

calf crop



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CALF CROP 3 PERCENT LARGER

The 1971 calf crop in the United States is expected to total 47,092,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board, 3 percent more than the 45,926,000 head in 1970.

The January 1, 1971 number of cows and heifers that have calved, totaled 50,002,000 head, a 2-percent increase from a year earlier.

Calves born and to be born during 1971 are expected to total 94 percent of the January 1, 1971 inventory of cows and heifers that have calved -- the same as last year. This is not strictly a calving rate because the January 1 inventory did not include young heifers which have had their first calf since that date. Also, the inventory included some cows that died or were slaughtered before calving.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION 3 PERCENT HIGHER

A calf crop of 17,909,000 head is estimated for the North Central Region, 3 percent higher than for a year earlier. The crop is estimated to be up 4 percent in the West North Central and 1 percent in the East North Central States.

SOUTHERN CALF CROP UP 3 PERCENT

The calf crop in the Southern States at 18,079,000 head is 3 percent more than the 1970 crop. A 4-percent increase is indicated for the South Atlantic States and a 2-percent rise in the South Central Region. Texas, the leading cattle State, shows a 2-percent larger calf crop.

WESTERN STATES UP 2 PERCENT

The Western States are expected to produce 8,697,000 calves, 2 percent more than a year earlier. Montana, with a 2-percent increase, replaced California as the leading State in this region. California showed a 1-percent decrease from last year.

NORTH ATLANTIC STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Calves born during 1971 in the North Atlantic Region are expected to total 2,322,000 head, up slightly from 1970. New York, Vermont, and Pennsylvania showed increases over last year.

Calf Crop: 1970 and 1971, by States

State	Cows that have calved January 1		Calves born as percent of cows calved Jan. 1 1/		Calves born 2/		
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1971 as % of 1970
	1,000 head		Percent		1,000 head		Percent
Maine	76	75	95	95	72	71	99
N. H.	39	38	95	95	37	36	97
Vt.	211	213	94	94	198	200	101
Mass.	68	67	90	90	61	60	98
R. I.	9	8	82	83	7.4	6.6	89
Conn.	70	68	90	91	63	62	98
N. Y.	1,090	1,079	93	95	1,014	1,025	101
N. J.	82	77	85	87	70	67	96
Pa.	817	802	97	99	792	794	100
Ohio	807	824	93	93	751	766	102
Ind.	673	678	97	97	653	658	101
Ill.	1,036	1,051	94	96	974	1,009	104
Mich.	587	599	96	95	564	569	101
Wis.	2,080	2,103	100	99	2,080	2,082	100
Minn.	1,473	1,517	100	100	1,473	1,517	103
Iowa	1,922	2,003	99	100	1,903	2,003	105
Mo.	2,252	2,260	95	97	2,139	2,192	102
N. Dak.	1,090	1,101	98	99	1,068	1,090	102
S. Dak.	1,871	1,908	98	99	1,834	1,889	103
Nebr.	2,021	2,100	98	97	1,981	2,037	103
Kans.	1,974	2,097	99	100	1,954	2,097	107
Del.	20	19	85	84	17	16	94
Md.	223	224	95	93	212	208	98
Va.	710	731	93	92	660	672	102
W. Va.	262	259	90	93	236	241	102
N. C.	554	552	88	91	488	502	103
S. C.	329	339	90	95	296	322	109
Ga.	955	1,003	89	89	850	893	105
Fla.	1,069	1,110	83	84	887	932	105
Ky.	1,413	1,427	94	95	1,328	1,356	102
Tenn.	1,238	1,250	93	94	1,151	1,175	102
Ala.	1,033	1,049	88	90	909	944	104
Miss.	1,458	1,476	88	90	1,283	1,328	104
Ark.	1,025	1,017	89	91	912	925	101
La.	1,059	1,056	86	88	911	929	102
Okla.	2,274	2,334	92	93	2,092	2,171	104
Texas	5,910	6,146	91	89	5,378	5,470	102
Mont.	1,599	1,612	96	97	1,535	1,564	102
Idaho	729	755	98	98	714	740	104
Wyo.	723	713	92	97	665	692	104
Colo.	1,162	1,211	96	96	1,116	1,163	104
N. Mex.	717	716	90	92	645	659	102
Ariz.	416	396	82	82	341	325	95
Utah	410	428	95	97	390	415	106
Nev.	340	357	91	87	309	311	101
Wash.	555	553	95	95	527	525	100
Oreg.	775	783	95	95	736	744	101
Calif.	1,669	1,712	94	91	1,569	1,559	99
48 States	48,875	49,896	94	94	45,845	47,012	103
Alaska	4.1	4.2	88	85	3.6	3.6	100
Hawaii	103	102	75	75	77	77	100
U. S.	48,982	50,002	94	94	45,926	47,092	103

1/ Not strictly a calving rate. Figure represents calves born expressed as percentage of the number of cows that have calved on farms and ranches January 1. 2/ Calves born before June 1 plus the number expected to be born after June 1.