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JANUARY 2008 CATTLE INVENTORY REPORT

SOUTH CAROLINA UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR

All cattle and calves on **SOUTH CAROLINA** farms on January 1, 2008 were estimated at 400,000 head, the USDA, NASS South Carolina Field Office announced today. This number is unchanged from January 1, 2007. South Carolina ranks 39th among all states while Texas ranks first at 13.8 million head with Kansas and Nebraska coming in second and third at 6.70 and 6.55 million head, respectively.

The total inventory of 400,000 head includes 197,000 beef cows and 18,000 milk cows. Also included are 18,000 bulls, 36,000 beef replacement heifers, 7,000 milk replacement heifers, 12,000 other heifers, and 11,000 steers, all weighing 500 pounds or more. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 101,000. The South Carolina calf crop for 2007 totaled 175,000 head, unchanged from 2006.

U. S. SLIGHTLY ABOVE LAST YEAR

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.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007. Beef cows, at 32.6 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Milk cows, at 9.22 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2007. 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. Beef replacement heifers, 5.67 million, down 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.46 million, up 3 percent. 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 was 28.2 million, down slightly.

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.