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LOUISIANA CATTLE INVENTORY INCREASES

All cattle and calves on Louisiana farms as of January 1, 2005, were estimated at 860,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago. **All cows that have calved** were estimated at 530,000 head, unchanged from a year ago. Louisiana's 2004 **calf crop** was estimated at 415,000 head, the same as the 2003 calf crop.

Beef cows were estimated at 494,000 head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2004; **milk cows**, at 36,000 head, were down 12 percent from a year ago. Other cattle inventory estimates and changes from a year ago were: **beef cow replacement heifers**, 82,000 head, up 1 percent; **milk cow replacement heifers**, 9,000 head, down 10 percent; **other heifers**, 18,000 head, up 6 percent; **steers 500 pounds and over**, 22,000 head, up 5 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over**, 32,000 head, down 3 percent, and **calves under 500 pounds**, 167,000 head, up 6 percent.

CATTLE INVENTORY – JANUARY 1

Item	Louisiana		United States	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	-----Thousand Head-----		-----Thousand Head-----	
All Cattle and Calves	850	860	94,888	95,848
Beef Cows	489	494	32,861	33,055
Milk Cows	41	36	8,990	9,005
Beef Cow Replacements Heifers	81	82	5,518	5,746
Milk Cow Replacements Heifers	10	9	4,020	4,133
Other Heifers	17	18	9,806	9,793
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	21	22	16,277	16,511
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	33	32	2,206	2,219
Calves, Under 500 Pounds	158	167	15,210	15,385
Cattle on Feed	---	---	13,813	13,749
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Calf Crop	415	415	37,903	37,625