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## WEST VIRGINIA CATTLE INVENTORY

**Charleston, West Virginia – Cattle inventory** in West Virginia as of January 1, 2023 totaled 375,000 head, up 5,000 head from the January 1, 2022 inventory. **All cows and heifers that have calved** totaled 196,000 head, up 3,000 head from January 1, 2022.

Comparing January 1, 2023 to January 1, 2022: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 191,000 head, up 3,000 head; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 5,000 head, unchanged; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 54,000 head, unchanged; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 29,000 head, down 1,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 2,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers** totaled 23,000 head, up 1,000 head; **steers 500 pounds and over** totaled 37,000 head, down 2,000 head; **bulls 500 pounds and over** totaled 14,000 head, unchanged; **calves under 500 pounds** totaled 74,000 head, up 4,000 head. **All cattle on feed** for slaughter totaled 3,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2022.

The 2022 **calf crop** totaled 191,000 head, up 6,000 head from the 2021 calf crop.

**United States – All cattle and calves** in the United States as of January 1, 2023 totaled 89.3 million head, 3 percent below the 92.1 million head on January 1, 2022. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 38.3 million head, were 3 percent below the 39.4 million head on January 1, 2022. Beef cows, at 28.9 million head, were down 4 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.40 million head, were up slightly from the previous year.

**All heifers 500 pounds and over** as of January 1, 2023 totaled 19.2 million head, 4 percent below the 19.9 million head on January 1, 2022. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.16 million head, were down 6 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.34 million head, were down 2 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.67 million head, were 3 percent below a year earlier. **Steers weighing 500 pounds and over** as of January 1, 2023 totaled 16.1 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2022. **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** as of January 1, 2023 totaled 2.03 million head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2022. **Calves under 500 pounds** as of January 1, 2023 totaled 13.6 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2022.

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.2 million head on January 1, 2023. The inventory is down 4 percent from the January 1, 2022 total of 14.7 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 82.5 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2023, 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) at 25.3 million head, was 3 percent below January 1, 2022.

**The 2022 calf crop** in the United States was estimated at 34.5 million head, down 2 percent from the previous year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2022 were estimated at 25.3 million head, down 2 percent from the first half of 2021. Calves born during the second half of 2022 were estimated at 9.16 million head, 27 percent of the total 2022 calf crop.

## **Revisions**

All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2021, January 1, 2022, and July 1, 2022 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, January 1, 2022 all cattle and calves increased by 0.2 percent and 2021 calf crop increased by 0.2 percent. July 1, 2022 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.2 percent and 2022 calf crop decreased by 0.4 percent. State level estimates were reviewed, and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.