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## WEST VIRGINIA CATTLE INVENTORY

**Charleston, West Virginia – Cattle inventory** in West Virginia as of January 1, 2015 totaled 370,000 head, down 15,000 head from the January 1, 2014 inventory. **All cows and heifers** that have calved totaled 194,000 head; this is 6,000 head less than January 1, 2014.

Comparing January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2014: **Beef cows** totaled 185,000 head, down 6,000 head; **milk cows** totaled 9,000 head, unchanged; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 57,000 head, down 7,000 head; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 32,000 head, down 3,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 4,000 head, down 1,000 head; **other heifers** totaled 21,000 head, down 3,000 head; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 44,000 head, down 1,000 head; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 13,000 head, down 1,000 head; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 62,000 head, unchanged. **Cattle on feed** for slaughter totaled 4,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2014.

The 2014 **calf crop** totaled 180,000 head, unchanged from the 2013 calf crop.

**United States – All cattle and calves** in the United States as of January 1, 2015 totaled 89.8 million head, 1 percent above the 88.5 million on January 1, 2014. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 39.0 million, were up 2 percent from the 38.3 million on January 1, 2014.

Comparing January 1, 2015, to January 1, 2014: **Beef cows** totaled 29.7 million, up 2 percent; **milk cows** totaled 9.3 million, up 1 percent; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 19.2 million, up 1 percent; **beef replacement heifers**, 5.8 million, up 4 percent; **milk replacement heifers**, 4.6 million, up 1 percent; **other heifers**, 8.8 million, down slightly; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 15.8 million, up 1 percent; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 2.1 million, up 3 percent; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 13.7 million, up 1 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots, totaled 13.1 million, up 1 percent. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** outside of feedlots was 25.2 million, up 1 percent.

The 2014 **calf crop** was estimated at 33.9 million head, up 1 percent from 2013. **Calves born** during the first half of 2014 were estimated at 24.6 million, up slightly from 2013.