

# 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.

On January 1, 2012, the all cattle inventory totaled 1.07 million head, down 3 percent from the beginning inventory for 2011, with a value of \$1.23 billion. The number of cattle and calves marketed during 2011 totaled 474,400 head. This was a decrease of 14 percent from the 2010 level of 552,000 head marketed. The 2011 calf crop of 380,000 head decreased 7 percent from 2010.

The number of beef cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2012 totaled 331,000, down 9 percent from the previous year. The number of milk cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2012 was 99,000, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

## CATTLE AND CALVES: Number & value of January 1 inventory and number on feed, Illinois, 2003-2012

Year	All cattle and calves			Number on feed	Cows and heifers that have calved	
	Number	Value			For milk	For beef
		Per head	Total			
	Thousand head	Dollars	Thousand dollars		Thousand head	
2003	1,360	710	965,600	215	114	426
2004	1,310	850	1,113,500	200	108	432
2005	1,350	860	1,161,000	210	105	445
2006	1,330	990	1,316,700	205	104	446
2007	1,340	900	1,206,000	215	103	427
2008	1,230	980	1,205,400	170	103	427
2009	1,200	880	1,056,000	180	102	408
2010	1,170	840	982,800	170	101	389
2011	1,100	950	1,045,000	160	98	352
2012	1,070	1,150	1,230,500	160	99	331

## CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by class and calf crop, Illinois, 2003-2012

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				
	Thousand head						
2003	50	60	160	280	25	245	480
2004	52	61	132	270	25	230	510
2005	55	65	150	275	25	230	500
2006	52	70	158	250	25	225	500
2007	52	65	158	280	25	230	490
2008	57	62	121	235	25	200	470
2009	59	49	117	230	25	210	440
2010	52	53	125	210	25	215	410
2011	46	47	117	230	25	185	380
2012	47	56	117	210	25	185	1/

1/ Not available.