



News Release

Indiana Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Indiana as of January 1, 2021 were 850,000 head, up 1 percent from last year, according to Nathaniel Warenski, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. Indiana highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers remained unchanged at 194,000 head. Beef replacement heifers decreased 7 percent to 38,000 head.
- Milk cows increased 9 percent to 191,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement increased 3 percent to 77,000 head.
- The 2020 calf crop was 340,000 head, up 1 percent from 2019.

Nationally, all cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2021 totaled 93.6 million head, slightly below the 93.8 million head on January 1, 2020. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million head, were slightly below the 40.7 million head on January 1, 2020. Beef cows, at 31.2 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.44 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year. All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2021 totaled 20.0 million head, slightly below the 20.0 million head on January 1, 2020. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.81 million head, were up slightly from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.60 million head, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.58 million head, were 1 percent above a year earlier.

Cattle Inventory by Class – Indiana and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2020 <i>(1,000 head)</i>	2021 <i>(1,000 head)</i>	2020 <i>(1,000 head)</i>	2021 <i>(1,000 head)</i>
All cattle and calves	840	850	93,793	93,595
Cows	370	385	40,681	40,598
Beef	194	194	31,339	31,158
Milk	176	191	9,343	9,440
Replacement heifers	161	161	20,024	20,000
Beef	41	38	5,809	5,812
Milk	75	77	4,684	4,605
Other	45	46	9,532	9,584
Steers 500 pounds and over	108	113	16,541	16,598
Bulls 500 pounds and over	16	15	2,237	2,211
Calves under 500 pounds	185	176	14,309	14,188
Cattle on feed	105	115	14,658	14,707

Totals may not add due to rounding.

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