

CATTLE AND CALVES

Although most land in Illinois is utilized for the production of grain, cattle herds of various sizes are scattered throughout the state. The largest concentration of cattle is in the northern portion of the state, where rolling pastureland is more suitable for cattle production.

On January 1, 2010, the all cattle inventory totaled 1.17 million head, down 2 percent from the beginning inventory for 2009, with a value of \$982.8 million. The number of cattle and calves marketed during 2009 totaled 524,000 head. This was a decrease of 7 percent from the 2008 level of 563,000 head marketed. The 2009 calf crop decreased 6 percent from 2008.

The number of beef cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2010 totaled 389,000, down 5 percent from the previous year. The number of milk cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2010 was 101,000, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Number & value of January 1 inventory and number on feed, Illinois, 2001-2010

Year	All cattle			Number on feed	Cows and heifers that have calved	
	Number	Value			For milk	For beef
		Per head	Total			
	<u>Thousand head</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Thousand dollars</u>		<u>Thousand head</u>	
2001	1,470	710	1,043,700	225	118	452
2002	1,430	700	1,001,000	225	115	445
2003	1,360	710	965,600	215	114	426
2004	1,310	850	1,113,500	200	108	432
2005	1,350	860	1,161,000	210	105	445
2006	1,330	990	1,316,700	205	104	446
2007	1,340	900	1,206,000	215	103	427
2008	1,230	980	1,205,400	170	103	427
2009	1,200	880	1,056,000	180	102	408
2010	1,170	840	982,800	170	101	389

CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by class and calf crop, Illinois, 2001-2010

Year	Heifers 500 lbs. and over			Steers 500 lbs. and over	Bulls 500 lbs. and over	Heifer, steer, and bull calves under 500 lbs.	Calves born
	For milk replacements	For beef replacements	Other				
	<u>Thousand head</u>						
2001	60	65	185	295	30	265	510
2002	50	65	190	285	25	255	490
2003	50	60	160	280	25	245	480
2004	52	61	132	270	25	230	510
2005	55	65	150	275	25	230	500
2006	52	70	158	250	25	225	500
2007	52	65	158	280	25	230	490
2008	57	62	121	235	25	200	470
2009	59	49	117	230	25	210	440
2010	52	53	125	210	25	215	1/

1/ Not available.