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On: 2010 TEXAS CATTLE INVENTORY
DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 13.3 million head on January 1, 2010, down 2 percent from last year's inventory.

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 5.14 million head, was down 1 percent from last year's total. Milk cow inventory, at 410,000 head, was down 20,000 head from the 2009 total of 430,000 head.

Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 5.55 million head, down 1 percent from last year's total.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 760,000 head on January 1, down 4 percent from the 2009 total of 790,000 head. The milk replacement heifer inventory was 250,000 head, up 30,000 head from last year's total.

Texas' inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.53 million head, down 9 percent from the 2009 total. Total inventory of heifers, steers and bulls less than 500 pounds was 2.3 million head, up slightly from last year. The 2009 calf crop totaled 4.75 million head, down 1 percent from the 2008 calf crop.

The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 93.7 million head on January 1, 1 percent below last year's inventory of 94.5 million head.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 40.5 million head, down 1 percent from the 41.0 million on January 1, 2009.

Beef cows totaled 31.4 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago, while milk cows were down 3 percent from a year ago at 9.1 million head.

Beef replacement heifers, at 5.4 million head, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifer numbers were up 2 percent to 4.5 million head.

The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008.

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TEXAS: CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY AND CALF CROP

Item	Texas		
	January 1		2010 as percent of 2009
	2009	2010	
INVENTORY:	<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All cattle and calves	13,600	13,300	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	5,600	5,550	99
Beef cows	5,170	5,140	99
Milk cows	430	410	95
Heifers 500 pounds and over	2,560	2,550	100
For beef cow replacement	790	760	96
For milk cow replacement	220	250	114
Other heifers	1,550	1,540	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,780	2,530	91
Bulls 500 pounds and over	370	370	100
Heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds	2,290	2,300	100
Calf crop ^{1/}	4,800	4,750	99

^{1/} Previous year.