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## CATTLE INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2015

### ARIZONA

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all cattle and calves in Arizona totaled 880,000 head, down 4 percent from the January 1, 2014 inventory. Beef cows, at 175,000 head, were down 3,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 3,000 head from last year to 195,000 head. Arizona's 2014 calf crop, at 290,000 head, is up 4 percent from 2013.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2015 and percent changes from 2014 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 13 percent to 34,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 12 percent to 65,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, no change at 21,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 10 percent to 275,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, no change at 20,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 5 percent to 95,000 head. The total inventory included 252,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 8 percent from last year.

### COLORADO

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all cattle and calves in Colorado totaled 2.60 million head, up 2 percent from the January 1, 2014 inventory. Beef cows, at 745,000 head, were up 35,000 head from the previous year. Milk cows increased 5,000 head from last year to 145,000 head. Colorado's 2014 calf crop, at 760,000 head, is up 3 percent from 2013.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2015 and percent changes from 2014 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 7 percent to 160,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, no change at 100,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, no change at 490,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 1 percent to 790,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 22 percent at 55,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 15 percent to 115,000 head. The total inventory included 950,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 1 percent from last year.

### MONTANA

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all cattle and calves in Montana totaled 2.50 million head, down 2 percent from the January 1, 2014 inventory. Beef cows, at 1.51 million head, were up 2 percent from the previous year. Milk cows were unchanged at 14,000 head. Montana's 2014 calf crop, at 1.48 million head, is up 1 percent from 2013.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2015 and percent changes from 2014 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 1 percent to 425,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 2,000 head to 7,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 6 percent to 198,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 20 percent to 175,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, no change at 100,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 17 percent to 75,000 head. The total inventory included 40,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 27 percent from last year.

### NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all cattle and calves in New Mexico totaled 1.34 million head, up 2 percent from the January 1, 2014 inventory. Beef cows, at 407,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year. Milk cows were unchanged at 323,000 head. New Mexico's 2014 calf crop, at 560,000 head, is unchanged from 2013.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2015 and percent changes from 2014 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 14 percent to 80,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 13 percent to 105,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 14 percent to 80,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, up 6 percent to 95,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, no change at 35,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, up 10 percent to 215,000 head.

### UTAH

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all cattle and calves in Utah totaled 780,000 head, down 4 percent from the January 1, 2014 inventory. Beef cows, at 324,000 head, are down 5 percent from the previous year. Milk cows increased 1,000 head to 96,000 head. Utah's 2014 calf crop, at 385,000 head, is up 1 percent from 2013.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2015 and percent changes from 2014 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 11 percent to 78,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 4 percent to 48,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 7 percent to 64,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 8 percent to

78,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, down 4 percent to 22,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 15 percent to 70,000 head. The total inventory included 24,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 8 percent from last year.

## WYOMING

The January 1, 2015 inventory of all cattle and calves in Wyoming totaled 1.30 million head, up 2 percent from the January 1, 2014 inventory. Beef cows, at 694,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year. Milk cows were unchanged at 6,000 head. Wyoming's 2014 calf crop, at 660,000 head, is up 3 percent from 2013.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2015 and percent changes from 2014 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 5 percent to 183,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 25 percent to 5,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 43 percent to 152,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 10 percent to 135,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, no change at 40,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 11 percent from the previous year at 85,000 head. The total inventory included 75,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, no change from last year.

## 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.

- Beef cows, at 29.7 million, were up 2 percent from January 1, 2014.
- Milk cows, at 9.3 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2014.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2015 and the change from January 1, 2014, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 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 weighing 500 pounds and over, 15.8 million, up 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, up 3 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 13.7 million, up 1 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 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.

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