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### January 1 Cattle Inventory and Calf Crop

The January 1, 2012, all cattle and calf inventory totaled 1.21 million head, down 2 percent from last year. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 650,000 head down 1 percent from last year. The Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service contacted about 1,193 Alabama cattle producers as part of a nationwide survey earlier this year to support these findings. **Alabama** ranked 26th in U.S. cattle inventory.

Item	Alabama			United States		
	Jan. 1, 2011	Jan. 1, 2012	2012/2011	Jan. 1, 2011	Jan. 1, 2012	2012/2011
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Cattle	1,230	1,210	98	92,682	90,769	98
Beef Cattle	659	650	99	30,850	29,883	97
Milk Cows	11	10	91	9,150	9,230	101
Beef Replacement Heifers	89	95	107	5,139	5,212	101
Milk Replacement Heifers	6	6	100	4,568	4,527	99
Other Heifers	40	39	98	9,869	9,649	98
Steers over 500 lbs	50	55	110	16,397	16,072	98
Bulls	50	45	90	2,155	2,052	95
Calves under 500 lbs	325	310	95	14,555	14,145	97
<b>Annual Calf Crop</b>	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011	2011/2010
	580	560	97	35,695	35,313	99

### January 1 Catfish Water Acres and Inventory

There were approximately 139 Alabama catfish producers contacted by the Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service for the January 1, 2012 inventory survey. Survey results are shown below for Alabama and the two major catfish producing states. **Alabama** catfish sales for 2011 totaled \$133 million, compared with \$107 million the previous year.

Item	Alabama				Three Major States 1/			
	Number		Pounds		Number		Pounds	
	Jan. 1, 2011	Jan. 1, 2012	Jan. 1, 2011	Jan. 1, 2012	Jan. 1, 2011	Jan. 1, 2012	Jan. 1, 2011	Jan. 1, 2012
	Thousand		Thousand		Thousand		Thousand	
Water Acres	19.2	18.5	--	--	87.9	79.4	--	--
Broodfish	30	15	120	52	405	465	2,053	2,248
Food Size Large	2,000	1,360	7,000	4,700	5,040	2,760	16,990	9,408
Medium	14,600	18,300	28,900	36,300	47,580	56,190	93,400	105,600
Small	31,400	31,800	31,300	32,200	106,800	105,910	107,200	106,250
Food Size, Total	48,000	51,460	67,200	73,200	159,420	164,860	217,590	221,258
Stockers Large	45,300	49,600	14,800	17,300	151,900	152,600	60,150	57,500
Small	50,500	126,000	4,500	12,100	213,000	286,100	20,900	27,700
Stockers, Total	95,800	175,600	19,300	29,400	364,900	438,700	81,050	85,200
Fingerlings	54,000	38,100	2,300	1,120	546,600	412,100	21,950	13,090

1/ Includes AL, AR, MS.

## January 1 Goat Inventory

Slightly less than 400 Alabama sheep and goat producers were contacted by the Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service for the January 1, 2012 inventory survey. Meat and other goats inventory in **Alabama** totaled 53,500 head, down 5 percent from the previous year. Inventory of milk goats decreased 17 percent from 2011. Alabama ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in meat goat inventory and 26<sup>th</sup> in milk goat inventory.

Year	Meat and Other Goats			Milk Goats		
	Alabama	Percent Change for Alabama	United States	Alabama	Percent Change for Alabama	United States
	Head		Head	Head		Head
2008	70,000	146	2,590,000	4,000	200	323,000
2009	65,000	93	2,549,000	4,500	113	335,000
2010	60,000	92	2,521,000	4,200	93	356,000
2011	56,500	94	2,464,000	4,000	95	360,000
2012	53,500	95	2,356,000	3,300	83	360,000

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