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LOUISIANA CATTLE INVENTORY INCREASES

All cattle and calves on Louisiana farms as of January 1, 2008, were estimated at 890,000 head, up 3 percent from a year ago. **All cows that have calved** were estimated at 540,000 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. Louisiana's 2007 **calf crop** was estimated at 425,000 head, up 2 percent from the 2006 calf crop.

Beef cows were estimated at 513,000 head, up 5 percent from January 1, 2007; **milk cows**, at 27,000 head, were down 10 percent from a year ago. Other cattle inventory estimates and changes from a year ago were: **beef cow replacement heifers**, 90,000 head, up 5 percent; **milk cow replacement heifers**, 8,000 head, down 11 percent; **other heifers**, 20,000 head, up 11 percent; **steers 500 pounds and over**, 23,000 head, up 10 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over**, 34,000 head, up 3 percent, and **calves under 500 pounds**, 175,000 head, up 1 percent.

CATTLE INVENTORY – JANUARY 1

Item	Louisiana		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	-----Thousand Head-----		-----Thousand Head-----	
All Cattle and Calves	860	890	97,003	96,669
Beef Cows	490	513	32,891	32,553
Milk Cows	30	27	9,132	9,224
Beef Cow Replacement Heifers	86	90	5,877	5,670
Milk Cow Replacement Heifers	9	8	4,310	4,457
Other Heifers	18	20	9,899	9,876
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	21	23	17,222	17,305
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	33	34	2,215	2,207
Calves, Under 500 Pounds	173	175	15,456	15,378
Cattle on Feed	---	---	14,269	14,317
	2006	2007	2006	2007
Calf Crop	415	425	37,519	37,361