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January Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent

SIoux FALLS, February 15, 2006 – All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 111.9 million head on January 1, 2006, up 1 percent from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 48.6 million head, was up 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, 2 percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005 and 2 percent above the 94.9 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.3 million, was up 1 percent from a year ago.

The United States **calf crop** for January to December 2005 totaled 37.8 million head, up 1 percent from 37.5 million in 2004.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2006 totaled 14.8 million head, down 2 percent from the 15.1 million on January 1, 2005. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 6.328 million, was down 1 percent from the 6.363 million on January 1, 2005.

The Canadian **calf crop** for January to December 2005 totaled 5.6 million head, up 2 percent from 5.5 million in 2004.

This publication is a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and NASS to release the number of cattle and calves by class and calf crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the U.S. cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on January 27, 2006.

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