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July 1 Cattle Inventory Down One Percent

United States: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2010, totaled 100.8 million head, 1 percent below the 102.0 million on July 1, 2009.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.8 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2009. Beef cows, at 31.7 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2009. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2009.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2010 and the changes from July 1, 2009, are as follows:

- * All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down 1 percent.
- * Beef replacement heifers, 4.4 million, down 2 percent.
- * Milk replacement heifers, 4.1 million, up 3 percent.
- * Other heifers, 7.7 million, down 1 percent.
- * Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.3 million, down 1 percent.
- * Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged.
- * Calves under 500 pounds, 27.5 million, down 1 percent.
- * All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.0 million, up 3 percent.

The 2010 calf crop is expected to be 35.4 million, down 1 percent from 2009. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.7 million, down 1 percent from 2009.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2009-2010

Class	United States		
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
All Cattle and Calves	102,000 <i>1,000 Head</i>	100,800 <i>1,000 Head</i>	99 <i>Percent</i>
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	41,400	40,800	99
Beef Cows	32,200	31,700	98
Milk Cows	9,200	9,100	99
Calf Crop	35,819	35,400	99