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Maryland Cattle Inventory Up 3 Percent From 2015

Maryland cattle and calves totaled 190 thousand on January 1, 2016, according to Dale Hawks, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Maryland Field Office. All cattle and calves were up 3 percent from the January 1 total of the previous year.

Milk cows, which comprise 26 percent of the total cattle in Maryland, numbered 49,000 head, unchanged from January 1 of the previous year.

Beef cows totaled 43,000 head, up 2 percent from a year ago. Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 11,000 head, up 22 percent. Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were down 21 percent to 19,000 head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were up 25 percent from a year ago at 5,000 head. The 2015 Maryland calf crop totaled 75,000 head, up 7 percent from a year ago.

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