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## SOUTH DAKOTA JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. January 31, 2017** -- All cattle and calves in South Dakota as of January 1, 2017 totaled 3.85 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2016, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**All cows and heifers that had calved** totaled 1.78 million head, unchanged from last year.

**Beef cows** totaled 1.66 million head, down slightly from last year.

**Milk cows** totaled 116,000 head, up 5 percent from January 1, 2016.

**All heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 970,000 head, down 1 percent from last year.

**Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 740,000 head, down 5 percent from last year.

**Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 100,000 head, up 5 percent from last year.

**Calves** under 500 pounds totaled 260,000 head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2016.

**All cattle on feed** fed for slaughter in South Dakota feedlots totaled 380,000 head, down 13 percent from the previous year.

The **2016 calf crop** totaled 1.69 million head, up 2 percent from 2015.

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