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Cattle Inventory Up 3 Percent

NASHVILLE, February 2, 2007 - The total number of cattle and calves in Tennessee on January 1, 2007, was 2.31 million head, 3 percent above 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 with continued strong beef prices that Tennessee is in the beginning years of an upward trend in our cattle cycle. Producers have been holding on to more cows in an effort to increase herd size." Results of the survey showed the following breakout of inventory on January 1, 2007, with comparison to last year: **beef cows** totaled 1.153 million, up 4 percent; **milk cow** numbers were 67,000, down 4 percent; **calves under 500 pounds** were 570,000, up 4 percent; and **steers and other heifers** weighing 500 pounds and over, at 225,000 head, were up 7 percent. Tennessee's 2006 **calf crop** remained the same from 2005 at 1.06 million head.

U.S. Cattle Inventory Up Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2007, totaled 97.0 million head, 1 percent above the 96.7 million on January 1, 2006. **All cows** and heifers that have calved, at 42.0 million, were down slightly from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2006. **Beef cows**, at 32.9 million, were down slightly from January 1, 2006, and **milk cows**, at 9.13 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2006.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2007, and the change from January 1, 2006, are as follows: **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 20.1 million, up 1 percent; **Beef replacement heifers**, 5.88 million, down slightly; **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.31 million, up 1 percent; **Other heifers**, 9.90 million, up 1 percent; **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.2 million, up 2 percent; **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, down 2 percent; **Calves** under 500 pounds, 15.5 million, down slightly; **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up 1 percent. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** outside of feedlots was 28.3 million, up 1 percent. The 2006 **calf crop** was estimated at 37.6 million head, down slightly from 2005. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2005.

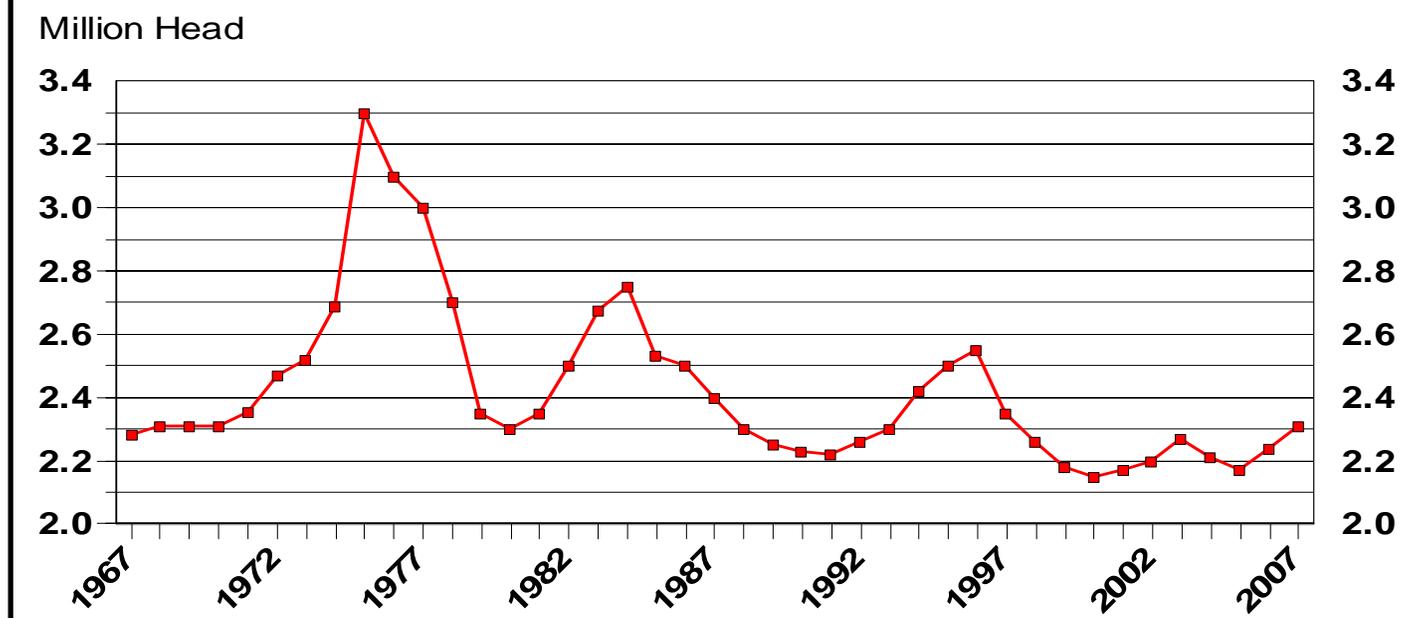
Cattle and Calves: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2006-2007

Class	Tennessee			United States		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006 ¹	2007	2007/2006
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	2,240	2,310	103	96,702	97,003	100
All Cows that Have Calved	1,180	1,220	103	42,056	42,023	100
Beef	1,110	1,153	104	32,994	32,894	100
Milk	70	67	96	9,063	9,129	101
Heifers, 500 pounds and over	310	310	100	19,984	20,086	101
Beef Cow Replacement	185	180	97	5,904	5,877	100
Milk Cow Replacement	40	40	100	4,275	4,310	101
Other	85	90	106	9,805	9,899	101
Steers, 500 pounds and over	125	135	108	16,933	17,222	102
Bulls, 500 pounds and over	75	75	100	2,263	2,215	98
Calves, under 500 pounds	550	570	104	15,465	15,456	100
Calf Crop ²	1,060	1060	100	37,575	37,567	100
Cattle on Feed	8	7	88	14,132	14,269	101

¹ Revised. ² Calves born during previous 12 months.

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Tennessee Cattle Inventory January 1, 1967 - 2007



Tennessee Ranks Second in Meat Goats Sheep Inventory Down 7 Percent

The total number of **meat goats** in Tennessee on January 1, 2007, was 117,000 head, with **milk goats** totaling 6,600 head. 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, 2007, was 25,000, 7 percent below last year's total of 27,000 head. Breeding inventory, at 22,000 head, remained the same from last year, while market inventory decreased 5,000 to 3,000 head for 2007. Tennessee's 2006 lamb crop remained the same from 2005 at 16,000 head.

U.S. Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 1 Percent U.S. Goat and Kid Inventory Up 3 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 6.19 million head, down 1 percent from 2006, but still 1 percent above 2005. After two consecutive year to year increases, inventory growth was hampered by extremely dry weather in the Southwestern part of the United States. The 2006 lamb crop of 4.09 million head, was down 1 percent from 2005. All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2007, totaled 2.93 million head, up 3 percent from 2006. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.44 million head, up 3 percent from 2006. Market goats and kids totaled 494,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2007, meat and all other goats totaled 2.40 million head, up 5 percent from 2006. **Milk goat** inventory increased 2 percent to 296,000 head, while **angora goats** were down 8 percent totaling 238,000 head. The 2006 **kid crop** totaled 1.92 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2005.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class, Tennessee and U.S., January 1, 2006 -2007

Class	Tennessee			United States ¹		
	2006	2007	2007/2006	2006	2007	2007/2006
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Sheep and Lambs	27.0	25.0	93	6,230	6,185	99
Total Breeding	22.0	22.0	100	4,640	4,620	100
Ewes, One Yr. & Older	15.0	16.0	107	3,661	3,706	101
Rams, One Yr. & Older	2.0	2.0	100	196	195	99
Replacement Lambs	5.0	4.0	80	783	719	92
Total Market	5.0	3.0	60	1,590	1,565	98
Market Lambs	4.8	2.5	52	1,514	1,476	97
Market Sheep	0.2	0.5	250	76	89	117
Lamb Crop ²	16.0	16.0	100	4,117	4,085	99
Sheep Shorn	17.0	16.0	94	5,072	4,852	96

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