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NEW ENGLAND CATTLE INVENTORY AND MILK PRODUCTION

New England cattle and calves totaled 465 thousand on January 1, 2015, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Total cattle and calves were down 1 percent from the January 1 total of the previous year. Milk production in the New England States totaled 226 million pounds in 2014, up 1.3 percent from 2014.

Milk Cows and Production

Connecticut milk cow inventory during 2014 was 19,000, up 6 percent. Average production per cow, at 20,158 pounds, was down 398 pounds. Total milk production was 383.0 million pounds, up 4 percent.

Maine milk cow inventory during 2014 was 30,000, down 3 percent. Average production per cow, at 20,000 was up 452 pounds. Total milk production was 600.0 million pounds, down 1 percent.

Massachusetts milk cow inventory during 2014 was 13,000, unchanged from the previous year. Average production per cow, at 17,923 was up 231 pounds. Total milk production was 233.0 million pounds, up 1 percent.

New Hampshire milk cow inventory during 2014 was 14,000, up 8 percent. Average production per cow, at 20,143 was down 780 pounds. Total milk production was 282.0 million pounds, up 4 percent.

Rhode Island milk cow inventory during 2014 was 900, unchanged from the previous year. Average production per cow, at 19,000 was also unchanged from the previous year. Total milk production was 17.1 million pounds, unchanged from the previous year.

Vermont milk cow inventory on January 1, 2015 totaled 132,000 head, unchanged from January of the previous year. The average number of milk cows during 2014 was 132,000, down 1 percent. Average production per cow, at 20,197 was up 749 pounds. Total milk production was 2.67 billion pounds, up 2 percent.

Cattle and Calves Report Highlights

Connecticut:

- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 8,000 head, down 11 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 5,000 head, up 25 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 2,000 head, up 33 percent from the previous year.
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were up 20 percent to 3,000 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from previous year at 500 head.
- Calf crop totaled 19,000 head, up 3 percent from a year ago.

Maine:

- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 16,000 head, down 6 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 11,000 head, unchanged from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 4,000 head, up 33 percent from the previous year.
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were up 7 percent to 7,500 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from the previous year at 1,500 head.
- Calf crop totaled 32,000 head, unchanged from a year ago.

Massachusetts:

- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 7,000 head, down 7 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 5,500 head, down 8 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 2,000 head, unchanged from the previous year.
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were up 20 percent to 3,000 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from the previous year at 1,000 head.
- Calf crop totaled 17,000 head, down 6 percent from a year ago.

New Hampshire:

- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 5,500 head, down 21 percent from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 3,000 head, unchanged from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from the previous year.
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were unchanged from the previous year at 1,500 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from the previous year at 500 head.
- Calf crop totaled 13,500 head, unchanged from a year ago.

Rhode Island:

- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 500 head, unchanged from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 1,500 head, unchanged from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year.
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were unchanged from the previous year at 700 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from the previous year at 100 head.
- Calf crop totaled 2,200 head, unchanged from a year ago.

Vermont:

- Milk cow replacement heifers totaled 56,000 head, unchanged from a year ago.
- Beef cows totaled 12,000 head, unchanged from a year ago.
- Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 4,000 head, down 11 percent from the previous year
- Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were down 5 percent to 9,000 head.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were unchanged from the previous year at 3,000 head.
- Calf crop totaled 107,000 head, down 8 percent from a year ago

The complete Cattle Inventory Report, February Milk Production Report, and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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