

On January 1, 2006, 1.28 million head of **cattle and calves** were on farms in Alabama. Cash receipts from farm marketings totaled \$462.9 million. There was a 5 percent decrease in the number of cattle and calves marketed. Prices received by Alabama producers during 2005 was up to \$84.00 per cwt for cattle and \$127.00 for calves. **Beef cow** inventory decreased 4 percent to 696,000 head and **beef cow replacement heifers**, at 85,000 head, were down 15 percent from the previous year. There were 14,000 **milk cows** in Alabama dairy herds, down 13 percent from the previous year. The number of operations with milk cows during 2005 was estimated at 190. This number includes any operation with one or more milk cows. Milk produced in the State totaled 224 million pounds in 2005, down 9 percent from the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 14,000 pounds. Prices received for milk dropped to \$16.90 in 2005. Alabama cash receipts from milk decreased 13 percent in 2005 to \$37.7 million. All **hogs and pigs** on hand December 1, 2005 numbered 160,000 head. The number of **breeding hogs** dropped to 18,000 and total **market hogs** decreased 12 percent to 143,000 and 32,000 **sows** farrowed 285,000 pigs in 2005. The average number of pigs per litter was 8.91, compared with 8.83 a year ago. Cash receipts from hogs and pigs were \$42.7 million and the average price received per cwt was \$44.00.

Sales of **catfish** in Alabama decreased 4 percent to \$97.6 million during 2005. There were 194 operations in the State producing catfish on January 1, 2006. Water surface area was down 1,600 acres from last year, totaling 23,500 acres. **Honey production** in 2005 totaled 858,000 pounds. There were 13,000 colonies producing honey in 2005. Yield per colony averaged 66 pounds, down 21 pounds from a year earlier. The average price per pound was 128 cents, down 13 cents from a year ago.

Livestock and Poultry Receipts, 2005

Commodity	Receipts - \$	Pct of Total	
Broilers	2.41 bil.	71.4	Cash receipts for Alabama's livestock and poultry production
Cattle & Calves	462.87 mil.	13.7	totaled \$3.38 billion for 2005. Receipts for broilers and other
Eggs	281.60 mil.	8.3	poultry & egg products were \$2.70 billion, while cattle, calf and
Catfish	97.60 mil.	2.9	hog receipts were \$505.56 million. Catfish producers receipts
Other Lvstk and Poultry	43.06 mil.	1.3	decreased 4 percent going from \$101.2 million in 2004 to \$97.6
Hogs	42.69 mil.	1.3	million in 2005.
Dairy	<u>37.69 mil.</u>	<u>1.1</u>	
Lvstk and Poultry, Total	3.38 bil.	100.0	

Alabama: Record Year Of Livestock and Poultry

Livestock	Unit	Record Number	Year
Broiler Production, Annual	Mil Birds	1,051	2002
Beef Cows	Thou Hd	1,314	1976
Catfish Sales, Annual	Thou Dols	101,198	2004
Cattle and Calves, Jan 1.	Thou Hd	2,850	1976
Egg Production, Annual	Mil Eggs	3,354	1980
Hogs and Pigs, Inventory Dec 1.	Thou Hd	1,640	1897
Layer Inventory, Dec 1.	Mil Birds	14.60	1965
Milk Production, Annual	Mil Lbs	1,360	1944