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## Cattle Inventory

**Iowa:** All cattle and calves in Iowa as of January 1, 2007 totaled 3.95 million head, 3.9 percent above the 3.80 million head on January 1, 2006. Beef cows, at 1.07 million head, were 1.6 percent above last year. Milk cows, at 210,000 head, were 12.3 percent above last year.

Overall heifer numbers were up 6.7 percent from last year at 960,000 head. Heifers for beef cow replacement were up 14 percent to 160,000 head; heifers for milk cow replacement at 120,000 head were unchanged from the previous year; and all other heifers were up 6.2 percent to 680,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were up 5.5 percent from last year at 1,160,000 million 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 480,000 head, down 2 percent from last year at 490,000 head.

The 2006 calf crop was estimated at 1.14 million head, down 2.6 percent from the 1.17 million head born in 2005. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2007 was 872,000 head, down 5.2 percent from one year ago.

**United States:** All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2007, totaled 97.0 million head, slightly above the 96.7 million on January 1, 2006.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.0 million, were down slightly from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2006. Beef cows, at 32.9 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2006. Milk cows, at 9.13 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2006. Other class estimates on January 1, 2007, and the change from January 1, 2006, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.1 million, up 1 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.88 million, down slightly. Milk replacement heifers, 4.31 million, up 1 percent. Other heifers, 9.90 million, up 1 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.2 million, up 2 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, down 2 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 15.5 million, down slightly. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up 1 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 28.3 million, up 1 percent.

The 2006 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down slightly from 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2005.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,  
Iowa and United States, January 1, 2006-2007**

Class	Iowa			United States		
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
	<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	3,800	3,950	104	96,702	97,003	100
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	1,240	1,280	103	42,056	42,023	100
Beef Cows	1,053	1,070	102	32,994	32,894	100
Milk Cows	187	210	112	9,063	9,129	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	900	960	107	19,984	20,086	101
For Beef Cow Replacement	140	160	114	5,904	5,877	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	120	120	100	4,275	4,310	101
Other Heifers	640	680	106	9,805	9,899	101
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	1,100	1,160	105	16,933	17,222	102
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	70	70	100	2,263	2,215	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	490	480	98	15,465	15,456	100
Cattle on Feed <sup>1</sup>	920	872	95	14,132	14,269	101
	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
Calf Crop	1,170	1,140	97	37,575	37,567	100

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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