

# livestock review

**Cattle.** In 2004 there were 4,000 farms raising cattle, a decline of 2 percent from 2003. The number of farms raising dairy cattle was 850, matching the total in 2003. As of January 1, 2005 there were 235,000 total head of cattle and calves in Maryland, matching the total from the previous January. Beef cow numbers increased to 43,000 head. Milk cow numbers declined to 73,000 head, 5 percent less than the previous year. Beef replacement heifers increased to 12,000 head, a 20 percent increase from January 1, 2003. Dairy heifers for milk cow replacement inventory increased 2000 head to 32,000. Steers over 500 pounds decreased 10 percent from 2004 to 18,000 head. Total calves born in 2004 was 98,000, down 2,000 calves from the previous year.

The average price for cattle increased 2 percent to \$80.00 per hundred weight. Marketings decreased from 2003 to 88.6 million pounds. Total cash receipts for cattle and calves in Maryland in 2004 was \$73.6 million, a decrease of \$5.8 million from 2003.

**Hogs.** The total inventory of all hogs and pigs as of December 1, 2004 was the lowest on record at 26,000 head in Maryland, 4,000 less than 2003. There were 360 farms raising hogs and pigs, down 3 percent from the previous year. The number of breeding hogs declined to 4,000 head. Market hogs decreased 12 percent from 2003 to 22,000 head. The number of sows farrowing matched the total in 2003 at 8,000 sows. The pig crop of 64,000 head, equaled the total in 2003. The average price per hundred weight received for hogs was \$44.60, up \$8.70 from the previous year. Total cash receipts were \$9.58 million, up 31 percent from 2003.

## *Maryland Hog and Cattle Cash Receipts*

