



CATTLE

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KANSAS JANUARY CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 4 PERCENT

All cattle and calves on Kansas farms and ranches on January 1, 2003 totaled 6.35 million head (see table 1), down 4 percent from the January 1, 2002 level of 6.60 million head. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 1.63 million, were up 2 percent from a year earlier. **Beef cow** inventory was estimated at 1.53 million, up 1 percent from last year's revised level of 1.51 million head. **Milk cows**, at 105,000 head, were up 11 percent when compared to the January 1, 2002 level. **Bulls over 500** pounds totaled 90,000 head, up 5,000 head from last year. **Beef replacement heifers**, at 250,000 head, were up 9 percent from the previous year. **Milk replacement heifers**, at 50,000 head, increased 25 percent from last year. **Other heifers over 500 pounds** decreased 2 percent from last year's level of 1.65 million head. **Steers over 500 pounds**, at 1.97 million head, were down 14 percent from the previous year's number. As of January 1, 2003 there were 2.24 million head on feed for the slaughter market, 11 percent fewer than the previous January. **Calves under 500 pounds** totaled 740,000 head, 4 percent above the revised January 1, 2002 figure of 715,000 head. The 2002 **calf crop**, at 1.51 million head, was up 2 percent from last year.

During 2002, a total of 34,000 cattle farms, 28,000 beef cow farms, and 1,200 milk cow farms were operating in Kansas.

Cattle inventory value and value per head for Kansas and the U.S. will be published in the Agricultural Prices report on February 28, 2003.

U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2003, totaled 96.1 million head, 1 percent below the 96.7 million on January 1, 2002 and 1 percent below the 97.3 million two years ago. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 42.1 million, were down slightly from the 42.2 million on January 1, 2002 and down 1 percent from the 42.6 million two years ago. **Beef cows**, at 32.95 million, were down 1 percent from both January 1, 2002 and January 1, 2001. **Milk cows**, at 9.15 million, were up slightly from January 1, 2002 but down slightly from two years ago. Other class estimates on January 1, 2003, and the changes from January 1, 2002 are as follows: **all heifers 500 pounds and over**, 19.6 million, down slightly; **beef replacement heifers**, 5.61 million, up 1 percent; **milk replacement heifers**, 4.10 million, up 1 percent; **other heifers**, 9.89 million, down 2 percent; **steers weighing 500 pounds and over**, 16.6 million, down 1 percent; **bulls weighing 500 pounds and over**, 2.25 million, up slightly; **calves under 500 pounds**, 15.6 million, down 1 percent; and **all cattle and calves on feed for slaughter**, 12.9 million, down 7 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots, was 29.1 million, up 1 percent. The 2002 **calf crop** was estimated at 38.2 million head, down slightly from 2001 and down 1 percent from 2000. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.9 million, down 1 percent from 2001 and down 2 percent from 2000.

The number of operations with cattle totaled 1.03 million during 2002, down 2 percent from 2001 and 4 percent below 2000. Beef cow operations in 2002 were down 1 percent from 2001 and 3 percent below 1999. Milk cow operations were 6 percent below last year and 13 percent below two years ago.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Data for beef cow and milk cow replacement heifers expected to calve in the U.S. during the coming year and the number of calves, other heifers, and steers grazing small grain pasture in the combined three state region of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas are being published in this issue for the third time. These data will be published on an annual basis in the January release.

Beef replacement heifers expected to calve in the U.S. during 2003 totaled 3.54 million.

Milk replacement heifers expected to calve in the U.S. during 2003 totaled 2.82 million.

Calves, other heifers, and steers grazing on small grain pasture in the three state region totaled 3.70 million head.

Table 1--CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by Class, Calf Crop, and Operations, Jan. 1, 2001-2003

Class	2001	2002	2003	% of Prev. Yr.
1,000 Head				
KANSAS				
Cattle and Calves	6,700	6,600	6,350	96
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	1,620	1,600	1,630	102
Beef Cows	1,524	1,505	1,525	101
Milk Cows	96	95	105	111
Heifers 500 Pounds & Over	1,975	1,920	1,920	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	235	230	250	109
Expected to Calve ^{1/}	133	155	160	103
For Milk Cow Replacement	70	40	50	125
Expected to Calve ^{1/}	42	32	30	94
Other Heifers	1,670	1,650	1,620	98
Steers 500 Pounds & Over	2,260	2,280	1,970	86
Bulls 500 Pounds & Over	85	85	90	106
Calves Under 500 Pounds	760	715	740	104
Calf Crop ^{2/}	1,480	1,480	1,510	102
Cattle on Feed	2,450	2,530	2,240	89
Number				
Operations with Cattle	35,000	34,000	--	97
Operations with Beef Cows	29,000	28,000	--	97
Operations with Milk Cows	1,200	1,200	--	100
UNITED STATES				
1,000 Head				
Cattle and Calves	97,277	96,704	96,106	99
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	42,580	42,229	42,099	100
Beef Cows	33,397	33,118	32,947	99
Milk Cows	9,183	9,112	9,152	100
Heifers 500 Pounds & Over	19,776	19,678	19,601	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,588	5,561	5,608	101
Expected to Calve ^{1/}	3,337	3,425	3,535	103
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,057	4,060	4,104	101
Expected to Calve ^{1/}	2,696	2,798	2,822	101
Other Heifers	10,131	10,057	9,890	98
Steers 500 Pounds & Over	16,441	16,790	16,590	99
Bulls 500 Pounds & Over	2,274	2,244	2,253	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	16,206	15,763	15,563	99
Calf Crop ^{2/}	38,631	38,280	38,193	100
Cattle on Feed	14,201	13,860	12,916	93
Number				
Operations with Cattle	1,049,910	1,032,670	--	98
Operations with Beef Cows	813,650	805,080	--	99
Operations with Milk Cows	97,510	91,990	--	94

^{1/} Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year. Data not available prior to 2001.

^{2/} Calf crop is for the previous year.

Table 2--CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by Class, July 1, 2001-2002

Class	2001	2002	% of Prev. Yr.
1,000 Head			
KANSAS			
Cattle and Calves	6,900	6,550	95
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	1,730	1,650	95
Beef Cows	1,640	1,547	94
Milk Cows	90	103	114
UNITED STATES			
Cattle and Calves	105,800	105,100	99
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	43,000	42,900	100
Beef Cows	33,900	33,750	100
Milk Cows	9,100	9,150	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,400	16,200	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,600	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	103
Other Heifers	8,200	7,900	96
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,600	14,500	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	29,700	29,400	99
Cattle on Feed	13,000	12,400	95