$448,000, down 3 percent from \$464,000 in 2008.

All meat and other goat and kid inventory in North Dakota totaled 2,700 head on January 1, 2010, down 100 head from January 1, 2009. For milk and angora goats, North Dakota data is not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

United States

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 5.63 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 4.19 million head on January 1, 2010, down 1 percent from 4.25 million head on January 1, 2009. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.34 million head, were 2 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2010, totaled 1.44 million head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2009. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. The 2009 lamb crop of 3.69 million head, was down 1 percent from 2008. The 2009 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2009, up 3 percent from 2008.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2009 was 30.9 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2008. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.20 million head, down 5 percent from 2008. The average price paid for wool sold in 2009 was \$0.79 per pound for a total value of \$24.4 million, down 25 percent from \$32.5 million in 2008.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 3.04 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.53 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. Market goats and kids totaled 518,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2009 totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, down 1 percent from 2008. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.54 million head on January 1, 2010, down slightly from 2009. Milk goat inventory increased to 355,000 head, 6 percent above January 1, 2009, while Angora goats were down 19 percent, totaling 150,000 head.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop North Dakota and United States, January 1, 2009-2010

Class	North Dakota		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	88.0	88.0	5,747.0	5,630.0
Total Market	21.0	17.0	1,500.0	1,440.0
Lambs	20.0	16.0	1,419.0	1,355.0
Under 65 Pounds	3.0	1.5	349.9	360.0
65 to 84 Pounds	4.5	4.0	170.4	172.0
85 to 105 Pounds	8.0	6.0	314.0	275.0
Over 105 Pounds	4.5	4.5	584.7	548.0
Sheep	1.0	1.0	81.0	85.0
Total Breeding	67.0	71.0	4,247.0	4,190.0
Ewes, One Year and Older	55.0	59.0	3,405.0	3,340.0
Rams, One Year and Older	2.0	2.0	195.5	195.0
Replacement Lambs	10.0	10.0	646.5	655.0
Lamb Crop ¹	77.0	81.0	3,710.0	3,690.0
From Breeding Ewes 1 yr + Jan 1 ¹	60.0	55.0	3,540.0	6,405.0
Rate Per 100 Ewes 1 yr ¹	128	147	105	108

¹ Preceding year.

Wool: Production, Price and Value Selected States and United States, 2008-2009

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight per Fleece		Production		Price per Pound		Value ¹	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
North Dakota	70	75	8.3	8.5	580	640	80	70	464	448
California	470	440	7.0	6.1	3,300	2,700	110	85	3,630	2,295
Colorado	380	300	6.8	7.3	2,600	2,200	112	82	2,912	1,804
Minnesota	140	130	6.6	6.4	930	830	36	29	335	241
Montana	230	230	9.3	9.3	2,150	2,150	140	110	3,010	2,365
South Dakota	280	300	7.8	7.5	2,184	2,250	91	82	1,987	1,845
Texas	600	500	7.0	7.0	4,200	3,500	116	104	4,872	3,640
Wyoming	320	300	9.4	9.3	3,000	2,800	146	116	4,380	3,248
United States	4,434	4,197	7.4	7.4	32,963	30,862	99	79	32,486	24,387

¹ Production multiplied by marketing year average price.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in January is 154 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is down 15 percent from last year and 18 percent below two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 165 percent of the base, is down 20 percent from January 2009 while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 115 percent, is up 3 percent from last year. January indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

United States

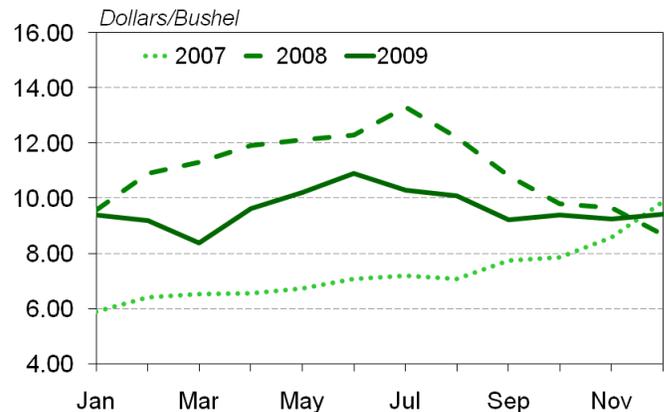
The January All Farm Products Index is 137 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 1 percent from the December index but 1 percent below the January 2009 index. The All Crops Index is 148, unchanged from December but 8 percent below January 2009. The Livestock and Products Index, at 123, is 3 percent above last month and up 8 percent from January 2009.

**Index Numbers of Farm Prices
North Dakota and United States, January 2010**

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Jan 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010	Jan 2009	Dec 2009	Jan 2010
Prices Received	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	182	161	154	139	135	137
Crops	205	171	165	161	148	148
Food Grains	231	167	163	220	171	171
Feed Grains & Hay	210	174	159	188	155	150
Oil Bearing Crops ¹	193	175	172	179	172	169
Potatoes & Dry Beans ²	161	171	165	166	133	134
Livestock and Products	112	117	115	114	119	123
Meat Animals	109	113	112	106	105	109
Dairy Products	148	155	148	102	126	126
Other Livestock Products ³	136	137	134	149	140	150
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	180	179	183
Ratio⁴	NA	NA	NA	77	75	75

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

**Soybeans: Prices Received
North Dakota, 2007-2009**



**Prices Received by Farmers
North Dakota and United States, January 2010**

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price January 2010
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	
Wheat, All	Bu	7.04	4.83	4.96	6.20	4.85	4.79	14.60
Durum	Bu	7.79	4.90	4.50	8.26	4.98	4.58	NA
Spring	Bu	7.04	4.85	5.10	7.02	5.14	5.19	NA
Winter	Bu	5.93	4.23	3.90	5.70	4.68	4.54	NA
Corn	Bu	4.11	3.25	3.30	4.36	3.59	3.45	9.08
Oats	Bu	2.13	1	1	2.77	2.23	2.19	5.96
Barley, All	Bu	5.23	4.05	3.71	5.34	4.54	4.38	10.20
Feed	Bu	3.23	2.30	1	2.90	2.63	2.56	NA
Malting	Bu	5.43	4.27	3.85	5.62	4.84	4.61	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	22.50	15.80	15.20	22.10	14.70	14.80	45.20
Oil	Cwt	21.80	13.30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	32.70	21.70	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All ²	Ton	81.00	62.00	63.00	135.00	107.00	109.00	NA
Alfalfa ²	Ton	87.00	68.00	68.00	148.00	110.00	113.00	NA
Other ²	Ton	64.00	46.00	48.00	110.00	98.90	99.60	NA
Canola	Cwt	18.20	15.90	15.80	18.20	15.90	15.80	39.80
Flaxseed	Bu	11.00	8.41	8.60	11.00	8.41	8.60	23.70
Soybeans	Bu	9.39	9.43	9.30	9.97	9.80	9.49	22.40
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	29.90	27.90	28.50	35.00	31.20	33.30	70.30
Navy	Cwt	29.60	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	29.30	28.10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	8.90	9.80	9.40	9.40	7.39	7.19	20.30
Fresh ³	Cwt	14.70	9.15	NA	13.70	6.15	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	6.55	9.90	NA	6.68	8.26	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	84.90	80.30	86.60	80.10	78.60	81.90	249.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	91.50	91.50	93.00	85.80	83.80	87.00	NA
Cows	Cwt	44.00	45.00	47.00	42.30	43.50	47.10	NA
Calves	Cwt	99.00	106.00	108.00	106.00	105.00	109.00	352.00
Sheep	Cwt	28.00	33.00	NA	31.40	45.20	NA	106.00
Lambs	Cwt	100.00	97.00	NA	101.00	98.10	NA	281.00
Hogs	Cwt	41.90	44.40	NA	42.80	45.00	47.30	135.00

¹ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. ² Alfalfa, other and all hay are mid-month prices only. ³ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. NA=Not applicable.

MILK PRODUCTION

North Dakota

Milk production for October – December 2009 quarter totaled 92.0 million pounds, down 8 percent from 100 million pounds during the same period a year earlier. Average number of milk cows during the current quarter, at 21,000 head, is down 1,000 head from the previous quarter and 4,000 head lower than the October – December 2008 quarter. The average milk produced per cow during the October – December quarter was 4,370 pounds, up from 4,320 pounds the previous quarter and up from 4,000 pounds during the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States and United States, October - December, 2008-2009

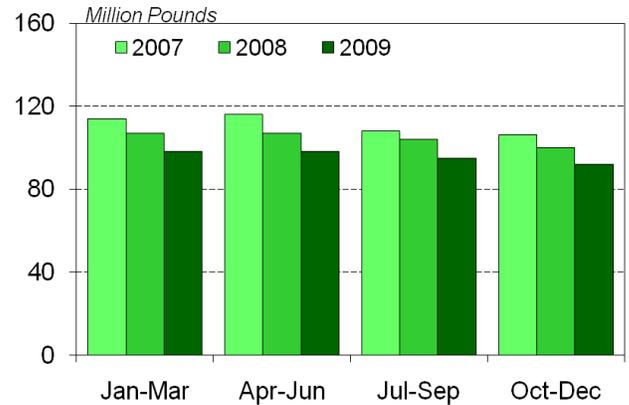
State	Oct-Dec Milk Cows ¹		Oct-Dec Milk Production ²		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	Change From 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Dakota	25	21	100	92	-8.0
California	1,843	1,765	10,139	9,621	-5.1
Minnesota	467	469	2,187	2,240	2.4
New York	625	612	3,024	2,998	-0.9
Wisconsin	1,254	1,258	6,051	6,298	4.1
United States	9,330	9,087	46,727	46,240	-1.0

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

United States

Milk production during the October - December quarter totaled 46.2 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the October - December quarter last year. The average number of milk cows during the quarter was 9.09 million head, 243,000 head less than the same period last year. Production per cow during the October – December quarter averaged 5,089 pounds, up from 5,008 pounds during the same period a year ago.

Quarterly Milk Production North Dakota, 2007-2009



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