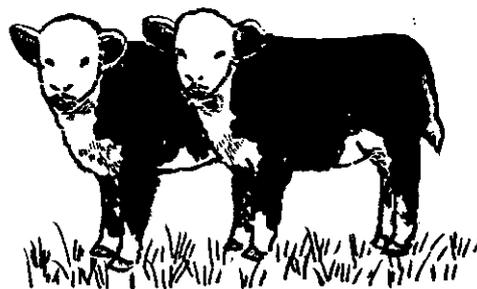


CALF CROP



1966

February 21, 1967

CALF CROP LOWER THAN 1965

The 1966 calf crop for the United States was 43,473,000 head compared with 43,928,000 for 1965, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is the first decline in number of calves born from the previous year since 1958.

The decrease in the 1966 calf crop was the result of fewer cows and heifers 2 years old and older on farms January 1, 1966. There were 50,420,000 cows and heifers 2 years old and over on farms January 1, 1966 compared with 51,219,000 a year earlier.

The number of calves born in 1966 expressed as a percentage of cows and heifers 2 years old and older on hand at the beginning of the year was 86 percent, the same as a year earlier. This percentage is not strictly a calving rate because the January 1 inventory of cows and heifers 2 years old and older does not include all heifers that calve during the year and include some cows that died or were slaughtered before calving.

In the North Central States, 9 States had smaller calf crops than a year earlier, one had the same number and 2 had more calves born. Michigan--down 7 percent--had the greatest percentage decrease. Nebraska and South Dakota each showed a 1-percent increase.

Of the 8 South Atlantic States, 7 had smaller calf crops and 1 was larger. In the South Central region 4 States had smaller calf crops than a year earlier and 4 States showed an increase over the previous year. Texas, the largest cattle State in the Nation, had a 1-percent increase.

In the 11 Western States, 6 had smaller calf crops and 5 were larger than in 1965. Colorado with 4 percent more calves than a year earlier had the greatest percentage increase. Nevada was down the most with a 5-percent decrease.

The 1966 calf crop was smaller in all North Atlantic States with the decline ranging from 3 to 10 percent below a year earlier.

The calf crop estimates for 1960 through 1965 have been revised in conjunction with the 5-year revision program for all cattle and calves. Revised estimates by States for the years 1960-64 are shown in Statistical Bulletin 392, "Calf Crop, Lamb Crop, Wool and Mohair," U. S. Department of Agriculture, Statistical Reporting Service. This bulletin is available on request.

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Calf crop, 1965 and 1966, by States

State	Cows and heifers 2 yrs. & older January 1			Calves born as percent of cows and heifers 2+ January 1 1/2		Calves born			
	5-year average 1960-1964	1965	1966	1965	1966	5-year average 1960-1964	1965	1966	1966 as % of 1965
	head	head	head	Percent	Percent	head	head	head	Percent
Maine	1,000	1,000	1,000			1,000	1,000	1,000	
N. H.	112	99	92	81	80	93	80	74	92
Vt.	59	53	50	85	83	51	45	42	93
Mass.	286	270	249	80	82	241	216	204	94
R. I.	102	93	88	80	78	84	74	69	93
Conn.	14	13	12	75	75	11	10	9	90
N. Y.	95	87	84	82	80	77	71	67	94
N. J.	1,419	1,365	1,311	84	83	1,201	1,147	1,088	95
Pa.	139	120	113	79	81	111	95	92	97
	1,075	1,033	988	86	86	930	888	850	96
Ohio	1,009	934	890	86	86	862	803	765	95
Ind.	815	808	773	88	87	713	711	673	95
Ill.	1,314	1,286	1,248	88	87	1,157	1,132	1,086	96
Mich.	817	789	750	85	83	709	671	622	93
Wis.	2,535	2,561	2,449	87	88	2,297	2,228	2,155	97
Minn.	1,809	1,870	1,776	86	85	1,621	1,608	1,510	94
Iowa	1,964	2,114	2,044	91	93	1,799	1,924	1,901	99
Mo.	1,948	2,163	2,115	89	91	1,754	1,925	1,925	100
N. Dak.	1,016	1,215	1,207	89	88	936	1,081	1,062	98
S. Dak.	1,624	1,899	1,830	89	93	1,511	1,690	1,702	101
Nebr.	1,938	2,133	2,149	91	90	1,774	1,932	1,943	101
Kans.	1,744	1,891	1,906	92	88	1,578	1,740	1,677	96
Del.	32	25	24	79	77	25	20	18	90
Md.	274	252	248	85	85	228	214	211	99
Va.	779	756	735	83	83	656	627	610	97
W. Va.	299	292	282	86	85	256	251	240	96
N. C.	512	523	530	80	81	399	418	429	103
S. C.	306	319	321	84	82	243	268	263	98
Ga.	802	933	935	81	79	655	756	739	98
Fla.	992	1,084	1,089	75	74	697	813	806	99
Ky.	1,183	1,329	1,292	88	91	1,061	1,170	1,176	101
Tenn.	1,108	1,257	1,274	86	84	962	1,081	1,070	99
Ala.	965	1,048	1,042	80	80	786	838	834	100
Miss.	1,290	1,410	1,439	77	81	981	1,086	1,166	107
Ark.	834	937	925	79	83	687	740	768	104
La.	1,144	1,216	1,184	78	78	894	948	924	97
Okla.	1,885	2,167	2,173	87	86	1,621	1,885	1,869	99
Texas	5,235	5,692	5,589	82	84	4,351	4,667	4,695	101
Mont.	1,262	1,479	1,511	90	91	1,152	1,331	1,375	103
Idaho	642	712	699	89	90	579	634	629	99
Wyo.	611	688	719	91	89	540	626	640	102
Colo.	953	1,025	1,043	91	93	856	933	970	104
N. Mex.	725	750	750	84	86	616	630	645	102
Ariz.	414	444	417	77	83	327	342	346	101
Utah	366	390	395	90	88	317	351	348	99
Nev.	292	328	320	79	77	235	259	246	95
Wash.	578	612	585	87	89	517	532	521	98
Oreg.	759	835	813	88	89	667	735	724	99
Calif.	1,754	1,814	1,853	90	87	1,541	1,627	1,617	99
48 States	47,830	51,113	50,311	86	86	41,357	43,853	43,395	99
Alaska	---	4.6	4.6	89	87	---	4.1	4.0	98
Hawaii	90	101	105	70	70	63	71	74	104
U. S.	---	51,219	50,420	86	86	---	43,928	43,473	99

1/ Not strictly a calving rate. Figure represents calves born expressed as percentage of the number of cows and heifers 2 years old and over on farms and ranches January 1.