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Cattle Inventory Down 8 Percent

NASHVILLE, February 1, 2008 - The total number of cattle and calves in Tennessee on January 1, 2008, was 2.13 million head, 8 percent below last year's total. This information is based on a recent cattle survey conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Tennessee Field Office. Debra Kenerson, State Director, remarked, "It is quite apparent that the Easter freeze coupled with extreme drought conditions took a toll on our cattle producers. Poor pastures and reduced hay production, along with water shortages in some areas resulted in many producers culling cattle." Results of the survey showed the following breakout of inventory on January 1, 2008, with comparison to last year: **beef cows** totaled 1.08 million, down 6 percent; **milk cow** numbers were 61,000, down 9 percent; **calves under 500 pounds** were 520,000, down 9 percent; and **steers and other heifers** weighing 500 pounds and over, at 195,000 head, were down 13 percent. Tennessee's 2007 **calf crop** remained the same from 2006 at 1.06 million head.

U.S. Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

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, and **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.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2007-2008

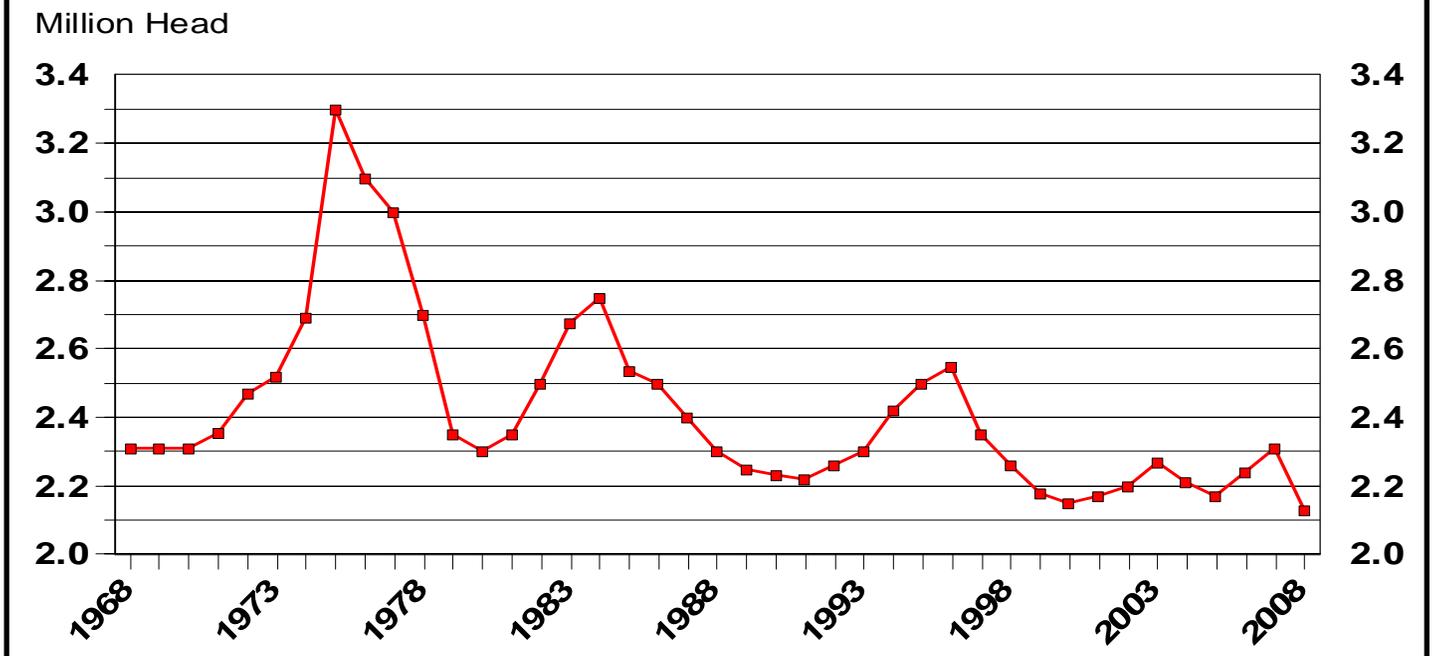
Class	Tennessee			United States		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007 ¹	2008	2008/2007
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	2,310	2,130	92	97,003	96,669	100
All Cows that Have Calved	1,220	1,140	93	42,023	41,777	99
Beef	1,153	1,079	94	32,891	32,553	99
Milk	67	61	91	9,132	9,224	101
Heifers, 500 pounds and over	310	280	90	20,086	20,003	100
Beef Cow Replacement	180	160	89	5,877	5,670	96
Milk Cow Replacement	40	45	113	4,310	4,457	103
Other	90	75	83	9,899	9,876	100
Steers, 500 pounds and over	135	120	89	17,222	17,305	100
Bulls, 500 pounds and over	75	70	93	2,215	2,207	100
Calves, under 500 pounds	570	520	91	15,456	15,378	99
Calf Crop ²	1,060	1,060	100	37,519	37,361	100
Cattle on Feed	7	4	57	14,269	14,317	100

¹ Revised. ² Calves born during previous 12 months.

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Tennessee Cattle Inventory

January 1, 1968 - 2008



Tennessee Continues to Rank Second in Meat Goats Sheep Inventory Up 12 Percent

The total number of **meat goats** in Tennessee on January 1, 2008, was 118,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2007. **Milk goats** totaled 5,800 head, down 800 head for the previous year. Tennessee ranks second in the nation in number of meat goats and fifteenth in milk goats. The total number of **sheep and lambs** in the State on January 1, 2008, was 28,000, 12 percent above last year's total of 25,000 head. Breeding inventory, at 23,000 head, increased a thousand over last year, while market inventory increased 3,000 to 5,000 head for 2008. Tennessee's 2007 lamb crop increased 3,000, 19 percent, from 2006 at 19,000 head.

U.S. Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 2 Percent U.S. Goat and Kid Inventory Up 3 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2008, totaled 6.06 million head, down 2 percent from 2007. After consecutive increases in 2005 and 2006, inventory has now declined for the past two years. The 2007 **lamb crop** of 4.05 million head, was down slightly from 2006. **All goat** inventory in the United States on January 1, 2008, totaled 3.02 million head, up 3 percent from 2007. **Breeding goat** inventory totaled 2.50 million head, up 2 percent from 2007. **Market goats and kids** totaled 520,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2008, **meat and all other goats** totaled 2.50 million head, up 4 percent from 2007. **Milk goat** inventory increased 4 percent to 305,000 head, while **angora goats** were down 12 percent totaling 210,000 head. The 2007 **kid crop** totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, up 1 percent from 2006.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2007 -2008

Class	Tennessee			United States ¹		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007 ³	2008	2008/2007
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	25.0	28.0	112	6,165	6,055	98
Total Breeding	22.0	23.0	105	4,610	4,505	98
Ewes, One Yr. & Older	16.0	17.0	106	3,696	3,617	98
Rams, One Yr. & Older	2.0	2.0	100	195	193	99
Replacement Lambs	4.0	4.0	100	719	695	97
Total Market	3.0	5.0	167	1,555	1,550	100
Market Lambs	2.5	4.5	180	1,466	1,470	100
Market Sheep	0.5	0.5	100	89	80	90
Lamb Crop ²	16.0	19.0	119	4,065	4,050	100
Sheep Shorn	16.0	17.0	106	4,852	4,705	97

¹ May not add due to rounding. ² Lambs and kids born during previous 12 months. ³ Revised.