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### January 1 Cattle Inventory and Calf Crop

The January 1, 2013, all cattle and calf inventory totaled 1.22 million head, up 1 percent from last year. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 651,000 up slightly from last year. The Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service contacted about 1,150 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, 2012	Jan. 1, 2013	2013/2012	Jan. 1, 2012	Jan. 1, 2013	2013/2012
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
All Cattle	1,210	1,220	101	90,769	89,300	98
Beef Cattle	650	651	100	30,158	29,295	97
Milk Cows	10	9	90	9,230	9,220	100
Beef Replacement Heifers	95	105	111	5,262	5,361	102
Milk Replacement Heifers	6	4	67	4,622	4,551	98
Other Heifers	39	31	79	9,454	9,218	98
Steers over 500 lbs	55	50	91	15,833	15,813	99
Bulls	45	50	111	2,096	2,056	98
Calves under 500 lbs	310	320	103	14,115	13,787	98
Annual Calf Crop	2011	2012	2012/2011	2011	2012	2012/2011
	560	610	109	35,313	34,279	97

### January 1 Catfish Water Acres and Inventory

There were approximately 125 Alabama catfish producers contacted by the Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service for the January 1, 2013 inventory survey. Survey results are shown below for Alabama and the two major catfish producing states. **Alabama** catfish sales for 2012 totaled \$111 million, compared with \$133 million the previous year.

Item	Alabama				Three Major States 1/			
	Number		Pounds		Number		Pounds	
	Jan. 1, 2012	Jan. 1, 2013	Jan. 1, 2012	Jan. 1, 2013	Jan. 1, 2012	Jan. 1, 2013	Jan. 1, 2012	Jan. 1, 2013
	Thousand		Thousand		Thousand		Thousand	
Water Acres	18.5	18.2	--	--	79.4	75.0	--	--
Broodfish	15	10	52	47	465	450	2,248	2,503
Food Size Large	1,360	1,560	4,700	5,800	2,760	4,460	9,408	15,730
Medium	18,300	15,800	36,300	30,400	56,190	53,070	105,600	101,600
Small	31,800	27,800	32,200	27,800	105,910	97,080	106,250	97,050
Food Size, Total	51,460	45,160	73,200	64,000	164,860	154,610	221,258	214,380
Stockers Large	49,600	33,200	17,300	13,200	152,600	121,000	57,500	46,850
Small	126,000	38,100	12,100	3,500	286,100	202,000	27,700	18,700
Stockers, Total	175,600	71,300	29,400	16,700	438,700	323,000	85,200	65,550
Fingerlings	38,100	16,600	1,120	568	412,100	355,000	13,090	9,408

1/ Includes AL, AR, MS.

## January 1 Goat Inventory

More than 400 Alabama sheep and goat producers were contacted by the Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service for the January 1, 2013 inventory survey. Meat and other goats inventory in **Alabama** totaled 42,000 head, down 21 percent from the previous year. Inventory of milk goats increased 6 percent from 2012. Alabama ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in meat goat inventory and 26<sup>th</sup> in milk goat inventory.

Year	Meat and Other Goats			Milk Goats		
	Alabama Head	Percent Change for Alabama	United States Head	Alabama Head	Percent Change for Alabama	United States Head
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
2013	42,000	79	2,315,000	3,500	106	360,000

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