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## LOUISIANA CATTLE INVENTORY INCREASES

**All cattle and calves** on Louisiana farms as of January 1, 2003, were estimated at 860,000 head, up 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, unchanged from a year ago. Louisiana's 2002 **calf crop** was estimated at 415,000 head, up 2 percent from the 2001 calf crop.

**Beef cows** were estimated at 471,000 head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2002, while **milk cows**, at 49,000 head, were down 9 percent from a year ago. Other cattle inventory estimates and changes from a year ago were: **beef cow replacement heifers**, 86,000 head, up 6 percent; **milk cow replacement heifers**, 10,000 head, down 9 percent; **other heifers**, 17,000 head, unchanged; **steers 500 pounds and over**, 24,000 head, unchanged; **bulls 500 pounds and over**, 33,000 head, up 3 percent, and **calves under 500 pounds**, 170,000 head, up 3 percent.

The number of farm operations with cattle during 2002 was estimated at 15,000, unchanged from 2001. Included in this total were 590 milk cow operations and 13,000 beef cow operations.

## CATTLE INVENTORY - JANUARY 1

Item	Louisiana		United States	
	2002	2003	2002 <sup>1</sup>	2003
	-----Thousand Head-----		-----Thousand Head-----	
All Cattle and Calves	850	860	96,704	96,106
Beef Cows	466	471	33,118	32,947
Milk Cows	54	49	9,112	9,152
Beef Cow Replacements, Heifers	81	86	5,561	5,608
Milk Cow Replacements, Heifers	11	10	4,060	4,104
Other Heifers	17	17	10,057	9,890
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	24	24	16,790	16,590
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	32	33	2,244	2,253
Calves, Under 500 Pounds	165	170	15,763	15,563
Cattle on Feed	---	---	13,860	12,916
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
Calf Crop	405	415	38,280	38,193

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