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On: 2009 TEXAS CATTLE INVENTORY UNCHANGED
FROM LAST YEAR
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AUSTIN . . . The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 13.6 million head on January 1, 2009, the same as last year's revised inventory.

Texas continued to rank first in the nation in total number of cattle and calves with 14 percent of the total United States inventory.

Beef cow inventory, at 5.17 million head, was up slightly from last year's total. Milk cow inventory, at 430,000 head, was up 30,000 head from the 2008 total of 400,000 head.

Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 5.6 million head, up 1 percent from last year's total.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 790,000 head on January 1, up 5 percent from the 2008 total of 750,000 head. The milk replacement heifer inventory was 220,000 head, up 40,000 head from last year's total.

Texas' inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.78 million head, down 2 percent from the 2008 total. Total inventory of heifers, steers and bulls less than 500 pounds was 2.29 million head, down 1 percent from last year. The 2008 calf crop totaled 4.8 million head, the same as the 2007 calf crop.

The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 94.5 million head on January 1, 2 percent below last year's inventory of 96.0 million head.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 41.0 million head, down 2 percent from the 41.7 million on January 1, 2008.

Beef cows totaled 31.7 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago, while milk cows were up 1 percent from a year ago at 9.33 million head.

Beef replacement heifers, at 5.53 million head, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifer numbers were down slightly to 4.41 million head.

The 2008 calf crop was estimated at 36.1 million head, down 2 percent from 2007.

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TEXAS: CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY AND CALF CROP

Item	Texas		
	January 1		2009 as percent of 2008
	2008	2009	
INVENTORY:	<i><u>1,000 head</u></i>		<i><u>Percent</u></i>
All cattle and calves	*13,600	13,600	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	*5,550	5,600	101
Beef cows	*5,150	5,170	100
Milk cows	* 400	430	108
Heifers 500 pounds and over	2,520	2,560	102
For beef cow replacement	750	790	105
For milk cow replacement	180	220	122
Other heifers	1,590	1,550	97
Steers 500 pounds and over	*2,850	2,780	98
Bulls 500 pounds and over	360	370	103
Heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds	*2,320	2,290	99
Calf crop ^{1/}	*4,800	4,800	100

*1/ Previous year. * Revised*