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1. Please verify name and mailing address of this operation. Make any corrections necessary (including the correct operation name) on the label and continue.

2. Were any cattle or calves, regardless of ownership, on this operation on **January 1, 2021** or at any time during 2020? (Cattle and calves on grazing land leased on a fee per head or animal unit month (AUM) basis should be included by the cattle owner, excluded by the land owner.)

Yes - Go to item 3, page 3

No -

a. Will there be any cattle or calves, regardless of ownership, on this operation during 2021?

1 Yes - Enter code 1	CODE
2 Don't Know - Enter code 2	 493
3 No - Enter code 3	

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b. Were you (the individual named on the label) operating a farm or ranch on January 1, 2021?

Yes - Go to Section 3, back page

No - Go to Section 2, page 11

Notes and Calculations:

- manager, or partners? Check one For Office Use Only R. Unit One Individual - Go to Section 1, page 4 1 9921 A hired manager - Go to Section 1, page 4 2 SUB 9941 3 Partners - Continue JUNE 1 Number 9930 a. How many partners make the day-to-day decisions? [Enter number of partners, including operator, and then continue.] .....
- 4. Please identify the other person(s) in this partnership, then continue. [Verify partners' names and make necessary corrections if names have already been entered.]

3. Are the day-to-day decisions for this operation made by one individual, a hired

Check if verified		Check if verified	
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
City:			_ State: Zip: Check
Phone: ( )	if cell phor	ne Phone: ( )	if cell phone
Did this partner operate land in	dividually on June 1, 2020?	Did this partner operate land	d individually on June 1, 2020?
1 Yes 3	No	1 Yes	3 No
Check if verified		Check if verified	
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
City:	State: Zip:	City:	State: Zip:
	Check if cell phor	ne	Check if cell phone
Did this partner operate land in	dividually on June 1, 2020?	Did this partner operate lan	d individually on June 1, 2020?
1 Yes	3 🗌 No	1 <b>Yes</b>	3 <b>No</b>
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Ind. Op.	Ind. Op.	Ind. Op.	Ind. Op.
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# Section 1 - Cattle and Calves

1. On January 1, 2021 were any cattle or calves, regardless of ownership, on the total acres operated? (Cattle and calves on grazing land leased on a **fee per head** or **animal unit month (AUM)** basis should be included by the cattle owner, excluded by the land owner.)

	1	Yes - Go to item 2		
	3	No - Were any cattle or calves, regardless of ownership, on the total acres operated at any time during 2020?		
		1 Yes - Go to item 4b		
		<sup>3</sup> No - Go to Section 3, back page		
2.	Of	the total number of cattle and calves on hand January 1, how many were:		NUMBER
				351
	a.	beef cows, including beef heifers that had calved?	+	
	b.	milk cows, including any dry cows or milk heifers that had calved? <b>EXCLUDE</b> any heifers not yet freshened. If no milk cows, go to item 2c	+	352
		349		
		i. How many cows were milked on January 1?		
		F1 F1		1
		OR	Lbs.	
	c.	bulls weighing 500 pounds or more?	+	353
	d.	heifers that had not calved, weighing 500 pounds or more:		Γ
		i. for beef cow replacement?	+	354
		Г		<u> </u>
		(a) How many of these beef cow replacement heifers are expected to calve during 2021?		
				<u> </u> 
		ii. for milk cow replacement?	+	355
		(a) How many of these milk cow replacement heifers are expected to calve 377		
		during 2021?		
		iii. other heifers weighing 500 pounds or more?	+	356
				357
	e.	steers weighing 500 pounds or more?	+	
	f.	heifer, steer, and bull calves weighing less than 500 pounds, including newborn calves?	+	358
	1.			
3.		dd items 2a through 2f and verify the total.]	=	350
	The	en the total cattle and calves on hand January 1 was:		

**Calf Crop** for 2020 (Calves born on grazing land leased on a fee per head or animal unit month (AUM) basis should be included by the cattle owner, excluded by the land owner.)

4.		the <b>calves born</b> on the total acres operated during 2020, how many: <b>CLUDE</b> calves purchased		NUMBER
	a.	were <b>on hand</b> January 1, 2021?	+	363
	b.	Of the calves born on the total acres operated during 2020, how many were <b>sold</b> , <b>moved off</b> this operation, or <b>slaughtered</b> by January 1?	+	364
	C.	had <b>died</b> by January 1? <b>EXCLUDE</b> calves born dead	+	365
5.		dd items 4a through 4c and verify the total.] en the total calves born during 2020 was:	=	366
	a.	Of these calves born, how many were born in the six month period, July 1 through December 31, 2020?		341

or	animal unit month (AUM) basis should be included by the cattle owner, excluded by the land owner.)		NUMBER
6.	How many cattle weighing 500 pounds or more died or were lost from all causes during 2020?	367	

7.	How many calves weighing less than 500 pounds died or were lost from all causes during 2020?	368
	EXCLUDE calves born dead	

Death and Losses (Cattle and calves that died or were lost on grazing land leased on a fee per head

### **Cattle and Calves on Feed**

We need to know about the cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market. Their ration would include grain, silage, hay, or protein supplement.

8. Are there any **cattle and calves on feed**, regardless of ownership, on the total acres operated that will be shipped **directly** from your feedlot to slaughter market?

**INCLUDE** cattle being fed by you for others **EXCLUDE** 

•any of your cattle being custom fed in feedlots operated by others

- •cattle being "backgrounded only" for sale as feeders, for later placement on feed
- in another feedlot, or to be returned to pasture
- "Cows and Bulls" on feed

Yes - Go to item 9

1

3 No -	Did you operate a feedlot or feeding facility on the total
3 110 -	acres operated at any time since January 1, 2020?

₁ Yes - Go to item 10

<sup>3</sup> No - Go to item 12

.....

		NUMBER
9.	How many <b>cattle and calves</b> were <b>on feed</b> January 1 that will be shipped <b>directly</b> from your feedlot to slaughter market?	652
		676
10	. What was the <b>total capacity</b> of your feedlot on January 1?	

If capacity is 1,000 or greater, Go to item 12

11. During 2020, how many cattle and calves on feed were	678
shipped directly to slaughter market from your feedlot?	

Inventory Values for Cattle and Calves on hand January 1, 2021.

12. What is the average value per head of the following: [Report to nearest dollar.]

a. Beef cows?			190	
b. Heifers kept for beef cow replacement weighing 500 pounds or more?	192			
c. Milk cows?			266	
d. Heifers kept for milk cow replacement weighing 500 pounds or more?			267	
e. Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more?			191	
f. Other heifers weighing 500 pounds or more?			195	
g. Steers weighing 500 pounds or more?			196	
			197	
h. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds?				
Slaughter for Consumption by this Operation (regardless of ownershi	p.)			
		CATTLE	CALVES	
13. During 2020, how many cattle and calves were custom slaughtered at comme establishments <b>for consumption</b> by this operation?		8	269	
14. During 2020, how many cattle and calves were slaughtered on this operation f	for			
consumption by this operation? INCLUDE mobile slaughtering	27	0	271	
<b>EXCLUDE</b> custom slaughter at commercial establishments				
Grazing Fees in Your Area				
15. Were any cattle or calves reported on the total acres operated (item 3 on Page	e 4 is pos	itive)?		
$_1$ Yes - Continue $_3$ No - Go to Section 1a, page 7				
16. Which of the following is the most commonly used method of charging for grazing on privately owned, non-irrigated grazing land in your area? Check appropriate box				
<sup>5</sup> Per Head Per Month				
<sup>7</sup> Per Animal Unit Month (AUM)				
<sup>9</sup> Per Cow With Nursing Calf Per Month			Dollars & Cents	
a. What was the average charge for this method in your area during 2020?			91_ ·_ —	
17. During 2020, did this operation pay a fee to graze cattle on privately owned, non-irrigated land using either a per head per month, per animal unit month, or per cow with nursing calf per month method?				
$_1$ Yes - Enter code 1 and continue $_3$ No - Enter code 3 and co	ontinue		<b>CODE</b>	
			<u></u>	
1 Incomple	sta haa aat	tlo.	409	

<ol> <li>1 - Incomplete, has cattle</li> <li>2 - Incomplete, cattle presence unknown</li> </ol>	498
3 - Valid Zero	

**Dollars per Head** 

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# Section 1a - Causes of Predator and Non-predator Loss

Items 2 - 19 are collected for use by other agencies within the Department of Agriculture. Note:

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1 - Incomplete has deaths/Injuries	
2 - Incomplete unknown deaths/Injuries	115
3 - Valid Zero	

1. What is this operation's primary type?

Check One

150 <sub>1</sub> Dairy (the operation primarily produces milk for sale)

Dairy calf ranch/heifer raiser (the operation primarily raises calves or heifers to be used for dairy production) 2

Beef cow-calf (the operation primarily breeds cattle to produce calves, typically to be sold to other cow-calf operations, stockers, backgrounders, feedlot or auctions)

Caluar (waighing lass than 500 nounds)

Stocker or Backgrounder (the operation primarily feeds calves and cattle to be sold to a feedlot)

Feedlot (the operation primarily feeds calves and cattle to be sold directly to slaughter) 5

Other - specify: 6

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How many cattle and calves were lost or died as a result of each of the following causes in 2020? The total number that died or were lost in each column should equal the amount reported in items 6 and 7, respectively.

+

#### 2. Predator Causes

a. Coyotes ..... Dogs ..... b Foxes ..... С Wolves ..... + d Bobcats or Lynx ..... + e. Mountain Lions, cougars, or pumas ...... + f. Grizzly bears ..... + g. Black bears ..... h. Black vultures ..... + i Ravens ..... j. Eagles .....+ k. + Mexican eagle aka Caracaras..... ١. Other predatory birds (specify) m. ..... 984 + Feral pigs ..... n. Other predators (specify) Ο. 985\_\_\_\_\_\_ ..... Unknown predators ..... р.

Calves (weighing less than 500 pounds)	Cattle (weighing 500 pounds or more)
950	038
689	037
688	036
687	039
948	034
954	043
953	042
952	041
961	045
957	044
951	040
975	065
976	066
977	067
955	049
960	060
	•

#### 3. Non-predator Causes

- a. Digestive problems (bloat, scours, parasites, enterotoxemia, acidosis, etc.) .... b. Respiratory problems (pneumonia, shipping fever, etc.) ..... Metabolic problems (milk fever, grass С tetany, etc.) ..... Mastitis ..... d. e. Foot rot ..... f. Other Disease problems (specify most common) 987 Lameness/Injury (joint swelling, wounds, g. accidents due to farm equipment, fencing, other livestock, etc.) ..... h. Problems related to or during calving (dystocia birthing problems, etc.) ..... i. Starvation ..... Poisoning (nitrate, noxious feeds, noxious j. weeds, etc.) Weather related (chilling, drowning, k. lightning, etc.) ..... Fire (barn fire, pasture fire, etc.) ..... Ι.
- m. Old age ..... Theft (stolen) ..... n. Other known non-predator causes 0. (specify) 986 . . . . .
- p. Unknown non-predator causes .....

#### 4. Undetermined Causes

- a. Found dead (undetermined cause) .....
- b. Missing, unknown status .....
- TOTAL cattle and calves that were lost or 5. died due to all causes. The total number in each column should equal the amount reported in Section 1, items 6 and 7. respectively.

	Calves (weighing less than 500 pounds)	Calle (weighing 500 pounds of more)
+	962	046
+	964	047
+	965	048
+	967	051
+	978	068
+	963	063
+	968	054
+	966	053
+	979	069
+	958	052
+	956	050
+	980	070
+		061
+	024	056
+	027	057
+	032	058
+	981	071
+	982	072
	028	059
=		

[If items 2a - 2p all equal 0, Go to item 7. If at least one is greater than "0", continue to item 6.]

6. Were any of the predator-related losses seen by first-hand sightings?

<sup>105</sup> 1 Yes

3 No

No

[If items 3a - 3p all equal 0, Go to item 8. If at least one is greater than "0", continue to item 7.]

7. Were any of the **non-predator-related** losses above (items 3a - 3p) confirmed by laboratory testing or necropsy?

110 Yes 1

Don't know

8

Calves (weighing less than 500 pounds) Cattle (weighing 500 pounds or more)

8.	We	re any of these disease related death	ns (items 3a	- 3f) the result of	transmission from v	vildlife?	
		<sup>111</sup> <sub>1</sub> _ Yes - Go to item 8a	3 🗌 No - Go	o to item 9	2 Don't know	- Go to item 9	
							Number
	a.	Of the (items 3a - 3f) deaths due to result of transmission from wildlife?.			-		112
							Go to item 10
-		er item 9 only if item 8 is No or Don't l w concerned are you that the cattle o	-	our operation co	uld contract a disea	se transmitted	by wildlife?
9.	110		-				by wildine !
	161	1 Not concerned					
		2 Slightly concerned					
		3 Moderately concerned					
		4 Very concerned					
		5 Extremely concerned					
40			1.1	Calves (weighing	less than 500 pounds)	Cattle (weighing	500 pounds or more)
10.		w many cattle and calves were injure ed by predators during 2020?		970		971	
11.		w many of the cattle and calves that					
	eut	red but not killed by predators during hanized as a direct result of the pred	dator-	168		169	
		ated injury? 1/		into a fanco, rosultir	a in the calfe death) ave		not immodiato hut
	1/ w	as ultimately attributed to the predator (e.g. if	the calf was eut	hanized as a result o	of an attack by a predator)	i.	
12.	Du	ring 2020, how many calves were bo	rn dead				<b>Head</b>
	(stil	llborn, mummified fetuses, etc.)?					
13.		ich of the following non-lethal predates ses on your cattle operation during 20		ethods did you us	se to prevent predate	or	
	a.	Dogs for guarding cattle and calves				152	1 Yes 3 No
	b.	Other animals for guarding cattle an	d calves [sp	ecify] 171		172	1 Yes 3 No
	C.	Fencing (including predator exclusio	n fencing an	d electric fencing	g)	124	1 Yes 3 No
	d.	Herding (by you or anyone employe	d or authoriz	ed by you espec	ially during the day)	126	1 Yes 3 No
	e.	Night penning				127	1 Yes 3 No
	f.	Fright tactics (sound, movement - su	uch as flappir	ng objects - light	s, etc.)	128	1 Yes 3 No
	g.	Removing carrion (including afterbir	th materials f	rom calving area	as)	129	1 Yes 3 No
	h.	Culling older, weak, or sick cattle to	prevent deat	h loss		130	1 Yes 3 No
	i.	Habitat management (trimming brus	h from perim	eter of the prope	erty, barns, pens, etc	.)	1 Yes 3 No
	j.	Frequent checks in high predator are	eas/seasons			132	1 Yes 3 No
	k.	Camera systems				174	1 Yes 3 No
	Ι.	Other non-lethal methods [specify] 1				133	1 Yes 3 No

[If items 13a - 13I all equal "No",	Go to item 16.	If at least one is equal to "Yes	". Go to item 14.1
	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••		, ,

14. Did you spend any money on **non-lethal** predator control measures for cattle and calves during 2020?

		<sup>135</sup> 1 Yes - Continue 3 No	- Go to item 15	
				Dollars
	a.		or control measures for cattle or calves by this	136
15.		for cattle and calves during 2020?	orized by you) spend any time on <b>non-lethal</b> predator c d maintaining fencing, checking on cattle and calves in a systems, removing carrion, etc.	
		<sup>178</sup> <sub>1</sub> Yes - Continue <sub>3</sub> No	- Go to item 16	
				Hours
	a.		mployed or authorized by you) spend on <b>non-lethal</b> ves during 2020	179
16.		I you use any <b>lethal</b> predator control measure sons/toxicants, etc.)?	es for cattle and calves during 2020 (hunting, trapping,	
		<sup>180</sup> 1 Yes - Continue 3 No	- Go to item 18	
	a.		dator control measures for cattle and calves during 2020 ch as those to make traps, money spent on euthanize, e	
		<sup>137</sup> 1 Yes - Continue 3 No	- Go to item 17	5.11
	b.		lethal predator control measures by this operation	Dollars 138
17.		cattle and calves during 2020?	orized by you) spend any time on <b>lethal</b> predator contro toring traps, hunting or euthanizing predators, etc.	l measures for
		<sup>181</sup> 1 Yes - Continue 3 No	Co to item 19	
			- Go to item 18	
				Hours
	a.		nployed or authorized by you) spend on <b>lethal</b> ves during 2020?	182
18.			al wildlife damage management specialist was available	?
		<sup>183</sup> <sub>1</sub> Yes - Continue <sub>3</sub> No	- Go to Section 3, back page	
19.		l you have the assistance of a State or Feder dators of cattle and calves in 2020?	al wildlife damage management specialist in controlling	
		$^{184}$ $_1$ Yes - Go to Section 3, back page	3 No - Continue	
	a.	If [item 19] No, Why not?		
		<sup>185</sup> Specify:		
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		

# Section 2 - Change in Operator

Сс	omplete this section of	only if the a	inswers to item :	2 and 2b on th	e face page ar	e both "No"	
1.	Has the operation r	named on t	he label been so	old, rented or t	urned over to s	omeone else?	
	1 Yes - Go to it	tem 2	3 🗌 No - Co	ntinue			
	a. Will the land be <b>INCLUDE</b> grow				(the operator)	, or anyone else in the next yea	r?
	₁  Yes, explain		з No, exp	lain	2 Don't Kn	ow, explain	
	Regardless of ans	swer to iter	n 1a, please exp	plain the situati	on, and then g	o to Section 3, back page	
0			-h-l) -u-su-tiu-u	- f	h	2000	
2.	Was the operator (r	named on I	abel) operating	a farm or ranci	n on June 1, 20	J20 ?	
	1 Yes - Continu	ue	з No - Go	to Section 3, k	oack page		
2	Discos provide the	fellowing in	formation for th	e exercise the			
3.	·	-			at has taken ov	er me land:	
	a. What is the nan	ne and add	lress of the new	operation?			
	Operation Name:						
	Operator Name:						
	Address:						
	City:				State:	Zip:	
	Phone:	()		_		Check if cell phone	
		( )					
	b. Was the (item 3	3a) new op	eration in busine	ess before Jun	e 1, 2020?		
	1 Yes - Go to S	Section 3, t	oack page		₃ No - Cor	ntinue	
	c. Is the (item 3a)	new opera	tion managed?				
	1 Yes - Go to S	Section 3, k	back page		3 No - Cor	ntinue	
	d. Were any of the	e individual	s associated wit	h the (Item 3a	) operation ope	erating land individually before J	une 1, 2020?
	1 Yes - Go to S	Section 3, k	oack page		3 🗌 No - Go	to Section 3, back page	

# **Section 3 - Conclusion**

1. Do you (the operator named on the label) make any day-to-day decisions for another farm or ranch?

1 Yes - Continue 3 No - Go to Survey	Results
a. What is the name of the other operation(s)?	Operation Name:
	Address:
b. Was this additional operation in business before June 1, 2020?	City: State: ZIP:
<sup>1</sup> Yes - Continue <sub>3</sub> No - Continue	Check if cell phone Phone: ( )

SURVEY RESULTS: To receive the complete results of this survey on the release date, go to: nass.usda.gov/results

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## **Contact Information**

Operation Email: (if different from above)		Operation Phone:			
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Respondent Name:	Respondent Phone: (if different	t from above)			
9912	9911	check if	 MM	DD	YY

This completes the survey. Thank you for your help.

Date:

For Wildlife Services (WS) assistance in your State, call toll-free (866)-4USDA-WS (866-487-3297)

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Response		Respond	ent	Mode	Mode		Eval.	Change	Office Use for POID		C	
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