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LOUISIANA CATTLE INVENTORY UP FROM LAST YEAR

All cattle and calves on Louisiana farms as of January 1, 2007, were estimated at 860,000 head, up 5 percent from a year ago. **All cows that have calved** were estimated at 520,000 head, up 5 percent from a year ago. Louisiana's 2006 **calf crop** was estimated at 415,000 head, up 5 percent from the 2005 calf crop.

Beef cows were estimated at 490,000 head, up 6 percent from January 1, 2006; **milk cows**, at 30,000 head, were down 6 percent from a year ago. Other cattle inventory estimates and changes from a year ago were: **beef cow replacement heifers**, 86,000 head, up 5 percent; **milk cow replacement heifers**, 9,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers**, 18,000 head, unchanged; **steers 500 pounds and over**, 21,000 head, up 5 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over**, 33,000 head, up 3 percent, and **calves under 500 pounds**, 173,000 head, up 5 percent.

CATTLE INVENTORY – JANUARY 1

Item	Louisiana		United States	
	2006	2007	2006	2007
	-----Thousand Head-----		-----Thousand Head-----	
All Cattle and Calves	820	860	96,702	97,003
Beef Cows	463	490	32,994	32,894
Milk Cows	32	30	9,063	9,129
Beef Cow Replacement Heifers	82	86	5,904	5,877
Milk Cow Replacement Heifers	9	9	4,275	4,310
Other Heifers	18	18	9,805	9,899
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	20	21	16,933	17,222
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	32	33	2,263	2,215
Calves, Under 500 Pounds	164	173	15,465	15,456
Cattle on Feed	---	---	14,132	14,269

	2005	2006	2005	2006
Calf Crop	395	415	37,575	37,567