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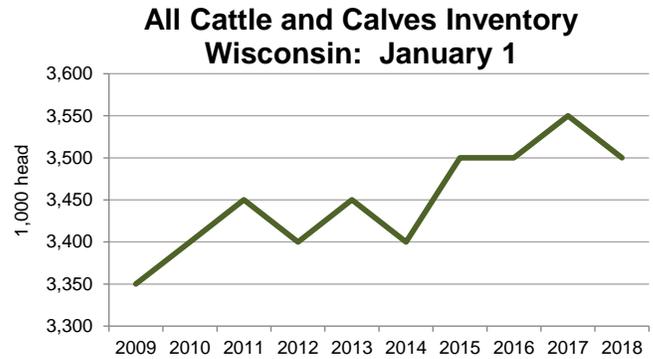
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All cattle and calves in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2018, totaled 3.50 million head, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Cattle* report. This is down 1 percent from January 1, 2017. **Beef cows**, at 285,000 head, were down 2 percent from last year. **Milk cows**, at 1,275,000 head were down 5,000 head from last year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 830,000 head, were down 1 percent from last year. **Heifers for beef cow replacement** totaled 80,000 head, unchanged from last year; **heifers for milk cow replacement**, at 700,000 head were down 1 percent from the previous year; and **all other heifers** were unchanged at 50,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were down 5 percent from last year at 380,000 head. **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** remained the same at 30,000 head. **Calves under 500 pounds** on January 1, 2018, totaled 700,000 head, down 1 percent from last year.

The 2017 **calf crop** was estimated at 1.43 million head, up 1 percent from the 2016 calf crop. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2018, totaled 280,000 head, up 4 percent from one year ago.



Cattle and Calves, Number by Class – Wisconsin and United States: January 1, 2017 and 2018

| Class | Wisconsin | | | United States | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 2017 (1,000 head) | 2018 (1,000 head) | 2018 as % of 2017 (percent) | 2017 (1,000 head) | 2018 (1,000 head) | 2018 as % of 2017 (percent) |
| All cattle and calves | 3,550 | 3,500 | 99 | 93,705 | 94,399 | 101 |
| All cows that have calved | 1,570 | 1,560 | 99 | 40,559 | 41,123 | 101 |
| Beef cows | 290 | 285 | 98 | 31,213 | 31,723 | 102 |
| Milk cows | 1,280 | 1,275 | 100 | 9,346 | 9,400 | 101 |
| Heifers 500 pounds and over | 840 | 830 | 99 | 20,132 | 20,245 | 101 |
| For beef cow replacement | 80 | 80 | 100 | 6,368 | 6,131 | 96 |
| For milk cow replacement | 710 | 700 | 99 | 4,754 | 4,781 | 101 |
| Other heifers | 50 | 50 | 100 | 9,010 | 9,332 | 104 |
| Steers 500 pounds and over | 400 | 380 | 95 | 16,384 | 16,352 | 100 |
| Bulls 500 pounds and over | 30 | 30 | 100 | 2,244 | 2,252 | 100 |
| Calves under 500 pounds | 710 | 700 | 99 | 14,386 | 14,427 | 100 |
| Cattle on feed ¹ | 270 | 280 | 104 | 13,067 | 14,006 | 107 |

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

Calf Crop – Wisconsin and United States: 2016 and 2017

| | Wisconsin | | | United States | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 2016 (1,000 head) | 2017 (1,000 head) | 2017 as % of 2016 (percent) | 2016 (1,000 head) | 2017 (1,000 head) | 2017 as % of 2016 (percent) |
| Calf crop | 1,420 | 1,430 | 101 | 35,093 | 35,808 | 102 |

United States Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in the United States, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 94.4 million head, 1 percent above the 93.7 million head on January 1, 2017.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.1 million head, were 1 percent above the 40.6 million head on January 1, 2017. Beef cows, at 31.7 million head, were up 2 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.40 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 20.2 million head, 1 percent above the 20.1 million head on January 1, 2017. Beef replacement heifers, at 6.13 million head, were down 4 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.78 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.33 million head, were 4 percent above a year earlier.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 16.4 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2017.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 2.25 million head, up slightly from January 1, 2017.

Calves under 500 pounds, as of January 1, 2018, totaled 14.4 million head, up slightly from January 1, 2017.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.0 million head on January 1, 2018. The inventory is up 7 percent from the January 1, 2017 total of 13.1 million head. Cattle on feed, in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, accounted for 82.0 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2018, up 1 percent from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots) is 26.1 million head, 2 percent below one year ago.

The 2017 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 35.8 million head, up 2 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2017 were estimated at 26.0 million head, up 2 percent from the first half of 2016. Calves born during the second half of 2017 were estimated at 9.81 million head, 27 percent of the total 2017 calf crop.

All Cattle and Calves Inventory – United States: January 1

Million head

