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WEST VIRGINIA CATTLE INVENTORY, LOWEST UNITED STATES INVENTORY OF ALL CATTLE AND CALVES SINCE 1952

WEST VIRGINIA - Cattle inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2012 totaled 390,000 head, up 20,000 head from the January 1, 2011 inventory. **All cows and heifers** that have calved totaled 205,000 head, this is 5,000 head less than January 1, 2011.

Comparing January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2011: **Beef cows** totaled 195,000 head, down 5,000 head; **milk cows** totaled 10,000 head, unchanged; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 67,000 head, up 11,000 head; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 36,000 head, up 3,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 5,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers** totaled 26,000 head, up 8,000 head; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 43,000 head, up 10,000 head; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 14,000 head, down 1,000 head; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 61,000 head, up 5,000 head. **Cattle on feed** for slaughter totaled 5,000 head, unchanged from 2011.

The 2011 **calf crop** totaled 185,000 head, this is 15,000 head less than the 2010 calf crop.

UNITED STATES - All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2012 totaled 90.8 million head, 2 percent below the 92.7 million on January 1, 2011. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 88.1 million on hand in 1952. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 39.1 million, were down 2 percent from the 40.0 million on January 1, 2011.

Comparing January 1, 2012, to January 1, 2011: **Beef cows** totaled 29.9 million head, down 3 percent; **milk cows** totaled 9.2 million, up 1 percent; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 19.4 million, down 1 percent; **beef replacement heifers**, 5.2 million, up 1 percent; **milk replacement heifers**, 4.5 million, down 1 percent; **other heifers**, 9.6 million, down 2 percent; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 16.1 million, down 2 percent; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 2.1 million, down 5 percent; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 14.1 million, down 3 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots, totaled 14.1 million, up 1 percent. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** outside of feedlots was 25.7 million, down 4 percent.

The 2011 **calf crop** was estimated at 35.3 million head, down 1 percent from 2010. This is the smallest calf crop since the 34.9 million born during 1950. **Calves born** during the first half of 2011 are estimated at 25.7 million, down 1 percent from 2010.