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### Idaho Cattle Numbers Remain at 2011 Levels

Idaho cattle and calf inventory totaled 2.22 million head as of January 1, 2012, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was unchanged from the revised 2.22 million head in the State on January 1, 2011. There were 469,000 beef cows, up 5 percent, and 581,000 milk cows, up 1 percent, on hand at the beginning of the year. The number of beef replacement heifers, at 90,000, was down 5 percent from a year ago, heifers for milk cow replacement, at 280,000, was down 13 percent and other heifers 500 pounds and over was 200,000 head, down 11 percent from last year. Statewide, there were 310,000 steers over 500 pounds, 35,000 bulls over 500 pounds and 255,000 calves under 500 pounds on January 1, 2012. The 2011 calf crop totaled 910,000 head, down 8 percent from the calf crop of 2010.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2012 totaled 90.8 million head, 2 percent below the 92.7 million on January 1, 2011. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 88.1 million on hand in 1952. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.1 million, were down 2 percent from the 40.0 million on January 1, 2011. Beef cows, at 29.9 million head, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2011. Milk cows, at 9.2 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.2 million head were up 1 percent from last year. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.5 million head, fell 1 percent from a year ago. Other heifers, at 9.6 million head and steers weighing 500 pounds or more were at 16.1 million head, were both down 2 percent from last year. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, at 2.1 million were down 5 percent from 2011. Calves less than 500 pounds on January 1, 2012 were at 14.1 million head, down 3 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2012 were at 14.1 million, up 1 percent from last January. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 25.7 million, down 4 percent. The 2011 calf crop was estimated at 35.3 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. This is the smallest calf crop since the 34.9 million born during 1950. Calves born during the first half of 2011 are estimated at 25.7 million, down 1 percent from 2010.

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