

LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS 2009

All cattle and calves on farms January 1, 2010, in New Jersey totaled 36,000 head, down 2,000 head from the previous year. Value per head decreased \$170 from the previous year to \$1,030. The 2010 inventory value was estimated at \$37.1 million, \$8.5 million less than the total from a year ago.

Cattle: The total number of milk cows and beef cows on January 1, 2010, was 8,500 head and 9,500 head, respectively, with milk cows down 1,000 head and beef cows down 500 head from the previous year. Of the total cattle and calf inventory, cows that have calved accounted for 50 percent. Heifers weighing 500 pounds or more totaled 9,000 head, 25 percent of total inventory. Of these, 4,800 were milk cow replacements, 2,200 were beef cow replacements, and 2,000 were intended for slaughter. There were 2,000 steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 6 percent of all cattle and calves. Bulls at 500 pounds and over numbered 1,000 head or 3 percent of the total inventory. Calves less than 500 pounds accounted for the remaining 6,000 animals, 17 percent of all cattle and calves on January 1, 2010. The 2009 calf crop totaled 13,500 head, down 500 head from the previous year.

Milk: Milk production in the Garden State totaled 161 million pounds, down 5 percent from

the 169 million pounds produced in 2008. The average number of milk cows was 9,000 head, down 1,000 head from last year. Milk per cow averaged 17,889 pounds in 2009 compared to 16,900 a year earlier. Value of production of milk totaled \$20.6 million during 2009, compared to \$31.3 million in 2008. The leading milk producing counties were Salem, Sussex and Warren, accounting for 72 percent of the state total.

Hogs and Pigs: All hogs and pigs on New Jersey farms December 1, 2009 totaled 8,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Value per head averaged \$93, a decrease of \$7 from 2008. The total value of the hog and pig inventory amounted to \$744,000, down \$56,000 from the previous year. Of the total hogs and pigs on farm in the state, 13 percent were kept for breeding and 87 percent were market hogs. The New Jersey pig crop totaled 8,800, up 28 percent from 2008.

Honey: Honey production in 2009 amounted to 288,000 pounds, decreasing 20 percent from the 360,000 pounds produced the year before. Beekeepers received an average price of 193 cents per pound in 2009, up 31 cents per pound from the previous year. The value of production decreased from the 2008 level of \$583,000 to \$556,000 in 2009.