



# THE NAVAJO NATION

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## OPERATION 2010 SNOWFALL

### Livestock on Highway

**Window Rock, AZ; February 3, 2010** - Throughout the year, livestock owners are notified and informed about livestock grazing along the main highways across the Navajo Nation. Since the recent snowfall the animals are beginning to graze along the main highways because the deep snow covers grass and plants in the forest. Also as the roads are being cleared, horses and cattle are beginning to graze in the cleared areas.

Motorists are placed in danger when animals get on the highways. The likelihood of someone hitting an animal becomes greater because of narrow, plowed roads, especially at night.

Livestock owners need to be responsible by keeping their animals off the highways. Most chapters have been assisting their community members with hay during this state of emergency so individuals need to contact their local chapter government.

Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture shared a rough estimate of the numbers of livestock on the Navajo Nation at this time:

Agency	Cattle	Ranchers	Horses	Ranchers	Sheep	Ranchers
Tuba City	20,630	1,572	5,419	1,418	28,898	1,524
Shiprock	11,014	675	2,648	710	14,215	757
Crownpoint	29,418	1,213	5,770	1,279	23,152	1,225
Ft Defiance	33,439	1,825	9,603	2,377	44,079	2,044
Chinle	1,842	218	1,217	279	3,870	242
	96,344	5,503	24,658	6,063	114,214	5,792

The statistics indicate for example: in Tuba City Agency, 1,572 ranchers own 20,630 cattle; 1,418 ranchers own 5,419 horses; 1,524 ranchers own 28,898 sheep, and so forth.

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