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WYOMING CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR; U.S. DOWN SLIGHTLY

The inventory of all **cattle and calves** on Wyoming ranches and farms on January 1, 2008 totaled 1.32 million head, according to Nancy Hussey with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS. This is down 8 percent from last year and January 1, 2006.

The number of **beef cows** that have calved was down 4 percent from last year to 733,000 head, compared with 763,000 head a year earlier. **Beef cow replacement heifers** decreased 17 percent from a year ago to a total of 150,000 on January 1. The number of **milk cows** was 7,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. There were 40,000 bulls on hand January 1, 2008, down 5,000 head from a year ago.

The total inventory of **steers, other heifers not intended for breeding, and calves under 500 pounds** was 385,000 head, down 10 percent from a year earlier. Steers totaled 150,000 head, down 40,000 head from a year earlier; other heifers totaled 115,000 down 30,000; and calves totaled 120,000, up 25,000 head from the previous year.

There were 70,000 head of cattle in Wyoming being fed on January 1 to go directly to slaughter, down 20,000 head from last year.

The 2007 **calf crop** in Wyoming totaled 710,000 head, down 5 percent or 40,000 head from 2006.

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. **Beef cows**, at 32.6 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007. **Milk cows**, at 9.22 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2007.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2008 and the change from January 1, 2007, were as follows: **all heifers** 500 pounds and over, 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** weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.3 million, up slightly; **bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.21 million, down slightly; **calves** under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, up slightly.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots totaled 14.3 million, up slightly from last year.

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



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ALL CATTLE AND CALVES, JANUARY 1, 2007-08 WYOMING AND U.S.

Class	Wyoming			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All Cattle and Calves	1,430	1,320	92	97,002.9	96,668.6	100
All Cows and Heifers						
that have Calved	770	740	96	42,023.2	41,776.5	99
Beef Cows	763	733	96	32,891.2	32,552.5	99
Milk Cows	7	7	100	9,132.0	9,224.0	101
Heifers 500 Pounds & Over	330	270	82	20,086.1	20,002.7	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	180	150	83	5,877.4	5,669.6	96
For Milk Cow Replacement	5	5	100	4,309.9	4,457.0	103
Other Heifers	145	115	79	9,898.8	9,876.1	100
Steers 500 Pounds & Over	190	150	79	17,222.0	17,304.7	100
Bulls 500 Pounds & Over	45	40	89	2,215.4	2,207.2	100
Heifers, Steers & Bulls Under 500 Pounds	95	120	126	15,456.2	15,377.5	99

CALF CROP 2006-07 WYOMING AND U.S.

Area	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
Wyoming	750	710	95
United States	37,518.7	37,360.7	100