

# livestock review

**Cattle.** In 2006 there were 4,000 farms raising cattle; the same as 2005. The number of farms raising dairy cattle was 810, a 5 percent decrease from 2005. As of January 1, 2007 there were 220,000 total head of cattle and calves in Maryland. Beef cow numbers declined to 50,000 head. Milk cow numbers declined to 60,000 head, 14 percent less than the previous year. Beef replacement heifers decreased to 11,000 head, a 15 percent decrease from January 1, 2006. Dairy heifers for milk cow replacement inventory was 30,000 head the same as a year ago. Steers over 500 pounds was 17,000 head. Total calves born in 2006 was 81,000, down 4,000 calves from the previous year.

The average price for cattle decreased 1 percent to \$85.10 per hundred weight. Marketings increased from 2005 to 90.1 million pounds. Total cash receipts for cattle and calves in Maryland in 2006 was \$81.8 million, an increase of \$3.4 million from 2005.

**Hogs.** The total inventory of all hogs and pigs as of December 1, 2006 was 34,000 head in Maryland, 1,000 less than in 2005. There were 400 farms raising hogs and pigs, 11 percent increase from previous year. The number of breeding hogs increased to 7,000 head. Market hogs decreased 10 percent from 2005 to 27,000 head. The number of sows farrowed decreased to 8,000 sows, a 20 percent increase from 2005. The pig crop at 64,000 head, decreased 20,000 head from 2005. The average price per hundred weight received for hogs was \$38.60, down \$3.90 from the previous year. Cash receipts for hogs totaled \$6.92 million, down 2.14 million from 2005.

## Maryland Hog and Cattle Cash Receipts

