



Press Release

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On: 2004 TEXAS CATTLE INVENTORY
DOWN 1 PERCENT

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AUSTIN . . . The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 13.90 million head on January 1, 2004, down 1 percent from last year's inventory of 14.00 million head, and a 2 percent increase from the 2002 inventory of 13.60 million head.

“Texas had good pasture conditions most of the year across most of the state which allowed for a good production year. With the higher cattle prices throughout 2003, it appears that producers continued to sell their calves rather than rebuild their herds,” said Robin Roark, State Director.

Texas continued to rank first in the nation in total number of cattle and calves with 15 percent of the total United States inventory.

Beef cow inventory, at 5.48 million head, was unchanged from last year's total. Milk cow inventory, at 317,000 head, was down 1 percent from the 2003 revised total of 320,000 head.

Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 5.80 million head, unchanged from last year's total.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 740,000 head on January 1, down 3 percent from the 2003 total of 760,000 head. The milk replacement heifer inventory was 110,000 head, unchanged from last year's total.

Texas's inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.75 million head, the same as the 2003 total. Total inventory of heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds was 2.50 million head, also unchanged from last year.

The 2003 calf crop totaled 5.10 million head, up 2 percent from the 2002 calf crop of 5.00 million.

The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 94.9 million head on January 1, 1 percent below last year's inventory of 96.1 million head.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 41.9 million head, down 1 percent from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2003.

Beef cows totaled 32.86 million head, down slightly from a year ago, while milk cows were down 2 percent from a year ago at 8.99 million head.

Beef replacement heifers, at 5.52 million head, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifer numbers were down 2 percent to 4.02 million head.

The 2003 calf crop was estimated at 37.9 million head, down 1 percent from 2002.

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TEXAS CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY AND CALF CROP

Item	Texas		
	January 1		2004 as percent of 2003
	2003	2004	
INVENTORY:	1,000 head		<u>Percent</u>
All cattle and calves	14,000	13,900	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	5,800	5,800	100
Beef cows	* 5,480	5,483	100
Milk cows	* 320	317	99
Heifers 500 pounds and over	2,580	2,480	96
For beef cow replacement	760	740	97
For milk cow replacement	110	110	100
Other heifers	1,710	1,630	95
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,750	2,750	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	370	370	100
Heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds	2,500	2,500	100
Calf crop ¹	5,000	5,100	102

¹ Previous year. * Revised.