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## CATTLE INVENTORY

The **Kentucky** cattle and calf inventory for January 1, 2015 was estimated at 2.06 million head according to the Kentucky Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Total inventory was down 50,000 head from last year. Five classes showed decreases from the previous year.

Cows and heifers that have calved were estimated at 1.07 million head, up 10,000 head from the 1.06 million for 2014. Beef cow inventory was estimated at 1.01 million head and milk cows were estimated at 63,000 head.

Heifers 500 lbs. and over were estimated at 290,000 head, down 30,000 from last year's estimate. Beef replacement heifers totaled 135,000 head, down 15,000 from January 2014. Dairy heifers, at 45,000 head, were unchanged from 2014. Other heifers, at 110,000 head, were down 15,000 from the previous year. Steers 500 lbs. and over numbered 200,000 head, unchanged from 2014. Bulls 500 lbs. and over were down 5,000 head from a year ago and numbered 65,000 head. Calves less than 500 lbs. were estimated at 435,000 head, down 25,000 from the 2014 estimate. Cattle on feed were estimated at 15,000 head, down 3,000 from the previous year.

The 2014 calf crop was estimated at 950,000 head, unchanged from the previous year's estimate.

All cattle and calves in the **United States** as of January 1, 2015 totaled 89.8 million head, 1 percent above the 88.5 million on January 1, 2014.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.0 million, were up 2 percent from the 38.3 million on January 1, 2014. Beef cow inventory was estimated at 29.7 million head and milk cows were estimated at 9.3 million head.

All heifers 500 lbs. and over were estimated at 19.2 million, up 1 percent from January 1, 2014. Beef replacement heifers numbered 5.8 million, up 4 percent, milk replacement heifers numbered 4.6 million, up 1 percent and other heifers numbered 8.8 million, down slightly. Steers 500 lbs. and over numbered 15.8 million, up 1 percent and bulls 500 lbs. and over numbered 2.1 million head, up 3 percent. Calves under 500 lbs. totaled 13.7 million, up 1 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots totaled 13.1 million, up 1 percent.

The 2014 calf crop was estimated at 33.9 million head, up 1 percent from 2013. Calves born during the first half of 2014 were estimated at 24.6 million, up slightly from 2013.

**Cattle and Calves : Number by Class and Calf Crop - January 1, 2014 - 2015**

| CLASS                             | Kentucky             |                      |            | United States        |                      |            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|
|                                   | 2014 <sup>1</sup>    | 2015                 | 15 % of 14 | 2014 <sup>1</sup>    | 2015                 | 15 % of 14 |
|                                   | <i>(1,000 head )</i> | <i>(1,000 head )</i> |            | <i>(1,000 head )</i> | <i>(1,000 head )</i> |            |
| Cattle and Calves                 | 2,110                | 2,060                | 98         | 88,526               | 89,800               | 101        |
| Cows and Heifers that have Calved | 1,060                | 1,070                | 101        | 38,293               | 39,000               | 102        |
| Beef Cows                         | 992                  | 1,007                | 102        | 29,085               | 29,693               | 102        |
| Milk Cows                         | 68                   | 63                   | 93         | 9,208                | 9,307                | 101        |
| Heifers 500 Lbs & Over            | 320                  | 290                  | 91         | 18,969               | 19,240               | 101        |
| Beef Cow Replacement              | 150                  | 135                  | 90         | 5,551                | 5,777                | 104        |
| Milk Cow Replacement              | 45                   | 45                   | 100        | 4,549                | 4,615                | 101        |
| Other Heifers                     | 125                  | 110                  | 88         | 8,869                | 8,847                | 100        |
| Steers 500 Lbs & Over             | 200                  | 200                  | 100        | 15,668               | 15,779               | 101        |
| Bulls 500 Lbs & Over              | 70                   | 65                   | 93         | 2,038                | 2,104                | 103        |
| Calves Under 500 Lbs              | 460                  | 435                  | 95         | 13,558               | 13,677               | 101        |
| Cattle on Feed <sup>2</sup>       | 18                   | 15                   | 83         | 13,018               | 13,093               | 101        |
| Calf Crop (Preceding Year)        | 950                  | 950                  | 100        | 33,730               | 33,900               | 101        |

<sup>1</sup> Revisions Possible. <sup>2</sup> Cattle and Calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

### SHEEP AND GOAT INVENTORIES

Sheep and lamb inventories decreased, but goat inventories increased in **Kentucky** from last year according to the Kentucky Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The total number of sheep in Kentucky on January 1, 2015, was estimated at 48,000 head, a decrease of 1,000 from the previous year's estimate. All breeding sheep and lambs were estimated at 38,000 head and all market sheep and lambs were estimated at 10,000 head. Breeding ewes decreased to 30,000, and breeding rams remained at 2,000 head. Replacement lambs numbered 6,000, a decrease of 1,000 from 2014. Lamb crop for 2014 decreased by 1,000 from last year to 40,000 head.

All meat and other goats in Kentucky were estimated at 60,000 head, up 2,000 head from January 2014. Milk goats at 5,700 head, were up 1,200 head from the previous year's estimate.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the **United States** on January 1, 2015, totaled 5.28 million head, up 1 percent from 2014. Breeding sheep inventory increased to 3.94 million head on January 1, 2015, up 1 percent from 3.90 million head on January 1, 2014. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.11 million head, were 1 percent above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2015, totaled 1.35 million head, unchanged from January 1, 2014. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-four percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 20 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory. The 2014 lamb crop of 3.44 million head, was up 2 percent from 2013. The 2014 lambing rate was 111 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2014, up 4 percent from 2013.

All goat inventory in the **United States** on January 1, 2015, totaled 2.68 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.20 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. Does one year old and older, at 1.65 million head, were 3 percent above last year's number. Market goats and kids totaled 471 thousand head, up 2 percent from a year ago. Kid crop for 2014 totaled 1.71 million head for all goats, up 2 percent from 2013. Meat and all other goats totaled 2.15 million head on January 1, 2015, up 2 percent from 2014. Milk goat inventory was 365 thousand head, up 2 percent from January 1, 2014, while Angora goats were up 8 percent, totaling 160 thousand head.

**Sheep and Goat Inventory : January 1, 2014 - 2015**

| CLASS                                   | Kentucky             |                      |            | United States        |                      |            |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|
|   | 2014 <sup>1</sup>    | 2015                 | 15 % of 14 | 2014 <sup>1</sup>    | 2015                 | 15 % of 14 |
|   | <i>(1,000 head )</i> | <i>(1,000 head )</i> |            | <i>(1,000 head )</i> | <i>(1,000 head )</i> |            |
| All Meat & Other Goats                  | 58,000               | 60,000               | 103        | 2,105,000            | 2,150,000            | 102        |
| All Milk Goats                          | 4,500                | 5,700                | 127        | 358,000              | 365,000              | 102        |
| All Sheep & Lambs                       | 49,000               | 48,000               | 98         | 5,245,000            | 5,280,000            | 101        |
| Total Breeding, Sheep & Lambs           | 40,000               | 38,000               | 95         | 3,900,000            | 3,935,000            | 101        |
| Ewes - 1 year+                          | 31,000               | 30,000               | 97         | 3,090,000            | 3,110,000            | 101        |
| Rams - 1 year+                          | 2,000                | 2,000                | 100        | 175,000              | 175,000              | 100        |
| Replacement Lambs                       | 7,000                | 6,000                | 86         | 635,000              | 650,000              | 102        |
| Total Market, Sheep & Lambs             | 9,000                | 10,000               | 111        | 1,345,000            | 1,345,000            | 100        |
| Lamb Crop (Preceding Year) <sup>2</sup> | 41,000               | 40,000               | 98         | 3,370,000            | 3,440,000            | 102        |

<sup>1</sup> Revisions possible. <sup>2</sup> Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

**ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION SUMMARY 2013-2014  
KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES**

| Crops                       | Area Planted      |                 | Area Harvested    |                 | Yield Per Acre    |                  | Production          |                     | 14 % of 13 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
|                             | 2013 <sup>1</sup> | 2014            | 2013 <sup>1</sup> | 2014            | 2013 <sup>1</sup> | 2014             | 2013 <sup>1</sup>   | 2014                |            |
| <b>KENTUCKY</b>             |                   |                 |                   |                 |                   |                  |                     |                     |            |
|                             | <i>(000 ac)</i>   | <i>(000 ac)</i> | <i>(000 ac)</i>   | <i>(000 ac)</i> | <i>(bushels)</i>  | <i>(bushels)</i> | <i>(000 bu)</i>     | <i>(000 bu)</i>     | <i>%</i>   |
| Corn <sup>2</sup>           | 1,530             | 1,520           | 1,430             | 1,430           | 170.0             | 158.0            | 243,100             | 225,940             | 93         |
| Soybeans <sup>2</sup>       | 1,670             | 1,760           | 1,660             | 1,750           | 50.0              | 48.0             | 83,000              | 84,000              | 101        |
| Wheat, Winter <sup>23</sup> | 700               | 630             | 610               | 510             | 75.0              | 71.0             | 45,750              | 36,210              | 79         |
| Hay:                        | <i>(000 ac)</i>   | <i>(000 ac)</i> | <i>(000 ac)</i>   | <i>(000 ac)</i> | <i>(tons)</i>     | <i>(tons)</i>    | <i>(000 tons)</i>   | <i>(000 tons)</i>   | <i>%</i>   |
| All                         | --                | --              | --                | --              | --                | --               | --                  | --                  | --         |
| Alfalfa                     | --                | --              | 2,400             | 2,265           | 2.29              | 2.10             | 5,500               | 4,761               | 87         |
| Other, All                  | --                | --              | 200               | 165             | 3.30              | 3.40             | 660                 | 561                 | 85         |
|                             | --                | --              | 2,200             | 2,100           | 2.20              | 2.00             | 4,840               | 4,200               | 87         |
| Tobacco:                    | <i>(acres)</i>    | <i>(acres)</i>  | <i>(acres)</i>    | <i>(acres)</i>  | <i>(pounds)</i>   | <i>(pounds)</i>  | <i>(000 pounds)</i> | <i>(000 pounds)</i> | <i>%</i>   |
| All                         | --                | --              | --                | --              | --                | --               | --                  | --                  | --         |
| Burley                      | --                | --              | 87,200            | 91,700          | 2,147             | 2,337            | 187,240             | 214,280             | 114        |
| Dark-Fire Cured             | --                | --              | 74,000            | 76,000          | 2,000             | 2,150            | 148,000             | 163,400             | 110        |
| Dark-Air Cured              | --                | --              | 9,000             | 10,700          | 3,100             | 3,400            | 27,900              | 36,380              | 130        |
|                             | --                | --              | 4,200             | 5,000           | 2,700             | 2,900            | 11,340              | 14,500              | 128        |
| <b>UNITED STATES</b>        |                   |                 |                   |                 |                   |                  |                     |                     |            |
|                             | <i>(000 ac)</i>   | <i>(000 ac)</i> | <i>(000 ac)</i>   | <i>(000 ac)</i> | <i>(bushels)</i>  | <i>(bushels)</i> | <i>(000 bu)</i>     | <i>(000 bu)</i>     | <i>%</i>   |
| Corn <sup>2</sup>           | 95,365            | 90,597          | 87,451            | 83,136          | 158.1             | 171.0            | 13,828,964          | 14,215,532          | 103        |
| Soybeans <sup>2</sup>       | 76,840            | 83,701          | 76,253            | 83,061          | 44.0              | 47.8             | 3,357,984           | 3,968,823           | 118        |
| Wheat, Winter <sup>23</sup> | 43,230            | 42,399          | 32,650            | 32,304          | 47.3              | 42.6             | 1,542,902           | 1,377,526           | 89         |
| Hay:                        | <i>(000 ac)</i>   | <i>(000 ac)</i> | <i>(000 ac)</i>   | <i>(000 ac)</i> | <i>(tons)</i>     | <i>(tons)</i>    | <i>(000 tons)</i>   | <i>(000 tons)</i>   | <i>%</i>   |
| All                         | --                | --              | --                | --              | --                | --               | --                  | --                  | --         |
| Alfalfa                     | --                | --              | 57,897            | 57,092          | 2.33              | 2.45             | 135,002             | 139,798             | 104        |
| Other, All                  | --                | --              | 17,673            | 18,445          | 3.24              | 3.33             | 57,217              | 61,446              | 107        |
|                             | --                | --              | 40,224            | 38,647          | 1.93              | 2.03             | 77,785              | 78,352              | 101        |
| Tobacco:                    | <i>(acres)</i>    | <i>(acres)</i>  | <i>(acres)</i>    | <i>(acres)</i>  | <i>(pounds)</i>   | <i>(pounds)</i>  | <i>(000 pounds)</i> | <i>(000 pounds)</i> | <i>%</i>   |
| All                         | --                | --              | --                | --              | --                | --               | --                  | --                  | --         |
| Burley                      | --                | --              | 355,675           | 378,360         | 2,034             | 2,316            | 723,579             | 876,415             | 121        |
| Dark-Fire Cured             | --                | --              | 99,000            | 101,500         | 1,944             | 2,100            | 192,465             | 213,160             | 111        |
| Dark-Air Cured              | --                | --              | 16,250            | 18,630          | 3,101             | 3,175            | 50,388              | 59,146              | 117        |
|                             | --                | --              | 5,200             | 6,150           | 2,652             | 2,844            | 13,790              | 17,490              | 127        |

Commodities with estimates not available are (denoted by "--").

<sup>1</sup> Revisions possible. <sup>2</sup> Area harvested represents grain. <sup>3</sup> Includes area planted in preceding fall.

**Milk Cows & Milk Production, Selected States & U.S.  
Preliminary October-December, 2013 - 2014**

| State     | Oct - Dec Milk Cows <sup>1</sup> |                   | Oct - Dec Milk Production <sup>2</sup> |                       |                |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------|
|           | 2013                             | 2014              | 2013                                   | 2014                  | 14 % 13        |
|           | <i>1,000 Head</i>                | <i>1,000 Head</i> | <i>Million Pounds</i>                  | <i>Million Pounds</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| CA        | 1,780                            | 1,780             | 10,086                                 | 10,259                | 102            |
| IL        | 96                               | 93                | 457                                    | 447                   | 98             |
| IN        | 178                              | 179               | 951                                    | 980                   | 103            |
| <b>KY</b> | <b>69</b>                        | <b>62</b>         | <b>257</b>                             | <b>249</b>            | <b>97</b>      |
| MN        | 461                              | 460               | 2,232                                  | 2,286                 | 102            |
| MO        | 90                               | 88                | 318                                    | 337                   | 106            |
| OH        | 268                              | 267               | 1,322                                  | 1,350                 | 102            |
| TX        | 440                              | 470               | 2,381                                  | 2,576                 | 108            |
| VA        | 94                               | 92                | 432                                    | 440                   | 102            |
| WI        | 1,271                            | 1,272             | 6,767                                  | 6,957                 | 103            |
| <b>US</b> | <b>9,201</b>                     | <b>9,284</b>      | <b>49,268</b>                          | <b>50,939</b>         | <b>103</b>     |

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**Crop Average Prices Received**

| Commodity                      | Kentucky     |          |                        | U.S.     |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
|                                | Jan 2014     | Dec 2014 | Jan 2015               | Jan 2015 |
|                                | Entire Month |          | Mid-Month <sup>1</sup> |          |
|                                | \$           | \$       | \$                     | \$       |
| All Corn (Bu) <sup>23</sup>    | 4.56         | 3.95     |                        |          |
| Soybeans (Bu) <sup>2</sup>     | 13.20        | 10.70    |                        |          |
| Winter Wheat (Bu) <sup>2</sup> | (4)          | (4)      | (4)                    |          |
| Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)             | 200.00       | 195.00   |                        |          |
| Hay, Other (Ton)               | 100.00       | 95.00    |                        |          |

<sup>1</sup> Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. <sup>2</sup> Includes contract sales paid during month. <sup>3</sup> Includes yellow and white corn. <sup>4</sup> Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

**Livestock Average Prices Received <sup>1</sup>**

| Commodity                     | United States |           |                      |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|
|                               | Jan 2014      | Dec 2014  | Jan 2015             |
|                               | Entire Mon    |           | Mid-Mon <sup>2</sup> |
|                               | \$ / Cwt.     | \$ / Cwt. | \$ / Cwt.            |
| All Hogs                      | 61.20         | 64.30     |                      |
| Barrows & Gilts               | 61.10         | 64.20     |                      |
| Sows                          | 64.40         | 65.80     |                      |
| All Beef Cattle <sup>3</sup>  | 138.00        | 164.00    |                      |
| Steers & Heifers <sup>4</sup> | 140.00        | 166.00    |                      |
| Cows                          | 88.30         | 115.00    |                      |
| Calves <sup>5</sup>           | 208.00        | 303.00    |                      |

<sup>1</sup> U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. <sup>2</sup> Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. <sup>3</sup> "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. <sup>4</sup> 500 lbs. and over. <sup>5</sup> Under 500 lbs.

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