



# Press Release

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On: 2005 TEXAS CATTLE INVENTORY  
DOWN 1 PERCENT

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AUSTIN . . . The inventory of Texas cattle and calves totaled 13.8 million head on January 1, 2005, down 1 percent from last year's inventory of 13.9 million head, and down 1 percent from the 2003 inventory of 14.0 million head.

"Texas had good pasture conditions most of the year across much of the state which allowed for a good production year. While higher cattle prices continued throughout 2004, producers began to rebuild their herds by retaining more replacement stock," said Robin Roark, State Director.

Texas continued to rank first in the nation in total number of cattle and calves with 14 percent of the total United States inventory.

Beef cow inventory, at 5.43 million head, was down 1 percent from last year's total. Milk cow inventory, at 318,000 head, was up 1,000 head from the 2004 total of 317,000 head.

Total inventory of all cows that have calved was 5.75 million head, down 1 percent from last year's total.

Beef replacement heifers totaled 810,000 head on January 1, up 9 percent from the 2004 total of 740,000 head. The milk replacement heifer inventory was 130,000 head, up 18 percent from last year's total.

Texas's inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 2.75 million head, unchanged from the 2004 total. Total inventory of heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds was 2.48 million head, down 1 percent from last year.

The 2004 calf crop totaled 5.00 million head, down 2 percent from the 2003 calf crop of 5.10 million.

The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 95.8 million head on January 1, 1 percent above last year's inventory of 94.9 million head.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 42.1 million head, up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2004.

Beef cows totaled 33.06 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago, while milk cows were up slightly from a year ago at 9.01 million head.

Beef replacement heifers, at 5.75 million head, were up 4 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifer numbers were up 3 percent to 4.13 million head.

The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down 1 percent from 2003.

**TEXAS: CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY, CALF CROP AND OPERATIONS**

Item	Texas		
	January 1		2005 as percent of 2004
	2004	2005	
<b>INVENTORY:</b>	1,000 head		<u>Percent</u>
All cattle and calves . . . . .	13,900	13,800	99
Cows and heifers that have calved . . . . .	5,800	5,750	99
Beef cows . . . . .	5,483	5,432	99
Milk cows . . . . .	317	318	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over . . . . .	2,480	2,450	99
For beef cow replacement . . . . .	740	810	109
For milk cow replacement . . . . .	110	130	118
Other heifers . . . . .	1,630	1,510	93
Steers 500 pounds and over . . . . .	2,750	2,750	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over . . . . .	370	370	100
Heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds . . . . .	2,500	2,480	99
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	5,100	5,000	98

<sup>1</sup> Previous year.