

# livestock review

**Cattle.** In 2003 there were 4,100 farms raising cattle, a decline of 5 percent from 2002. The number of farms raising dairy cattle was 850, a decrease of 6 percent since 2002. As of January 1, 2004 there were 235,000 total head of all cattle and calves in Maryland, a 2 percent decline since the previous January. Beef cow numbers increased to 42,000 head. Milk cow numbers declined to 77,000 head, 4 percent less than the previous year. Beef replacement heifers were also down at 10,000 head, 9 percent less than January 1, 2003. Dairy heifers for milk cow replacement saw a 2,000 head decrease to 30,000. Steers over 500 pounds decreased 13 percent over 2003 to 20,000 head. Total calves born in 2003 was 100,000, down 2,000 calves from the previous year.

The average price for cattle increased 19 percent to \$78.60 per hundred weight. Marketings also increased over 2002 to 99.3 million pounds. Total cash receipts for cattle and calves in Maryland for 2003 was \$79.4 million, an increase of \$11.9 million over 2002.

**Hogs.** The total inventory of all hogs and pigs as of December 1, 2003 was the lowest on record at 40,000 head in Maryland, 5,000 less than 2002. There were 370 farms raising hogs and pigs, down 5 percent from the previous year. The number of breeding hogs declined to 6,000 head. Market hogs decreased 11 percent from 2002 to 34,000 head. The number of sows farrowing was down slightly from 2002 at 8,000 sows. The number of sows farrowing declined resulting in a pig crop of 64,000 head, 6,000 less than in 2003. The average price per hundred weight received for hogs was \$35.90, up \$4.50 from the previous year. Total cash receipts were \$6.90 million, up 5 percent from 2002.

## Maryland Hog and Cattle Cash Receipts

Cash Receipts (in Millions of Dollars)

