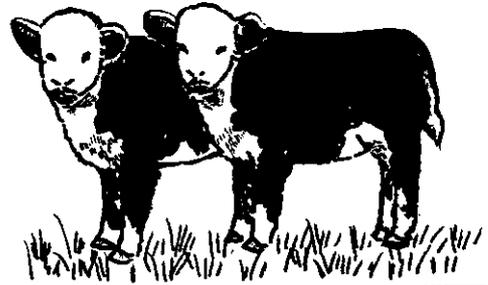


CALF CROP



1968

July 24, 1968

CALF CROP UP 1 PERCENT

The 1968 calf crop for the United States is expected to total 43,902,000 head, 1 percent more than 1967 according to the Crop Reporting Board.

Cows and heifers 2 years old and older on farms and ranches January 1, 1968 totaled 49,962,000 head, slightly above the 49,883,000 head on January 1, 1967.

The number of calves born and to be born in 1968, expressed as a percentage of cows and heifers 2 years old and older on hand the first of the year is estimated at 88 percent, 1 point above the previous year. 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 includes some cows that die or are slaughtered before calving.

NORTH CENTRAL STATES UNCHANGED

The calf crop in the North Central States is expected to total 17,047,000 head, about the same as last year. The East North Central States are down 2 percent while the West North Central States are up 1 percent.

SOUTHERN STATES UP 2 PERCENT

The expected calf crop in the Southern States totaled 16,183,000 head, 2 percent above a year earlier. The calf crop in the South Atlantic States was up 1 percent while the South Central States were up 2 percent from 1967. Texas, the largest cattle State, expects a 1 percent larger calf crop.

WESTERN STATES UP 1 PERCENT

The calf crop in the Western States at 8,218,000 head is up 1 percent from the previous year. Montana, with 4 percent more calves than a year earlier, had the greatest percentage increase while Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah show a 3 percent increase from 1967.

NORTH ATLANTIC STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

The expected calf crop of 2,376,000 head in the North Atlantic States is down 2 percent. Each State is lower except Massachusetts which is unchanged from a year ago.

Calf Crop: 1967 and 1968, by States

State	Calves and heifers 2 yrs. and older January 1			Calves born as percent of cows and heifers 2+ January 1 1/		Calves born 2/ 1968 as % of 1967			
	5-year average 1962-66	1967	1968	1967	1968	5-year average 1962-66	1967	1968	
	head	head	head	Percent	Percent	head	head	head	Percent
Maine	105	89	89	85	84	85	76	75	99
N. H.	56	48	47	85	85	47	41	40	98
Vt.	274	244	240	84	82	227	205	197	96
Mass.	96	86	84	81	83	78	70	70	100
R. I.	13	11	11	82	76	10	9.0	8.4	93
Conn.	90	83	81	80	80	73	66	65	98
N. Y.	1,386	1,246	1,226	84	85	1,164	1,047	1,042	100
N. J.	128	103	97	81	80	102	83	78	94
Pa.	1,049	950	921	86	87	906	817	801	98
Ohio	963	870	868	88	86	824	766	746	97
Ind.	803	738	707	89	90	702	657	636	97
Ill.	1,295	1,168	1,168	89	89	1,137	1,040	1,040	100
Mich.	797	680	635	85	86	682	578	546	94
Wis.	2,527	2,384	2,355	90	90	2,270	2,146	2,120	99
Minn.	1,835	1,717	1,699	89	88	1,615	1,528	1,495	98
Iowa	2,022	2,025	2,010	94	94	1,865	1,904	1,889	99
Mo.	2,058	2,151	2,208	91	91	1,857	1,957	2,009	103
N. Dak.	1,117	1,182	1,139	90	90	1,017	1,064	1,025	96
S. Dak.	1,752	1,871	1,863	93	94	1,614	1,740	1,751	101
Nebr.	2,047	2,107	2,199	92	89	1,864	1,938	1,957	101
Kans.	1,859	1,893	1,950	93	94	1,684	1,760	1,833	104
Del.	28	21	21	77	77	22	16	16	100
Md.	262	242	240	86	88	220	208	211	101
Va.	773	726	730	84	86	646	610	628	103
W. Va.	294	265	260	87	88	252	231	229	99
N. C.	519	542	528	82	83	411	444	438	99
S. C.	315	320	319	84	85	256	269	271	101
Ga.	875	917	942	81	81	712	743	763	103
Fla.	1,039	1,089	1,035	68	72	767	741	745	101
Ky.	1,270	1,315	1,377	92	91	1,141	1,210	1,253	104
Tenn.	1,200	1,260	1,249	84	87	1,032	1,058	1,087	103
Ala.	1,009	1,007	1,029	82	83	817	826	854	103
Miss.	1,366	1,414	1,449	81	81	1,058	1,145	1,174	103
Ark.	887	945	959	84	85	732	794	815	103
La.	1,184	1,125	1,089	80	81	926	900	882	98
Okla.	2,064	2,115	2,094	88	91	1,776	1,861	1,906	102
Texas	5,523	5,670	5,710	86	86	4,581	4,876	4,911	101
Mont.	1,377	1,536	1,576	91	92	1,255	1,398	1,450	104
Idaho	680	684	694	92	93	613	629	645	103
Wyo.	659	694	721	91	90	589	632	649	103
Colo.	1,002	1,071	1,085	92	93	912	985	1,009	102
N. Mex.	753	737	736	88	86	641	649	633	98
Ariz.	428	446	431	79	80	343	352	345	98
Utah	320	393	400	90	91	333	354	364	103
Nev.	307	320	320	80	78	248	256	250	98
Wash.	595	594	594	88	87	531	523	517	99
Oreg.	795	798	806	90	90	708	718	725	101
Calif.	1,787	1,884	1,862	88	88	1,579	1,650	1,631	99
48 States	49,640	49,776	49,853	88	88	42,923	43,570	43,824	101
Alaska	4.6	4.4	4.4	86	86	3.9	3.8	3.8	100
Hawaii	96	103	105	71	70	67	73	74	101
U. S.	49,740	49,883	49,962	87	88	42,994	43,647	43,902	101

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. 2/ Calves born before June 1 plus the number expected to be born after June 1.