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LOUISIANA CATTLE INVENTORY DECREASES

All cattle and calves on Louisiana farms as of January 1, 2006, were estimated at 820,000 head, down 5 percent from a year ago. **All cows that have calved** were estimated at 500,000 head, down 6 percent from a year ago. Louisiana's 2005 **calf crop** was estimated at 400,000 head, down 4 percent from the 2004 calf crop.

Beef cows were estimated at 468,000 head, down 5 percent from January 1, 2005; **milk cows**, at 32,000 head, were down 11 percent from a year ago. Other cattle inventory estimates and changes from a year ago were: **beef cow replacement heifers**, 82,000 head, unchanged; **milk cow replacement heifers**, 9,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers**, 18,000 head, unchanged; **steers 500 pounds and over**, 20,000 head, down 9 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over**, 32,000 head, unchanged, and **calves under 500 pounds**, 159,000 head, down 5 percent.

CATTLE INVENTORY – JANUARY 1

Item	Louisiana		United States	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	-----Thousand Head-----		-----Thousand Head-----	
All Cattle and Calves	860	820	95,438	97,102
Beef Cows	494	468	32,915	33,253
Milk Cows	36	32	9,005	9,058
Beef Cow Replacements Heifers	82	82	5,691	5,905
Milk Cow Replacements Heifers	9	9	4,118	4,278
Other Heifers	18	18	9,763	9,795
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	22	20	16,476	16,923
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	32	32	2,219	2,263
Calves, Under 500 Pounds	167	159	15,250	15,626
Cattle on Feed	---	---	13,745	14,132

	2004	2005	2004	2005
Calf Crop	415	400	37,505	37,780