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**Delaware Cattle Inventory Down 6 Percent From 2015**

Delaware cattle and calves totaled 16 thousand on January 1, 2016, according to Dale Hawks, Acting State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Delaware Field Office. All cattle and calves were down 6 percent from the January 1 total of the previous year.

Milk cows, which comprise 31 percent of the total cattle in Delaware, numbered 5,000 head, unchanged from January of the previous year.

Beef cows totaled 2,500 head, unchanged from a year ago. Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 500 head, down 200 head from the previous year. Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were down 500 head to 2,400 head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more at 300 head, were down 25 percent from the previous year. The 2015 Delaware calf crop totaled 6,000 head, unchanged from a year ago.

The complete Cattle Report and all other NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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