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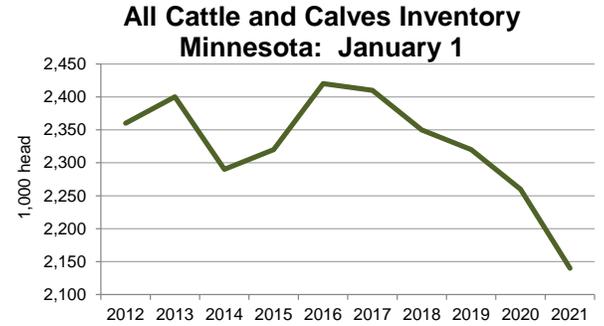
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All cattle and calves in Minnesota as of January 1, 2021, totaled 2.14 million head, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle* report. This was down 120,000 head from January 1, 2020. **Beef cows**, at 345,000 head, were down 20,000 head from last year. **Milk cows** were up 10,000 head from last year to 455,000 head.

All heifers 500 pounds and over were down 10% to 440,000 head. **Heifers for beef cow replacement** were down 16% to 80,000 head; **heifers for milk cow replacement**, at 200,000 head, were down 15% from the previous year; and **all other heifers** were unchanged at 160,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were down 6% from last year to 490,000 head. **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** were unchanged at 30,000 head. **Calves under 500 pounds** on January 1, 2021, totaled 380,000 head, down 7% from last year.

The 2020 **calf crop** was estimated at 750,000 head, down 3% from 2019. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2021 totaled 400,000 head, unchanged from one year ago.



Cattle and Calves, Number by Class – Minnesota and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Minnesota			United States		
	2020	2021	2021 as % of 2020	2020	2021	2021 as % of 2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All cattle and calves	2,260	2,140	95	93,793	93,595	100
All cows that have calved	810	800	99	40,681	40,598	100
Beef cows	365	345	95	31,339	31,158	99
Milk cows	445	455	102	9,343	9,440	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over						
For beef cow replacement	95	80	84	5,809	5,812	100
For milk cow replacement	235	200	85	4,684	4,605	98
Other heifers	160	160	100	9,532	9,584	101
Steers 500 pounds and over	520	490	94	16,541	16,598	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	30	30	100	2,237	2,211	99
Calves under 500 pounds	410	380	93	14,309	14,188	99
Cattle on feed ¹	400	400	100	14,658	14,707	100

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

Calf Crop – Minnesota and United States: 2019 and 2020

	Minnesota			United States		
	2019	2020	2020 as % of 2019	2019	2020	2020 as % of 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Calf crop	770	750	97	35,592	35,136	99

United States Cattle Inventory

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% from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.44 million head, were up 1% 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% from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.58 million head, were 1% above a year earlier.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2021, totaled 16.6 million head, up slightly from January 1, 2020.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2021, totaled 2.21 million head, down 1% from January 1, 2020.

Calves under 500 pounds as of January 1, 2021, totaled 14.2 million head, down 1% from January 1, 2020.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.7 million head on January 1, 2021. The inventory is up slightly from the January 1, 2020, total of 14.7 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 81.4% of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2021, down slightly from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots) at 25.7 million head, was slightly below January 1, 2020.

The 2020 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 35.1 million head, down 1% from the previous year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2020 were estimated at 25.8 million head, down 1% from the first half of 2019. Calves born during the second half of 2020 were estimated at 9.39 million head, 27% of the total 2020 calf crop.

All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2019, January 1, 2020, and July 1, 2020 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, July 1, 2019 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.3%. January 1, 2020 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.7% and 2019 calf crop decreased by 1.3%. July 1, 2020 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.8% and 2020 calf crop decreased by 1.9%.

All Cattle and Calves Inventory – United States: January 1

Million head

