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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.