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Pennsylvania Cattle Inventory Up

HARRISBURG, PA, Feb 5, 2008 - - - Pennsylvania farmers had 1,610,000 cattle and calves on hand on January 1, 2008, up 10,000 head from the January 1, 2007 level, according to the Pennsylvania field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

The Keystone State's calf crop for 2007 was 630,000 up 10,000 head from one year ago. All cows that have calved, at 710,000, was up 10,000 head from last year. Milk cow inventory, at 552,000, is up 2,000 head from January 1, 2007. Beef cows totaled 158,000, up 8,000 head from last year's beef cow inventory. Milk cow replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, at 275,000, is up 5,000 head from last year's number. Beef cow replacement heifers, at 40,000, remained unchanged from last year.

Other heifers 500 pounds and over, at 60,000, was down 5,000 head from January 1, 2007. Steers in the same weight category, at 160,000, remained steady from last year's level. Bulls, at 25,000, were the same as January 1, 2007. All calves under 500 pounds, at 340,000, remained steady from last year.

Primary data used in making cattle estimates for Pennsylvania and the United States were obtained from a sample of about 50,000 agricultural producers in the United States using probability surveys. Information was collected by mail, telephone and personal interview.

UNITED STATES – 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.

The 2007 calf crop was estimated at 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007. Milk cows, at 9.22 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Beef cows, at 32.6 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.46 million, are up 3 percent. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.67 million, are down 4 percent.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2008 and the change from January 1, 2007, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.0 million, down slightly.
- Other heifers, 9.88 million, down slightly.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.3 million, up slightly.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.21 million, down slightly.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, down 1 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up slightly.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots, 28.2 million, down slightly.

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