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Press Release

January 1 Cattle Inventory

Iowa: All cattle and calves in Iowa as of January 1, 2005 totaled 3.60 million head, 4 percent above the 3.45 million head on January 1, 2004. Beef cows, at 1,013,000 head, were 3 percent above last year. Milk cows, at 187,000 head, were 5 percent below last year.

Overall heifer numbers were down 1 percent from last year at 800,000 head. Heifers for beef cow replacement were down 4 percent to 120,000 head; heifers for milk cow replacement at 100,000 head were 5 percent above the previous year; and all other heifers were down 10,000 head from last year at 580,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were up 9 percent from last year at 1,020,000 head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over were unchanged from a year ago at 70,000 head. Calves under 500 pounds on January 1 totaled 510,000 head, up 13 percent from last year at 450,000 head.

The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 1.10 million head, down 2 percent from the 1.12 million born in 2003. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 was 920,000 head, down 3 percent from one year ago.

United States: All cattle and calves in the United States as of

January 1, 2005, totaled 95.8 million head, 1 percent above the 94.9 million on January 1, 2004.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.1 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2004. Beef cows, at 33.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2004. Milk cows, at 9.01 million, were up slightly from January 1, 2004.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2005, and the change from January 1, 2004, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.75 million, up 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.13 million, up 3 percent. Other heifers, 9.79 million, down slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, up 1 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, up 1 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, up 1 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.7 million, down slightly. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.9 million, up 2 percent.

The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, down 1 percent from 2003.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
Iowa and United States, January 1, 2004-2005**

Class	Iowa			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	3,450	3,600	104	94,888	95,848	101
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	1,180	1,200	102	41,851	42,060	101
Beef Cows	984	1,013	103	32,861	33,055	101
Milk Cows	196	187	95	8,990	9,005	100
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	810	800	99	19,345	19,673	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	125	120	96	5,518	5,746	104
For Milk Cow Replacement	95	100	105	4,020	4,133	103
Other Heifers	590	580	98	9,806	9,793	100
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	940	1,020	109	16,277	16,511	101
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	70	70	100	2,206	2,219	101
Calves Under 500 Pounds	450	510	113	15,210	15,385	101
Cattle on Feed ¹	950	920	97	13,813	13,749	100
	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003	2003	2004	2004 as % of 2003
Calf Crop	1,120	1,100	98	37,903	37,625	99

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.