

calf crop



1971

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The 1971 calf crop for the United States is estimated at 46,974,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 2 percent more than the 45,908,000 head in 1970.

Cows and heifers that have calved on farms and ranches January 1, 1971 totaled 49,947,000 head, 2 percent more than a year earlier. Calves born during 1971 totaled 94 percent of the January 1, 1971 inventory of cows and heifers. This is not strictly a calving rate because the January 1 inventory of cows 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 UP 3 PERCENT

Calves born during 1971 in the North Central States increased 3 percent from 1970 totaling 17,870,000. The East North Central States were up 1 percent while the West North Central States showed a 4 percent increase. Missouri, the leading calf producing State in this region and second in the Nation, was up 5 percent from a year earlier.

SOUTHERN STATES 2 PERCENT HIGHER

The 1971 calf crop in the Southern States was up 2 percent to 18,019,000. The South Atlantic States registered a 4 percent gain while the South Central States were up 2 percent. Texas, the leading cattle State in the Nation, was down 2 percent.

WESTERN STATES UP 2 PERCENT

A 2 percent larger calf crop was produced in the Western States. Montana passed California as the leading calf producing State with a 3 percent gain while California was off 1 percent.

NORTH ATLANTIC REGION DOWN

The North Atlantic Region was the only region which produced less calves in 1971 than in 1970. Output was down 2 percent to 2,275,600.

Calf Crop: 1970 and 1971, by States

State	Cows that have calved on hand January 1		Calves born as percent of cows calved January 1 1/2		Calves born		
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971	1971 as % of 1970
	1,000 head		Percent		1,000 head		Percent
Maine	76	75	95	93	72	70	97
N. H.	39	38	95	95	37	36	97
Vt.	211	213	94	91	198	194	98
Mass.	68	69	90	88	61	61	100
R. I.	9	8	82	83	7.4	6.6	89
Conn.	70	68	90	88	63	60	95
N. Y.	1,090	1,061	93	93	1,014	987	97
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	1,043	93	96	963	1,001	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	99	1,473	1,502	102
Iowa	1,922	2,003	99	102	1,903	2,036	107
Mo.	2,252	2,260	95	99	2,139	2,240	105
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	99	1,981	2,079	105
Kans.	1,974	2,061	99	95	1,954	1,958	100
Del.	20	18	85	89	17	16	94
Md.	223	224	95	94	212	211	100
Va.	710	710	91	93	646	660	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	96	1,328	1,370	103
Tenn.	1,238	1,250	93	95	1,151	1,188	103
Ala.	1,033	1,049	88	90	909	944	104
Miss.	1,458	1,476	88	91	1,283	1,343	105
Ark.	1,025	1,017	89	95	912	967	106
La.	1,059	1,056	86	90	911	950	104
Okla.	2,274	2,334	92	94	2,092	2,194	105
Texas	5,910	6,146	91	86	5,378	5,286	98
Mont.	1,599	1,631	96	97	1,535	1,582	103
Idaho	729	755	98	98	714	740	104
Wyo.	723	730	93	95	672	694	103
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	85	341	338	99
Utah	410	428	95	94	390	402	103
Nev.	340	348	91	89	309	309	100
Wash.	555	553	95	98	527	542	103
Oreg.	775	783	95	95	736	744	101
Calif.	1,669	1,712	94	91	1,569	1,559	99
48 States	48,875	49,841	94	94	45,827	46,897	102
Alaska	4.1	4.2	88	86	3.6	3.6	100
Hawaii	103	102	75	72	77	73	95
U. S.	48,982	49,947	94	94	45,908	46,974	102

1/ Not strictly a calving rate. Figure represents calves born expressed as percentage of the number of cows that have calved on hand January 1.