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DELAWARE CATTLE INVENTORY INCREASES

Delaware cattle and calves totaled 17 thousand on January 1, 2015, according to Dale Hawks, acting State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Delaware Field Office. All cattle and calves were up 6 percent from the January 1 total of the previous year.

Milk cows, which comprise 29 percent of the total cattle in Delaware, numbered 5,000 head, up 300 head from January of the previous year.

Beef cows totaled 2,500 head, down 11 percent from a year ago. Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 700 head, up 200 head from the previous year. Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were up 300 head to 2,900 head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more at 400 head were up 33 percent from the previous year. The 2014 Delaware calf crop totaled 6,000 head, up 20 percent from a year ago.

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