



News Release

Michigan Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Michigan as of January 1, 2021 were 1.14 million head, down 1 percent from last year, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers increased 8 percent to 100,000 head. Beef replacement heifers decreased 13 percent to 20,000 head.
- Milk cows increased 3 percent to 440,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement decreased 9 percent to 160,000 head.
- The 2020 calf crop was 390,000 head, down 3 percent from 2019.

Nationally, all cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2021 totaled 93.6 million head, slightly below the 93.8 million head on January 1, 2020. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million head, were slightly below the 40.7 million head on January 1, 2020. Beef cows, at 31.2 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.44 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year. All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2021 totaled 20.0 million head, slightly below the 20.0 million head on January 1, 2020. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.81 million head, were up slightly from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.60 million head, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.58 million head, were 1 percent above a year earlier.

Cattle Inventory by Class – Michigan and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All cattle and calves	1,150	1,140	93,793	93,595
Cows	520	540	40,681	40,598
Beef	93	100	31,339	31,158
Milk	427	440	9,343	9,440
Replacement heifers	230	220	20,024	20,000
Beef	23	20	5,809	5,812
Milk	175	160	4,684	4,605
Other	32	40	9,532	9,584
Steers 500 pounds and over	175	176	16,541	16,598
Bulls 500 pounds and over	15	14	2,237	2,211
Calves under 500 pounds	210	190	14,309	14,188
Cattle on feed	165	185	14,658	14,707

Totals may not add due to rounding.