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GEORGIA CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

All cattle and calves on Georgia farms on January 1, 2008, are estimated at 1,130,000 head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2007 according to the USDA, NASS, Georgia Field Office.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 630,000 head on January 1, 2007, down 5 percent from the previous year. Beef cows totaled 553,000 head, down 5 percent, and milk cows are 77,000 head, 3 percent above the previous year.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 75,000 head, down 2,000 head below 2007. Milk replacement heifers totaled 22,000 head, down 4 percent from the previous year.

Calves born during 2007 in Georgia totaled 530,000 head, down 2 percent from the number born in 2006.

GEORGIA GOAT INVENTORY

Georgia meat and other goats totaled 100,000 and milk goats totaled 4,000.

JANUARY 1 U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN SLIGHTLY

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2008, totaled 96.7 million head, slightly below the 97.0 million on January 1, 2007.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007.

- **Beef cows**, at 32.6 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.22 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2007.

TOTAL U.S. GOAT AND KID INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2008, totaled 3.02 million head, up 3 percent from 2007. **Breeding goat inventory** totaled 2.50 million head up 2 percent from 2007. **All market goats and kids** totaled 520,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2008 **meat and all other goats** totaled 2.50 million head, up 4 percent from 2007. **Milk goat** inventory increased 4 percent to 305,000 head while **angora goats** were down 12 percent totaling 210,000 head. The 2007 **kid crop** totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2006.

Mohair production in the United States during 2007 was 1.14 million pounds. **Goats and kids clipped** totaled 185,000 head. Average weight per clip was 6.20 pounds. **Mohair price** was \$3.78 per pound with a value of 4.31 million dollars.