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## Pennsylvania Cattle Inventory Down From 2020

**All cattle and calves** in Pennsylvania, as of January 1, 2021, totaled 1.43 million head, down 6% from the previous year, according to King Whetstone, director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office.

**All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 690 thousand, were down 1% from the 700 thousand on January 1, 2020. Beef cows, at 215 thousand head, are down 2% from a year ago. Milk cows, at 475 thousand head, are down 1% from the previous year.

**All heifers** 500 pounds and over, as of January 1, 2021, totaled 335 thousand head. This is down 14% from January 1, 2020. Beef replacement heifers, at 63 thousand head, are up 5% from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 220 thousand head, are down 20% from the previous year. Other heifers, at 52 thousand head, are down 5% from a year earlier.

**Calves** under 500 pounds in Pennsylvania, as of January 1, 2021, totaled 250 thousand head. This is 9% below the 275 thousand head on January 1, 2020. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 135 thousand head, unchanged from one year ago. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 20 thousand head, unchanged from the previous year.

### Calf Crop Down 7 Percent

**The 2020 calf crop** was estimated at 530 thousand head, down 7% from 2019.

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in Pennsylvania for all feedlots totaled 80 thousand head on January 1, 2021. The inventory is down 20% from the January 1, 2020 total of 100 thousand head.

*For the complete 'Cattle' report, go to  
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