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Pennsylvania Cattle Inventory Unchanged

HARRISBURG, PA, Feb 8, 2012, REVISED - - - Pennsylvania farmers had 1,610,000 cattle and calves on hand on January 1, 2012, unchanged from the January 1, 2011, according to the Pennsylvania field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

The Keystone State's calf crop for 2011 was 590,000 declining 10,000 head from one year ago. All cows that have calved, at 700,000, was steady from last year. Milk cows that have calved, at 540,000, is down 3,000 head from January 1, 2011. Beef cows that have calved totaled 160,000, up 3,000 head from last year's beef number. Milk cow replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, at 315,000, is up 5,000 head from last year's number. Beef cow replacement heifers, is also up 5,000 from last year to 45,000.

Other heifers 500 pounds and over, at 55,000, is up 5,000 from January 1, 2011. Steers in the same weight category, at 145,000, are up 5,000 head from last year's level. Bulls, at 25,000, were the same as January 1, 2011. All calves under 500 pounds, at 325,000, is down 20,000 head 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, 2012, totaled 90,768,500 head, 1,913,900 head below January 1, 2011.

The 2011 calf crop, at 35,313,200, declined 381,600 head from 2010. Calves born during the first half of 2011 are at 25.7 million. This represents 72.8 percent of total; a increase of 0.2 points from last year.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39,112,400 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2011. Milk cows that have calved, at 9,229,500, were up 1 percent the previous January. Beef cows that have calved, at 29,882,900, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2011. Milk replacement heifers, at 4,527,000, were down 41,200 head. Beef replacement heifers, at 5,211,600, were up 73,000 head.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2012, and the change from January 1, 2011, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.4 million, down 1 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.6 million, down 2 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down 2 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, down 5 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 14.1 million, down 3 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.1 million, up 1 percent.

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