

CATTLE AND CALVES

Although most land in Illinois is utilized for the production of grain, cattle herds of various sizes are scattered throughout the state. The largest concentration of cattle is in the northern portion of the state, where rolling pastureland is more suitable for cattle production.

During 2005, there were 19,800 cattle operations in Illinois, down one percent from 2004. On January 1, 2006, the all cattle inventory totaled 1.34 million head, down two percent from the beginning inventory for 2005, with a value of \$1.3 billion. The number of cattle and calves marketed during 2005 totaled 607,000 head. This was an increase of 18 percent from the 2004 level of 516,000 head marketed. The 2005 calf crop decreased from 2004 to 500,000 born.

The number of beef cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2006 totaled 446,000, down three percent from the previous year. Operations with beef cows during 2005 totaled 14,800, down one percent from the previous year. The number of milk cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2006 was 104,000, down one percent from a year earlier. There were 1,400 operations with milk cows in 2005.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Number & value of January 1 inventory and number on feed, Illinois, 1997-2006

Year	All cattle			Number on feed	Cows and heifers that have calved	
	Number	Value			For milk	For beef
		Per head	Total			
	<u>Thousand head</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Thousand dollars</u>		<u>Thousand head</u>	
1997	1,550	570	883,500	265	135	445
1998	1,510	610	921,100	250	130	440
1999	1,510	600	906,000	250	125	465
2000	1,510	690	1,041,900	240	120	480
2001	1,470	710	1,043,700	225	118	452
2002	1,430	700	1,001,000	225	115	445
2003	1,360	710	965,600	215	114	426
2004	1,310	850	1,113,500	200	108	432
2005	1,370	860	1,178,200	210	105	460
2006	1,340	980	1,313,200	205	104	446

CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by class and calf crop, Illinois, 1997-2006

Year	Heifers 500 lbs. and over			Steers 500 lbs. and over	Bulls 500 lbs. and over	Heifer, steer, and bull calves under 500 lbs.	Calves born
	For milk replacements	For beef replacements	Other				
	<u>Thousand head</u>						
1997	65	65	225	300	30	285	520
1998	65	60	210	300	30	275	540
1999	60	55	210	305	30	260	550
2000	60	55	200	295	30	270	530
2001	60	65	185	295	30	265	510
2002	50	65	190	285	25	255	490
2003	50	60	160	280	25	245	480
2004	52	61	132	270	25	230	510
2005	55	65	150	275	25	235	500
2006	52	70	158	255	25	230	1/

1/ Not available.