

livestock review

Cattle. In 2005 there were 4,000 farms raising cattle; the same as 2004. The number of farms raising dairy cattle was 850, matching the total in 2004. As of January 1, 2006 there were 230,000 total head of cattle and calves in Maryland. Beef cow numbers increased to 49,000 head. Milk cow numbers declined to 70,000 head, 4 percent less than the previous year. Beef replacement heifers increased to 13,000 head, an 8 percent increase from January 1, 2005. Dairy heifers for milk cow replacement inventory decreased 2000 head to 30,000. Steers over 500 pounds remained the same as 2005 at 18,000 head. Total calves born in 2005 was 85,000, down 13,000 calves from the previous year.

The average price for cattle increased 7 percent to \$85.80 per hundred weight. Marketings decreased from 2004 to 88.3 million pounds. Total cash receipts for cattle and calves in Maryland in 2005 was \$78.4 million, an increase of \$4.9 million from 2004.

Hogs. The total inventory of all hogs and pigs as of December 1, 2005 was 35,000 head in Maryland, 9,000 more than in 2004. There were 360 farms raising hogs and pigs, the same as the previous year. The number of breeding hogs increased to 5,000 head. Market hogs increased 36 percent from 2004 to 30,000 head. The number of sows farrowed increased to 10,000 sows, a 25 percent increase from 2004. The pig crop at 84,000 head, increased 20,000 head from 2004. The average price per hundred weight received for hogs was \$42.50, up \$7.60 from the previous year. Cash receipts for hogs totaled \$9.15 million, up 3 percent from 2004.

Maryland Hog and Cattle Cash Receipts

