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On: 2008 TEXAS CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

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AUSTIN . . . The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 13.8 million head on January 1, 2008, down 1 percent from last year's inventory of 14.0 million head, and down 2 percent from the 2006 inventory of 14.1 million head.

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 5.24 million head, was down 1 percent from last year's total. Milk cow inventory, at 360,000 head, was up 13,000 head from the 2007 total of 347,000 head.

Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 5.6 million head, down 1 percent from last year's total.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 750,000 head on January 1, down 3 percent from the 2007 total of 770,000 head. The milk replacement heifer inventory was 180,000 head, up 30,000 head from last year's total.

Texas' inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.95 million head, unchanged from the 2007 total. Total inventory of heifers, steers and bulls less than 500 pounds was 2.37 million head, down 5 percent from last year.

The 2007 calf crop totaled 4.9 million head, down 2 percent from the 2006 calf crop of 5.0 million.

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

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 41.8 million head, down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007.

Beef cows totaled 32.6 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago, while milk cows were up 1 percent from a year ago at 9.22 million head.

Beef replacement heifers, at 5.67 million head, were down 4 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifer numbers were up 3 percent to 4.46 million head.

The 2007 calf crop was estimated at 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006.

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TEXAS: CATTLE INVENTORY AND CALF CROP

Item	Texas		
	January 1		2008 as percent of 2007
	2007	2008	
INVENTORY:	<u>1,000 head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All cattle and calves	14,000	13,800	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	5,650	5,600	99
Beef cows	5,303	5,240	99
Milk cows	347	360	104
Heifers 500 pounds and over	2,530	2,520	100
For beef cow replacement	770	750	97
For milk cow replacement	150	180	120
Other heifers	1,610	1,590	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	2,950	2,950	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	370	360	97
Heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds	2,500	2,370	95
Calf crop ^{1/}	5,000	4,900	98

^{1/} Previous year.