

**Table 25--Annual grazing statistics--fiscal year 1997**

	Permittees 1/		Cattle		Horses and burros		Sheep and goats		Total	
		Number	HM's 2/ AUM's 3/	Number	HM's AUM's	Number	HM's AUM's	Number	HM's AUM's	
Permitted to graze		1,264,909	6,281,578 7,915,553	21,091	46,937 55,621	988,002	2,966,760 859,178	2,274,002	9,295,275 8,830,352	
Authorized to graze:										
Paid permits 4/	8,468	1,197,944	5,531,573 6,948,830	20,413	43,452 51,407	914,831	2,508,241 723,682	2,133,188	8,083,266 7,723,919	
Free use	62	2,444	5,859 7,593	529	5,476 6,564	11,020	19,227 5,016	13,993	30,562 19,173	
Private land permits	0	44,854	221,279 278,554	483	4,182 4,994	6,943	32,452 9,466	52,280	257,913 293,014	
Crossing	6	556	188 246	211	16 20	5,863	4,827 1,196	6,630	5,031 1,462	
Total Authorized 5/	8,536	1,200,944	5,537,620 6,956,669	21,153	48,944 57,991	931,714	2,532,295 729,894	2,153,811	8,118,859 7,744,554	
Wild horses				2,744	31,008			2,744	31,008	
Wild burros				300	3,635			300	3,635	

1/ Permittees holding paid permits are not counted in other categories

2/ A head month is the billing unit for permitted grazing and is equal to 1 month's occupancy.

3/ An animal unit month (AUM) is the amount of forage required by a 1,000 lb. cow, or equivalent for 1 month

4/ Includes term and temporary grazing permits and all other paid permits (e.g., transportation, research, working animals, special uses, etc.).

5/ Private land and wild horse and burro data not included in totals