

OKLAHOMA LIVESTOCK

1999 LIVESTOCK REVIEW

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Oklahoma's inventory of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2000 was down 2 percent from a year earlier while hog numbers on December 1, 1999 were 18 percent higher. The all sheep and lamb inventory was unchanged from last year.

Cattle and calves on Oklahoma's farms and ranches totaled 5,200,000 head, down 100,000 head from last year's revised estimate. All cows that have calved, at 1,990,000 head, were down slightly from a year ago. The cow inventory consists of 1,898,000 beef cows and 92,000 milk cows. There were 330,000 beef cow replacement heifers entering the state's breeding herd on January 1, 2000. The average inventory value of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2000 was \$630 per head, up \$120 per head from last year. The total inventory value of all cattle and calves was \$3.3 billion, up 21 percent from a year ago. In 1999, there were 60,000 operations with cattle, down 2,000 from the number of operations in 1998.

Oklahoma feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head had 430,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market on January 1, 2000, up 5 percent from last year. Fed cattle marketings during 1999 totaled 892,000 head, down 36,000 head from the previous year. The number of cattle placed on feed during 1999 totaled 950,000 head, up 1 percent from 1998.

The state's hog population on December 1, 1999 totaled 2,260,000 head, an 18 percent increase from the previous year. The hog inventory consisted of 310,000 breeding hogs, up 11 percent from last year, and 1,950,000 market hogs, up 19 percent. The 1999 pig crop totaled 5,716,000 head, up 23 percent from a year earlier and included 2,836,000 spring pigs and 2,880,000 fall pigs. The average value per head of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 1999 was \$63, up \$17 from 1998. The total inventory value of all hogs and pigs was \$142.4 million, 61 percent above last year's estimate. In 1999, there were 2,800 operations with hogs, down 300 from 1998.

Sheep and lamb numbers on January 1, 2000 totaled 55,000 head, unchanged from last year. Of this total, 40,000 head were breeding sheep and lambs, and 15,000 were market sheep and lambs. The 1999 lamb crop, at 35,000 head, was down 12 percent from a year earlier. The average value per head of all sheep and lambs was \$100, up \$14 from 1999. The total inventory value was \$5.5 million, up 16 percent from a year earlier. There were 290,000 pounds of wool produced in 1999, up 21 percent from a year ago. The average price of wool was 25 cents per pound. There were 1,500 operations with sheep in Oklahoma during 1999, down 100 from 1998.