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January 1 Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1 percent below the 94.5 million on January 1, 2009.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.5 million, were down 1 percent from the 41.0 million on January 1, 2009.

- **Beef cows**, at 31.4 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2009.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.1 million, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2009.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2010, and the change from January 1, 2009, are as follows:

- **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up slightly.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 5.4 million, down 2 percent.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.5 million, up 2 percent.
- **Other heifers**, 9.7 million, up 1 percent.
- **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 2 percent.
- **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.2 million, up slightly.
- **Calves under 500 pounds**, 14.9 million, up slightly.
- **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.6 million, down 2 percent.
- The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, down slightly.

Calf Crop Down 1 Percent

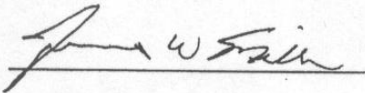
The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.0 million, down 1 percent from 2008.

Revisions

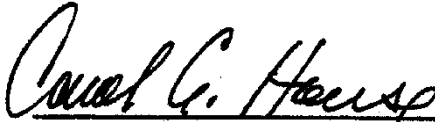
All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2008, January 1, 2009, and July 1, 2009 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than one-half percent were made to previously released inventory estimates by class and calf crop.

State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory and calf crop estimates to the U.S. total.

This report was approved on January 29, 2010.



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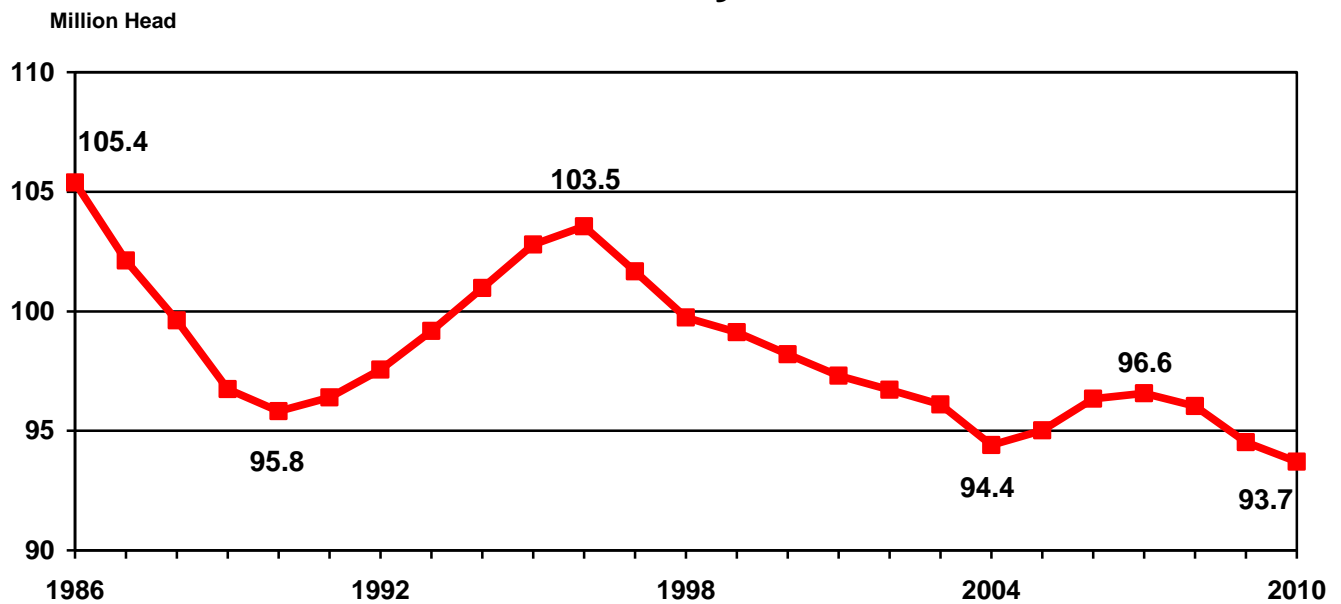
**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States,
January 1, 2009-2010 ¹**

Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	94,521	93,701	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	41,045	40,456	99
Beef Cows	31,712	31,376	99
Milk Cows	9,333	9,081	97
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,576	19,666	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,531	5,436	98
Expected to Calve ²	3,367	3,385	101
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,410	4,516	102
Expected to Calve ²	2,909	2,941	101
Other Heifers	9,635	9,714	101
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,769	16,440	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,184	2,190	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	14,948	14,949	100
Cattle on Feed	13,856	13,642	98
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
Calf Crop	36,153	35,819	99

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year.

U.S. Cattle Inventory January 1



**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2009-2010**

State	All Cattle and Calves			All Cows That Have Calved		
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	1,260	1,280	102	680	680	100
AK	14.0	14.5	104	6.1	6.0	98
AZ	1,020	930	91	390	375	96
AR	1,810	1,890	104	920	950	103
CA	5,250	5,150	98	2,460	2,370	96
CO	2,600	2,600	100	850	830	98
CT	52	48	92	25	24	96
DE	21	20	95	10.5	10.0	95
FL	1,700	1,720	101	1,060	1,070	101
GA	1,110	1,060	95	610	600	98
HI	150	151	101	86	83	97
ID	2,110	2,140	101	1,005	990	99
IL	1,200	1,170	98	510	490	96
IN	860	870	101	380	390	103
IA	3,950	3,850	97	1,140	1,100	96
KS	6,300	6,000	95	1,630	1,550	95
KY	2,300	2,300	100	1,200	1,150	96
LA	890	840	94	540	520	96
ME	89	87	98	44	44	100
MD	185	195	105	95	95	100
MA	43	43	100	22	21	95
MI	1,070	1,100	103	445	450	101
MN	2,400	2,420	101	860	850	99
MS	960	970	101	510	520	102
MO	4,250	4,150	98	2,100	2,070	99
MT	2,600	2,550	98	1,510	1,480	98
NE	6,350	6,250	98	1,910	1,840	96
NV	450	450	100	265	265	100
NH	39	37	95	21.0	19.0	90
NJ	38	36	95	19.5	18.0	92
NM	1,540	1,550	101	820	820	100
NY	1,380	1,410	102	710	700	99
NC	850	820	96	430	410	95
ND	1,760	1,720	98	920	890	97
OH	1,280	1,280	100	580	560	97
OK	5,400	5,450	101	2,100	2,130	101
OR	1,240	1,260	102	650	660	102
PA	1,590	1,620	102	700	700	100
RI	5.0	4.7	94	2.5	2.4	96
SC	380	380	100	205	200	98
SD	3,700	3,800	103	1,720	1,710	99
TN	1,980	2,040	103	1,010	1,050	104
TX	13,600	13,300	98	5,600	5,550	99
UT	810	800	99	435	420	97
VT	270	265	98	148	144	97
VA	1,470	1,550	105	740	760	103
WA	1,080	1,040	96	515	470	91
WV	415	370	89	215	200	93
WI	3,350	3,400	101	1,520	1,520	100
WY	1,350	1,320	98	720	700	97
US	94,521.0	93,701.2	99	41,044.6	40,456.4	99

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2009-2010 (continued)**

State	Beef Cows That Have Calved			Milk Cows That Have Calved		
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	668	669	100	12.0	11.0	92
AK	5.5	5.4	98	0.6	0.6	100
AZ	200	208	104	190	167	88
AR	906	937	103	14.0	13.0	93
CA	620	610	98	1,840	1,760	96
CO	720	714	99	130	116	89
CT	6.0	5.5	92	19.0	18.5	97
DE	4.0	4.0	100	6.5	6.0	92
FL	942	958	102	118	112	95
GA	536	524	98	74	76	103
HI	84.4	81.2	96	1.6	1.8	113
ID	451	440	98	554	550	99
IL	408	389	95	102	101	99
IN	213	221	104	167	169	101
IA	925	885	96	215	215	100
KS	1,505	1,434	95	125	116	93
KY	1,114	1,070	96	86	80	93
LA	515	499	97	25	21	84
ME	11.0	11.0	100	33	33	100
MD	39	41	105	56	54	96
MA	7.5	8.0	107	14.5	13.0	90
MI	92	96	104	353	354	100
MN	392	380	97	468	470	100
MS	491	503	102	19.0	17.0	89
MO	1,992	1,968	99	108	102	94
MT	1,494	1,465	98	16.0	15.0	94
NE	1,851	1,781	96	59	59	100
NV	237	237	100	28	28	100
NH	6.0	4.0	67	15.0	15.0	100
NJ	10.0	9.5	95	9.5	8.5	89
NM	484	502	104	336	318	95
NY	85	90	106	625	610	98
NC	384	367	96	46	43	93
ND	895	869	97	25	21	84
OH	304	288	95	276	272	99
OK	2,038	2,073	102	62	57	92
OR	535	546	102	115	114	99
PA	150	160	107	550	540	98
RI	1.4	1.3	93	1.1	1.1	100
SC	188	183	97	17.0	17.0	100
SD	1,626	1,618	100	94	92	98
TN	951	997	105	59	53	90
TX	5,170	5,140	99	430	410	95
UT	350	338	97	85	82	96
VT	9.0	10.0	111	139	134	96
VA	643	665	103	97	95	98
WA	271	227	84	244	243	100
WV	204	190	93	11.0	10.0	91
WI	265	260	98	1,255	1,260	100
WY	713	694	97	7.0	6.0	86
US	31,711.8	31,375.9	99	9,332.8	9,080.5	97

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2009-2010 (continued)**

State	Heifers 500 Pounds and Over					
	Beef Cow Replacement		Milk Cow Replacement		Other	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL	95	95	5.0	5.0	40	40
AK	1.6	1.7	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
AZ	35	30	50	55	20.0	15.0
AR	165	179	5.0	6.0	95	85
CA	115	120	780	750	170	210
CO	120	120	60	70	530	500
CT	2.0	1.5	11.0	9.0	0.5	0.5
DE	0.6	0.7	2.3	2.7	0.6	0.4
FL	140	135	35	30	25	25
GA	73	68	23	25	31	39
HI	13.0	12.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	6.0
ID	90	90	275	295	195	195
IL	49	53	59	52	117	125
IN	36	42	66	70	55	55
IA	140	130	130	130	600	640
KS	255	240	65	70	1,520	1,480
KY	160	150	50	50	110	130
LA	87	82	7.0	7.0	17.0	16.0
ME	4.0	3.0	18.0	16.0	2.0	2.0
MD	8.0	9.0	26	28	7.0	6.0
MA	2.0	2.5	7.0	6.0	1.0	1.5
MI	27	27	148	158	50	50
MN	95	95	285	295	165	180
MS	83	92	7.0	7.0	36	37
MO	320	280	40	45	270	275
MT	385	340	10.0	7.0	225	273
NE	320	310	20	20	1,450	1,440
NV	35	35	10.0	10.0	29	28
NH	1.5	1.0	7.5	8.0	1.0	1.0
NJ	2.5	2.2	5.0	4.8	2.0	2.0
NM	85	95	140	145	95	90
NY	28	33	320	325	42	52
NC	69	69	20.0	19.0	30	24
ND	180	165	20.0	10.0	215	220
OH	70	65	115	120	75	70
OK	390	405	30	25	580	530
OR	90	95	55	55	110	115
PA	40	40	270	300	60	50
RI	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1
SC	32	36	7.0	8.0	11.0	13.0
SD	280	285	40	35	580	640
TN	150	170	45	35	75	70
TX	790	760	220	250	1,550	1,540
UT	55	66	45	48	50	51
VT	3.5	4.0	61	56	4.5	5.0
VA	100	105	45	50	55	65
WA	55	54	110	123	95	93
WV	38	37	3.0	4.0	28	23
WI	65	60	650	670	55	60
WY	150	145	5.0	5.0	155	145
US	5,531.2	5,436.0	4,409.5	4,516.2	9,634.8	9,713.6

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, State, and United States,
January 1, 2009-2010 (continued)**

State	Steers 500 Pounds and Over		Bulls 500 Pounds and Over		Calves Under 500 Pounds	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AL	55	70	45	50	340	340
AK	0.8	0.6	1.9	2.0	3.3	3.9
AZ	370	300	20	20	135	135
AR	145	155	60	60	420	455
CA	600	580	65	70	1,060	1,050
CO	770	860	50	45	220	175
CT	2.4	2.3	0.6	0.7	10.5	10.0
DE	3.0	2.6	0.4	0.3	3.6	3.3
FL	20	20	60	60	360	380
GA	48	39	35	29	290	260
HI	8.0	8.0	5.0	5.0	32	36
ID	260	255	35	35	250	280
IL	230	210	25	25	210	215
IN	104	122	16.0	19.0	203	172
IA	1,390	1,330	70	60	480	460
KS	2,020	1,890	95	90	715	680
KY	215	235	75	75	490	510
LA	24	21	34	32	181	162
ME	3.5	4.0	1.5	1.5	16.0	16.5
MD	15.0	18.0	4.0	4.0	30	35
MA	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	8.0	9.0
MI	185	200	15.0	15.0	200	200
MN	440	445	40	35	515	520
MS	55	50	39	39	230	225
MO	510	450	110	110	900	920
MT	265	265	90	90	115	95
NE	2,270	2,240	95	95	285	305
NV	36	37	13.0	15.0	62	60
NH	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.5	6.5	6.0
NJ	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	6.0
NM	170	130	30	40	200	230
NY	35	39	15.0	16.0	230	245
NC	30	36	31	32	240	230
ND	260	275	60	60	105	100
OH	190	205	30	30	220	230
OK	1,160	1,210	140	150	1,000	1,000
OR	145	150	35	35	155	150
PA	160	150	25	25	335	355
RI	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.8
SC	15.0	17.0	17.0	16.0	93	90
SD	680	760	85	85	315	285
TN	137	137	73	78	490	500
TX	2,780	2,530	370	370	2,290	2,300
UT	105	90	20	22	100	103
VT	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	47	49
VA	140	180	40	40	350	350
WA	143	144	22.0	18.0	140	138
WV	41	33	15.0	15.0	75	58
WI	360	360	30	30	670	700
WY	165	175	40	40	115	110
US	16,769.1	16,440.4	2,184.1	2,190.1	14,947.7	14,948.5

**Calf Crop: Number by State and United States,
2008-2009**

State	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AL	580	590	102
AK	3.6	4.2	117
AZ	300	295	98
AR	780	810	104
CA	2,010	1,990	99
CO	780	770	99
CT	20	20	100
DE	8.5	7.5	88
FL	880	900	102
GA	510	500	98
HI	65	65	100
ID	960	930	97
IL	470	440	94
IN	315	335	106
IA	1,070	1,030	96
KS	1,430	1,390	97
KY	1,070	1,030	96
LA	420	400	95
ME	36	32	89
MD	72	74	103
MA	19.0	20.0	105
MI	375	380	101
MN	840	820	98
MS	390	420	108
MO	1,930	1,900	98
MT	1,490	1,460	98
NE	1,730	1,680	97
NV	210	210	100
NH	14.0	13.5	96
NJ	14.0	13.5	96
NM	590	610	103
NY	500	490	98
NC	390	370	95
ND	920	890	97
OH	460	470	102
OK	1,880	1,900	101
OR	610	610	100
PA	610	610	100
RI	2.4	2.3	96
SC	165	165	100
SD	1,660	1,660	100
TN	950	950	100
TX	4,800	4,750	99
UT	360	365	101
VT	123	122	99
VA	680	690	101
WA	430	410	95
WV	200	195	98
WI	1,350	1,370	101
WY	680	660	97
US	36,152.5	35,819.0	99

**Cattle and Calves: Total Number on Feed by State and United States,
January 1, 2009-2010 ¹**

State	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	358	288	80
AR	2.0	5.0	250
CA	490	465	95
CO	1,020	1,020	100
ID	230	225	98
IL	180	170	94
IN	120	122	102
IA	1,300	1,360	105
KS	2,370	2,370	100
KY	10.0	10.0	100
MD	12.0	12.0	100
MI	165	170	103
MN	280	290	104
MO	60	60	100
MT	45	26	58
NE	2,500	2,500	100
NV	6.0	9.0	150
NY	29	30	103
ND	70	90	129
OH	195	195	100
OK	350	370	106
OR	80	75	94
PA	75	75	100
SD	390	400	103
TN	4.0	5.0	125
TX	2,800	2,700	96
UT	25	25	100
VA	29	20	69
WA	160	167	104
WV	9.0	7.0	78
WI	240	240	100
WY	70	65	93
Oth Sts ²	181.7	76.2	42
US	13,855.7	13,642.2	98

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

² Other States include AL, AK, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, LA, ME, MA, MS, NC, NH, NM, NJ, RI, SC, and VT.

**Cattle and Calves: Number Grazing on Small Grain Pasture,
3-State Total, January 1, 2009-2010**

Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Million Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Calves, Other Heifers and Steers Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas	1.65	1.92	116

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop
United States, July 1, 2008-2009¹**

Class	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	103,300	102,000	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,000	41,400	99
Beef Cows	32,650	32,200	99
Milk Cows	9,350	9,200	98
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,300	16,200	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,500	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,900	3,950	101
Other Heifers	7,800	7,750	99
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,700	14,400	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,200	27,900	99
Calf Crop	36,153	35,819	99
Cattle on Feed	12,200	11,600	95

¹ Revised.

**Calf Crop: Number and Percent of Total by Six Month Period,
United States, 2008-2009¹**

Period	2008		2009	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Jan 1 - Jun 30	26,300.0	72.7	26,000.0	72.6
Jul 1 - Dec 31	9,852.5	27.3	9,819.0	27.4
Total	36,152.5	100.0	35,819.0	100.0

¹ Revised.

Reliability of January 1 Cattle and Calves Estimates

Survey Procedures: A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all cattle producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. Data were collected from about 50,000 operators during the first half of January by mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews and 80 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.

Estimating Procedures: These cattle estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by each State office. National and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from the previous year using a balance sheet. The balance sheet begins with the previous inventory estimate, adds to it estimates of births and imports, and subtracts estimates of slaughter, exports, and deaths. This indicated ending inventory level is compared to the Agricultural Statistics Board estimate for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve year to year and item to item relationships. Estimates for the previous year are subject to revision when current estimates are made. The reviews are primarily based on livestock slaughter and additional foreign trade and survey data. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the five-year Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

Reliability: Since all cattle operators are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and latest estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for cattle inventory estimates over the past 10 years is 0.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 93.7 million head by more than 0.5 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.9 percent.

The following table also shows a 10 year record of the range of differences between first and latest estimates for selected items. Using estimates of all cattle and calves as an example, changes between the first inventory estimate and the latest estimate during the past 10 years have averaged 335,000 head, ranging from 6,000 to 830,000 head. During this period the initial inventory estimate has been below the final estimate 3 times, and above the final estimate 7 times. This does not imply that the January 1 estimate is likely to understate or overstate final inventory.

Reliability of January 1 Cattle Estimates ¹

Item	Root Mean Square Error	90 Percent Confidence Level		Difference Between First and Latest Estimates			Number of Years	
		Percent	Head	Average	Smallest	Largest	First Above Latest	First Below Latest
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
All Cattle	0.5	0.9	843	335	6	830	7	3
All Cows	0.6	1.1	445	169	24	505	6	4
Calf Crop	1.0	1.8	645	269	10	674	5	5

¹ Based on data from January 2000 through January 2009.

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