

Cattle

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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.

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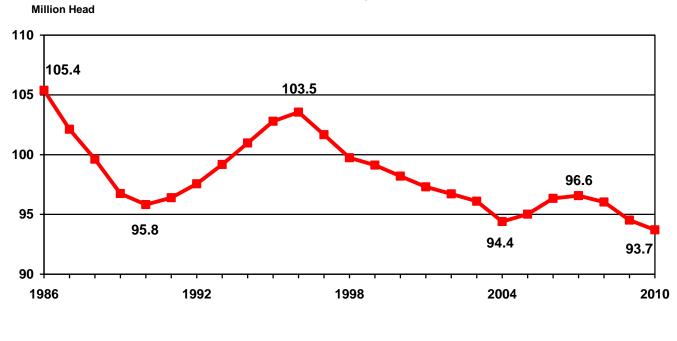
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U	anuary 1, 2009-2010		
Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
Cattle and Calves	94,521	93,701	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	41,045	40,456	99
Beef Cows	31,712	31,376	99
Milk Cows	9,333	9,081	97
Heifers 500 Pounds and 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

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, January 1, 2009-2010¹

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding. ² Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year.

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	Al	l Cattle and Calves	6	All Cows That Have Calved			
State	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	
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 ME	890 89	840 87	94 98	540 44	520 44	96 100	
ME MD	185	195	98 105	44 95	44 95	100	
MA	43	43	103	22	21	95	
MA	1,070	1,100	100	445	450	101	
MN	2,400	2,420	103	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	98 105	148	144	97 102	
VA	1,470	1,550	105	740	760	103	
WA WV	1,080 415	1,040	96 89	515	470 200	91 93	
W V WI	3,350	370 3,400	89 101	215 1,520	1,520	93 100	
WY	5,550 1,350	3,400 1,320	98	720	700	100 97	
US	94,521.0	93,701.2	99	41,044.6	40,456.4	99	

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

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	Beef Cows That Have Calved			Milk Cows That Have Calved			
State	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	
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 H	451	440	98 95	554	550	99	
IL IN	408	389	95 104	102	101	99 101	
IN LA	213	221	104	167 215	169 215	101	
IA KS	925 1,505	885 1,434	96 95	215 125	215 116	100 93	
KS KY	1,505	1,434 1,070	93 96	86	80	93	
LA	515	499	90 97	25	21	84	
ME	11.0	11.0	100	33	33	100	
MD	39	41	100	56	54	96	
MA	7.5	8.0	105	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	535 150	546 160	102 107	115	114	99 98	
PA RI	1.4	1.3	93	550 1.1	540 1.1	98 100	
SC	1.4	1.5	93 97	17.0	1.1	100	
SD SD	1,626	1,618	100	94	92	98	
TN	951	997	100	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	

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

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	Heifers 500 Pounds and Over							
State	Beef Cow Re	placement	Milk Cow Re	eplacement	Other			
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010		
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head		
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 FL	0.6	0.7	2.3	2.7 30	0.6	0.4		
GA	140 73	135 68	35 23	25	25 31	25 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	69 180	69 165	20.0	19.0	30	24		
ND OH	180 70	165 65	20.0 115	10.0 120	215 75	220 70		
OK	390	405	30	25	580	530		
OR	90	403 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		

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

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State	Steer 500 Pounds		Bul 500 Pounds		Calv Under 500	
State	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
AL	55	70	45	50	340	340
AK	0.8	0.6	1.9	2.0	3.3	3.
ΑZ	370	300	20	20	135	135
AR	145	155	60	60	420	455
CA	600	580	65	70	1,060	1,050
20	770	860	50	45	220	175
CT	2.4	2.3	0.6	0.7	10.5	10
DE	3.0	2.6	0.4	0.3	3.6	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
D	260	255	35	35	250	280
L	230	210	25	25	210	215
N	104	122	16.0	19.0	203	172
A	1,390	1,330	70	60	480	460
KS	2,020	1,890	95	90	715	680
XY	2,020	235	75	75	490	510
LA	215	233	34	32	181	162
ME	3.5	4.0	1.5	1.5	16.0	162
MD	15.0	18.0	4.0	4.0	30	35
MA	2.0	2.0	4.0	1.0	8.0	9
MI	185	200	15.0	15.0	200	200
MN	440	445	40	35	515	520 225
MS	55	50	39	39	230	225
MO	510	450	110	110	900	920
MT	265	265	90	90	115	95 205
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
NJ	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	6.0	6
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
ЭH	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
SC	15.0	17.0	17.0	16.0	93	90
SD	680	760	85	85	315	285
ΓN	137	137	73	78	490	500
ΓX	2,780	2,530	370	370	2,290	2,300
JT	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
JS	16,769.1	16,440.4	2,184.1	2,190.1	14,947.7	14,948

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

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

State	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
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	99 101
VA	680	690	101
WA	430	410	95
WV	200	195	98
WI WY	1,350 680	1,370 660	101 97
vv 1	080	000	97
US	36,152.5	35,819.0	99

State	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
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	102
KS	2,370	2,370	100
KY	10.0	10.0	100
MD	12.0	12.0	100
MI	165	170	100
MN	280	290	103
MO	60	60	104
MT	45	26	58
NE	2,500	2,500	
NV	6.0	2,300 9.0	150
NY	29	30	103
ND	70	90	103
OH	195	195	129
OK	350	370	100
OR	80	75	94
		75	
PA	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

Cattle and Calves: Total Number on Feed by State and United States, January 1, 2009-2010¹

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.

5-State Total,	January 1, 2009-2010		
Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
Calves, Other Heifers and Steers Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas	Million Head 1.65	Million Head	Percent 116

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

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

Class	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	
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

	Chited St	atcs, 2000-2007			
	2008		2009		
Period	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	
	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	Percent	
Jan 1 - Jun 30 Jul 1 - Dec 31	26,300.0 9,852.5	72.7 27.3	26,000.0 9,819.0	72.6 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.

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Item	Root Mean	90 Percent Confidence Level		Difference Between First and Latest Estimates				ber of ars
Item	Square Error	Percent	Head	Average	Smallest	Largest	First Above Latest	First Below Latest
	Percent	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Number	Number
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

Reliability of January 1	Cattle Estimates ¹
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¹ Based on data from January 2000 through January 2009.

Information Contacts

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