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On: U.S. CATTLE AND SHEEP INVENTORY

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## U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

AUSTIN . . .The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 104.5 million head on July 1, up 1 percent from the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004, and 1 percent above the 103.9 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 42.8 million head, 1 percent above the 42.5 million on July 1, 2004, and slightly above the 42.7 million on July 1, 2003.

Beef cows totaled 33.8 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago, while milk cows were also up 1 percent, at 9.05 million head.

Beef replacement heifers, at 5.0 million head, were up 4 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifers totaled 3.7 million, up 3 percent from last year.

The 2005 calf crop is expected to be 37.8 million head, up slightly from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year were estimated at 27.5 million, up slightly from 2004.

## U.S. SHEEP INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2005 totaled 7.80 million head, 2 percent above July 1, 2004. The breeding sheep inventory is up 2 percent at 4.66 million head and consists of 3.79 million ewes one year old and older, 185,000 rams one year old and older and 680,000 replacement lambs.

Market sheep and lambs, at 3.15 million head, were 1 percent above last July. The 2005 lamb crop in the U.S. is expected to total 4.12 million head, up 1 percent from the 2004 lamb crop of 4.10 million head.

Region 3 (Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming) accounted for 34.0 percent of all sheep and lambs; Region 2 (New Mexico and Texas) accounted for 19.2 percent; Region 1 (Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington) for 16.7 percent; Region 4 (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and Oklahoma) for 15.4 percent and Region 5 (all other states) for 14.7 percent.