

livestock review



cattle... In 2007, there were 4,000 farms raising cattle, unchanged from the previous year. The number of farms raising dairy cattle was 750, a six percent decrease from 2006. As of January 1, 2008 there were 205,000 total head of cattle and calves in Maryland. Beef cow numbers declined to 44,000 head. Milk cow numbers dropped to 57,000 head, five percent decrease from the previous year. Beef replacement heifers decreased to 10,000 head, nine percent lower from January 1, 2007. Dairy heifers for milk cow replacement inventory was 28,000 head, down 2,000 from last year. Steers over 500 pounds remained unchanged from previous year at 17,000 head. Total calves born in 2007 was 79,000, five percent decrease from previous year.

In 2007, the average price for cattle increased to \$86.50 per hundred weight from \$85.10 the previous year. Marketings decreased from 2006 to 90.8 mil-

lion pounds. Total cash receipts, in 2007 for cattle and calves in Maryland were \$81.0 million, a decrease of \$2.6 million from 2006.

hogs... The total inventory of all hogs and pigs as of December 1, 2007, was 31,000 head in Maryland, down six percent from a year earlier. The number of farms raising hogs and pigs was 400, unchanged from 2006. The number of breeding hogs and market hogs each decreased by 1,000 head from previous year to 5,000 and 26,000, respectively. The number of sows farrowed remained unchanged from last year at 8,000 head. In 2007, the pig crop was at 62,000, a decrease of three percent from 2006.

In 2007, the average price for hogs and pigs increased to \$40.20 per hundred weight from \$38.60 a year earlier. Cash receipts for hogs totaled \$7.30 million, an increase of four percent from 2006.