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Oregon's cattle inventory down 40,000 head

All cattle and calves in Oregon on January 1, 2003, totaled 1,360,000 head, down 40,000 from last year's 1,400,000 head, according to the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service. Milk cow inventory rose to 117,000 head, up from last year's 105,000 head. Beef cows accounted for 593,000 head, down 12,000 from last year.

Beef replacement heifers decreased 40,000 to 115,000 head. Milk cow replacement heifers increased 5,000 head to 60,000. Steers over 500 lbs. decreased by 10,000 to 150,000 head, and bulls over 500 lbs. remained steady at 40,000 head. Calves under 500 lbs. increased by 10,000 to 175,000 head

Oregon's calf crop remained steady at 660,000 head. All cattle on feed for the slaughter market increased 5,000 to 55,000 head.

United States 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 change 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.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 12.9 million, down 7 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.

Cattle and Calves: Number by class, selected states, and United States, January 1, 2002-2003

State	All cattle and calves		Beef cows that have calved		Milk cows that have calved		Cattle and calves on feed	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
California	5,200	5,250	760	740	1,620	1,680	480	490
Idaho	1,990	2,000	493	490	377	390	335	300
Montana	2,450	2,400	1,451	1,402	19	18	70	70
Nevada	500	510	240	245	25	25	20	12
Oregon	1,400	1,360	605	593	105	117	50	55
Washington	1,130	1,100	253	248	247	247	250	190
United States	96,704.0	96,106.0	33,117.7	32,946.9	9,111.6	9,151.7	13,860.3	12,915.8

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