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## WEST VIRGINIA CATTLE INVENTORY

**Charleston, West Virginia – Cattle inventory** in West Virginia as of January 1, 2016 totaled 390,000 head, up 20,000 head from the January 1, 2015 inventory. **All cows and heifers** that have calved totaled 210,000 head, this is up 16,000 head from January 1, 2015.

Comparing January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2015: **beef cows** totaled 201,000 head, up 16,000 head; **milk cows** totaled 9,000 head, unchanged; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 57,000 head, unchanged; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 35,000 head, up 2,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 4,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers** totaled 18,000 head, down 2,000 head; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 36,000 head, down 8,000 head; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 15,000 head, up 2,000 head; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 72,000 head, up 10,000 head. **Cattle on feed** for slaughter totaled 4,000 head, unchanged from 2015.

The 2015 **calf crop** totaled 190,000 head, up 10,000 head from the 2014 calf crop.

**United States – All cattle and calves** in the United States as of January 1, 2016 totaled 92.0 million head. This is 3 percent above the 89.1 million head on January 1, 2015. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 39.6 million head, are 3 percent above the 38.6 million head on January 1, 2015.

Comparing January 1, 2016, to January 1, 2015: **beef cows** totaled 30.3 million head, up 4 percent; **milk cows** totaled 9.32 million head, up slightly; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 19.8 million head, up 3 percent; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 6.29 million head, up 3 percent; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 4.82 million head, up 2 percent; **other heifers** totaled 8.71 million head, up 3 percent; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 16.3 million head, up 4 percent; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 2.14 million head, up 2 percent; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 14.1 million head, up 4 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots totaled 13.2 million head, up 1 percent. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** (outside of feedlots) was 25.9 million head, up 5 percent.

**The 2015 calf crop** in the United States was estimated at 34.3 million head, up 2 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2015 were estimated at 24.8 million head. This is up 2 percent from the first half of 2014. The calves born during the second half of 2015 were estimated at 9.50 million head, 28 percent of the total 2015 calf crop.