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SOUTH DAKOTA JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY

SIoux FALLS, S.D. February 28, 2019 - All cattle and calves in South Dakota as of January 1, 2019 totaled 4.05 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

All cows and heifers that had calved totaled 1.94 million head, up 4 percent from last year.

Beef cows totaled 1.82 million head, up 4 percent from last year.

Milk cows totaled 122,000 head, up 3 percent from January 1, 2018.

All heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 975,000 head, down 1 percent from last year.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 730,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 105,000 head, down 5 percent from last year.

Calves under 500 pounds totaled 300,000 head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2018.

All cattle on feed fed for slaughter in South Dakota feedlots totaled 425,000 head, down 10 percent from the previous year.

The **2018 calf crop** totaled 1.90 million head, up 3 percent from 2017.

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