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VIRGINIA'S CATTLE INVENTORY

The inventory of Virginia cattle and calves totaled 1.62 million head on January 1, 2007, according to the USDA/NASS Virginia Field Office. This is a decrease of 2 percent from last year's inventory of 1.66 million head.

- * Virginia's inventory ranked 19th in the United States in total number of cattle and calves with 2 percent of the total United States inventory.
- * Beef cow inventory, at 710 thousand head, was down 2 percent from last year's total of 727 thousand head. Milk cow inventory, totaled 100 thousand head, down 3 percent from the 2006 total.
- * Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 810 thousand head, down 2 percent from last year's total of 830 thousand head.
- * Beef replacement heifers totaled 120 thousand head on January 1, down 4 percent from the 2006 total of 125 thousand head. The milk replacement heifer inventory was unchanged at 40 thousand head.
- * Virginia's inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 130 thousand head, down 21 percent from the 2006 total of 165 thousand head. Total inventory of all calves under 500 pounds was 410 thousand head, up 4 percent from the 2006 total.
- * The 2006 calf crop totaled 740 thousand head, down 1 percent from the 2006 crop of 750 thousand.

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U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

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, slightly down 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.