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LOUISIANA CATTLE INVENTORY

All cattle and calves on Louisiana farms as of January 1, 2002, were estimated at 850,000 head, down 1 percent from a year ago, according to Dave Frank, State Statistician for the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service in Baton Rouge. All cows that have calved were estimated at 520,000, down 2 percent from a year ago. Louisiana's 2001 calf crop was estimated at 405,000 head, down 2 percent from the 2000 calf crop.

Beef cows were estimated at 466,000 head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2001, while milk cows at 54,000 head, were down 5 percent from a year ago. Other cattle inventory estimates and their change from a year ago were as follows: beef cow replacement heifers, 81,000 head, up 3 percent; milk cow replacement heifers, 11,000 head, down 8 percent; other heifers, 17,000 head, up 6 percent; steers 500 pounds and over, 24,000 head, up 14 percent; bulls 500 pounds and over, 32,000 head, unchanged; and calves under 500 pounds, 165,000 head, down 3 percent.

The number of farm operations with cattle during 2001 was estimated at 15,000, down 3 percent from 2000. Included in this total were 610 milk cow operations and 13,200 beef cow operations.

CATTLE INVENTORY - JANUARY 1

Item	Louisiana		United States	
	2001	2002	2001 1/	2002
	-----Thousand Head-----		-----Thousand Head-----	
All Cattle and Calves	860	850	97,277	96,704
Beef Cows	473	466	33,397	33,100
Milk Cows	57	54	9,183	9,110
Beef Cow Replacements, Heifers	79	81	5,588	5,561
Milk Cow Replacements, Heifers	12	11	4,057	4,060
Other Heifers	16	17	10,131	10,057
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	21	24	16,441	16,800
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	32	32	2,274	2,244
Calves, Under 500 Pounds	170	165	16,206	15,773
Cattle on Feed	---	---	14,201	13,860
	2000	2001	2000	2001
Calf Crop	415	405	38,631	38,280

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