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WEST VIRGINIA CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN ONE PERCENT

WEST VIRGINIA - Cattle inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2008 totaled 415,000 head, down 5,000 head or 1 percent from the January 1, 2007 inventory of 420,000 head. **All cows and heifers** that have calved totaled 215,000 head, down 10,000 head or 4 percent from January 1, 2007.

Comparing January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2007: **Beef cows** totaled 202,000 head, down 10,000 head; **milk cows** totaled 13,000, unchanged; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 66,000 head, down 1,000 head; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 41,000 head, up 2,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 4,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers** totaled 21,000 head, down 3,000 head; **steers 500 pounds and over** totaled 39,000 head, down 1,000 head; **bulls 500 pounds and over** totaled 15,000 head, unchanged; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 80,000, up 7,000 head. **Cattle on feed** for slaughter totaled 5,000 head, down 5,000 head from 2007.

The 2007 **calf crop** totaled 200,000 head, unchanged from the 2006 calf crop.

UNITED STATES - All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2008, totaled 96.7 million head, slightly below the 97.0 million on January 1, 2007. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007.

Comparing January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2007: **Beef cows** totaled 32.6 million head, down 1 percent; **milk cows** totaled 9.22 million, up 1 percent; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 20.0 million, down slightly; **beef replacement heifers**, 5.67 million, down 4 percent; **milk replacement heifers**, 4.46 million, up 3 percent; **other heifers**, 9.88 million, down slightly; **steers 500 pounds and over** totaled 17.3 million, up slightly; **bulls 500 pounds and over** totaled 2.21 million, down slightly; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 15.4 million, down 1 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots, totaled 14.3 million, up slightly. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** outside of feedlots was 28.2 million, down slightly.

The 2007 **calf crop** was estimated at 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006. **Calves born** during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006.