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On: 2007 Texas Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

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AUSTIN . . . The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 14.0 million head on January 1, 2007, down 1 percent from last year's inventory of 14.1 million head, and up 2 percent from the 2005 inventory of 13.7 million head.

"Cattle prices were generally favorable throughout the year but drought conditions, limited hay supplies and higher feed costs forced producers to reduce herd size or completely liquidate in some areas of the state," said David Abbe, State Director.

Texas continued to rank first in the nation in total number of cattle and calves with 14 percent of the total United States inventory.

Beef cow inventory, at 5.3 million head, was down 3 percent from last year's total. Milk cow inventory, at 347,000 head, was up 22,000 head from the 2006 total of 325,000 head.

Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 5.65 million head, down 2 percent from last year's total.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 770,000 head on January 1, down 11 percent from the 2006 total of 870,000 head. The milk replacement heifer inventory was 150,000 head, up 20,000 head from last year's total.

Texas' inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.95 million head, up 4 percent from the 2006 total. Total inventory of heifers, steers and bulls less than 500 pounds was 2.5 million head, up 3 percent from last year.

The 2006 calf crop totaled 5.0 million head, down 3 percent from the 2005 revised calf crop of 5.13 million.

The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 97.0 million head on January 1, slightly above last year's inventory of 96.7 million head.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 42.0 million head, down slightly from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2006.

Beef cows totaled 32.9 million head, down slightly from a year ago, while milk cows were up 1 percent from a year ago at 9.13 million head.

Beef replacement heifers, at 5.88 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. Milk replacement heifer numbers were up 1 percent to 4.31 million head.

The 2006 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down slightly from 2005.

TEXAS: CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY, CALF CROP AND OPERATIONS

Item	Texas		
	January 1		2007 as percent of 2006
	2006	2007	
INVENTORY:	<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All cattle and calves	14,100	14,000	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	*5,780	5,650	98
Beef cows	*5,455	5,303	97
Milk cows	325	347	107
Heifers 500 pounds and over	*2,670	2,530	95
For beef cow replacement	870	770	89
For milk cow replacement	130	150	115
Other heifers	*1,670	1,610	96
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,850	2,950	104
Bulls 500 pounds and over	370	370	100
Heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds	2,430	2,500	103
Calf crop ^{1/}	*5,130	5,000	97

^{1/} Previous year. * Revised.