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INDIANA CATTLE NUMBERS DOWN 1 PERCENT

Indiana's cattle producers had a total inventory of 890,000 head on January 1, 2008, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Beef cows in Indiana, at 234,000 head, and milk cows, at 166,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2008, totaled 96.7 million head, slightly below the 97.0 million on January 1, 2007. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007. Beef cows, at 32.6 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Milk cows, at 9.22 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Other class estimates on January 1, 2008, and the change from January 1 2007, are as follows: beef replacement heifers, 5.67 million, down 4 percent; milk replacement heifers, 4.46 million, up 3 percent; steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.3 million, up slightly. The 2007 calf crop was estimated at 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006.

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASS, JANUARY 1, 2008

Class	Indiana			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as a % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as a % of 2007
	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Head</u>		<u>Percent</u>
All Cattle and Calves	900	890	99	97,003	96,669	100
Cows and Heifers that have Calved:	400	400	100	42,023	41,777	99
Beef Cows	234	234	100	32,891	32,553	99
Milk Cows	166	166	100	9,132	9,224	101
Heifers 500 lb. and over	165	172	104	20,086	20,003	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	38	40	105	5,877	5,670	96
For Milk Cow Replacement	71	77	108	4,310	4,457	103
Other Heifers	56	55	98	9,899	9,876	100
Steers 500 lb. and over	110	105	95	17,222	17,305	100
Bulls 500 lb. and over	20	19	95	2,215	2,207	100
All Calves under 500 lb.	205	194	95	15,456	15,378	99
Cattle and Calves, Number on Feed	110	110	100	14,269	14,317	100
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>07/06</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>07/06</u>
Calf Crop (entire year)	350	355	101	37,519	37,361	100