

# cattle



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### ALL CATTLE

The July 1, 1974 U. S. farm and ranch inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 138.3 million head, up 6 percent from a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This compares with the January 1, 1974 number of 127.5 million head which was up 5 percent from the previous year. The higher July 1 inventory compared with January 1 reflects the seasonal increase caused by a high proportion of the calf births occurring during the first half of the year.

### COW INVENTORY

The number of all cows and heifers that have calved on hand this July 1 totaled 56.5 million head, up 5 percent from last year. Beef cows at 45.3 million head were up 7 percent. Milk cows at 11.1 million head were down 2 percent.

This is the second report of annual mid-year cattle inventory estimates by classes. State estimates are provided for 28 major States which accounted for 88 percent of the Nation's total cattle on July 1, 1974. Estimates for the remaining 22 States are shown as an aggregate to provide U.S. totals.

Mid-year cattle inventory estimates by classes are not available for earlier years except for beef, milk and all cows.

### OTHER CLASSES

Heifers 500 pounds and over are estimated at 19.0 million head up 4 percent from July 1, 1973. Of this total, 7.8 million head were beef replacement heifers, which were up 9 percent. Milk cow replacements decreased 1 percent to 3.9 million head. Other heifers at 7.3 million head were up 1 percent. Included in this "other" group are 2.5 million heifers that were in feedlots on July 1 in the 23 major cattle feeding States.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 18.3 million head, a 3 percent increase from last year. This includes 7.1 million head on feed on July 1 in the 23 major cattle feeding States.

Steers and "other" heifers weighing 500 pounds and over excluding those in feedlots in the 23 major cattle feeding States totaled 16.0 million, up 2.8 million head from a year earlier.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were estimated at 2.9 million head, 10 percent more than last year.

The July 1 inventory of all heifer, steer and bull calves weighing less than 500 pounds was 41.7 million head, up 9 percent.

### CALF CROP

Calves born and to be born during 1974 on U.S. farms and ranches are expected to total 51.0 million, a record high and an increase of 4 percent from 1973.

Cattle and calves: Number on farms and ranches, by classes, United States,  
July 1, 1972-74 1/

| Class                                      | 1972       | 1973    | 1974    | 1974 as % |
|--|------------|---------|---------|-----------|
|  | 1,000 head |         |         | of 1973   |
| Cattle and calves                          |            | 130,878 | 138,318 | 106       |
| Cows and heifers that have calved          | 51,664     | 53,818  | 56,488  | 105       |
| Beef cows                                  | 39,968     | 42,437  | 45,339  | 107       |
| Milk cows                                  | 11,696     | 11,381  | 11,149  | 98        |
| Heifers 500 pounds and over                |            | 18,328  | 19,004  | 104       |
| For beef cow replacements                  |            | 7,184   | 7,833   | 109       |
| For milk cow replacements                  |            | 3,919   | 3,895   | 99        |
| Other heifers                              |            | 7,225   | 7,276   | 101       |
| Steers 500 pounds and over                 |            | 17,747  | 18,257  | 103       |
| Bulls 500 pounds and over                  |            | 2,635   | 2,892   | 110       |
| Heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds |            | 38,350  | 41,677  | 109       |
| Calves born 2/                             | 47,695     | 49,034  | 50,969  | 104       |

1/ Data not available for periods blank.

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

All cattle and calves: Number on farms and ranches, by States,  
July 1, 1973-74

| State  | Number     |       | 1974 as % of 1973 | State            | Number     |         | 1974 as % of 1973 |
|--------|------------|-------|-------------------|------------------|------------|---------|-------------------|
|        | 1973       | 1974  |                   |                  | 1973       | 1974    |                   |
|        | 1,000 head |       | Percent           |                  | 1,000 head |         | Percent           |
| Ala.   | 2,220      | 2,550 | 115               | Mont.            | 4,070      | 4,360   | 107               |
| Ark.   | 2,307      | 2,585 | 112               | Nebr.            | 7,300      | 7,750   | 106               |
| Calif. | 5,040      | 5,300 | 105               | N. Mex.          | 2,040      | 2,000   | 98                |
| Colo.  | 4,000      | 3,855 | 96                | N. Y.            | 1,773      | 1,860   | 105               |
| Fla.   | 2,570      | 2,880 | 112               | N. Dak.          | 2,900      | 3,132   | 108               |
| Ga.    | 2,080      | 2,250 | 108               | Ohio             | 2,051      | 2,150   | 105               |
| Idaho  | 2,027      | 2,289 | 113               | Okla.            | 5,950      | 6,490   | 109               |
| Ill.   | 3,055      | 3,055 | 100               | Pa.              | 1,737      | 1,822   | 105               |
| Ind.   | 2,025      | 2,150 | 106               | S. Dak.          | 5,539      | 5,800   | 105               |
| Iowa   | 7,700      | 7,790 | 101               | Tenn.            | 2,936      | 3,230   | 110               |
| Kans.  | 7,000      | 6,900 | 99                | Tex.             | 16,400     | 17,500  | 107               |
| Ky.    | 3,270      | 3,560 | 109               | Wis.             | 4,260      | 4,470   | 105               |
| Minn.  | 4,070      | 4,270 | 105               | Wyo.             | 2,000      | 2,160   | 108               |
| Miss.  | 2,758      | 2,871 | 104               | 28 States        | 115,528    | 121,979 | 106               |
| Mo.    | 6,450      | 6,950 | 108               | 22 Other Sts. 1/ | 15,350     | 16,339  | 106               |
|        |            |       |                   | U. S.            | 130,878    | 138,318 | 106               |

1/ State estimates not available in July.

Cattle and calves: Number on farms and ranches, by class, by States,  
July 1, 1972-74

| State            | All cows that have calved |        |         |                      | Beef cows that have calved |        |         |                      |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------|---------|----------------------|
|                  | 1972                      | 1973   | 1974    | 1974 as %<br>of 1973 | 1972                       | 1973   | 1974    | 1974 as %<br>of 1973 |
|                  | 1,000 head                |        | Percent |                      | 1,000 head                 |        | Percent |                      |
| Ala.             | 1,100                     | 1,135  | 1,250   | 110                  | 984                        | 1,025  | 1,142   | 111                  |
| Ark.             | 1,088                     | 1,132  | 1,250   | 110                  | 992                        | 1,038  | 1,158   | 112                  |
| Calif.           | 1,691                     | 1,750  | 1,840   | 105                  | 913                        | 968    | 1,050   | 108                  |
| Colo.            | 1,180                     | 1,190  | 1,190   | 100                  | 1,105                      | 1,114  | 1,114   | 100                  |
| Fla.             | 1,297                     | 1,390  | 1,515   | 109                  | 1,099                      | 1,192  | 1,311   | 110                  |
| Ga.              | 1,026                     | 1,064  | 1,110   | 104                  | 881                        | 928    | 980     | 106                  |
| Idaho            | 796                       | 817    | 872     | 107                  | 640                        | 659    | 725     | 110                  |
| Ill.             | 1,112                     | 1,100  | 1,133   | 103                  | 829                        | 825    | 867     | 105                  |
| Ind.             | 704                       | 740    | 800     | 108                  | 469                        | 511    | 580     | 114                  |
| Iowa             | 2,240                     | 2,200  | 2,220   | 101                  | 1,787                      | 1,785  | 1,842   | 103                  |
| Kans.            | 2,160                     | 2,260  | 2,250   | 100                  | 1,992                      | 2,106  | 2,104   | 100                  |
| Ky.              | 1,467                     | 1,540  | 1,620   | 105                  | 1,142                      | 1,227  | 1,323   | 108                  |
| Minn.            | 1,525                     | 1,535  | 1,626   | 106                  | 593                        | 625    | 738     | 118                  |
| Miss.            | 1,377                     | 1,434  | 1,441   | 100                  | 1,223                      | 1,294  | 1,311   | 101                  |
| Mo.              | 2,500                     | 2,775  | 3,020   | 109                  | 2,177                      | 2,458  | 2,706   | 110                  |
| Mont.            | 1,710                     | 1,749  | 1,820   | 104                  | 1,677                      | 1,719  | 1,792   | 104                  |
| Nebr.            | 2,280                     | 2,330  | 2,498   | 107                  | 2,112                      | 2,167  | 2,340   | 108                  |
| N. Mex.          | 720                       | 750    | 730     | 97                   | 690                        | 720    | 700     | 97                   |
| N. Y.            | 1,023                     | 1,002  | 1,018   | 102                  | 103                        | 102    | 120     | 118                  |
| N. Dak.          | 1,225                     | 1,267  | 1,378   | 109                  | 1,095                      | 1,140  | 1,253   | 110                  |
| Ohio             | 827                       | 800    | 825     | 103                  | 391                        | 379    | 419     | 111                  |
| Okla.            | 2,390                     | 2,480  | 2,670   | 108                  | 2,254                      | 2,348  | 2,546   | 108                  |
| Pa.              | 830                       | 813    | 829     | 102                  | 147                        | 153    | 164     | 107                  |
| S. Dak.          | 2,056                     | 2,138  | 2,288   | 107                  | 1,881                      | 1,972  | 2,124   | 108                  |
| Tenn.            | 1,400                     | 1,424  | 1,487   | 104                  | 1,145                      | 1,189  | 1,269   | 107                  |
| Tex.             | 6,080                     | 7,000  | 7,450   | 106                  | 5,722                      | 6,644  | 7,100   | 107                  |
| Wis.             | 2,162                     | 2,123  | 2,129   | 100                  | 330                        | 313    | 340     | 109                  |
| Wyo.             | 788                       | 830    | 870     | 105                  | 773                        | 816    | 856     | 105                  |
| 28 States        | 44,754                    | 46,768 | 49,129  | 105                  | 35,146                     | 37,417 | 39,974  | 107                  |
| 22 Other Sts. 1/ | 6,910                     | 7,050  | 7,359   | 104                  | 4,822                      | 5,020  | 5,365   | 107                  |
| U. S.            | 51,664                    | 53,818 | 56,488  | 105                  | 39,968                     | 42,437 | 45,339  | 107                  |

Milk cows that have calved

| State  | 1972       | 1973 | 1974    | 1974 as %<br>of 1973 | State            | 1972       | 1973   | 1974    | 1974 as %<br>of 1973 |
|--------|------------|------|---------|----------------------|------------------|------------|--------|---------|----------------------|
|        | 1,000 head |      | Percent |                      |                  | 1,000 head |        | Percent |                      |
|        | Ala.       | 116  | 110     | 108                  |                  | 98         | Mont.  | 33      | 30                   |
| Ark.   | 96         | 94   | 92      | 98                   | Nebr.            | 168        | 163    | 158     | 97                   |
| Calif. | 778        | 782  | 790     | 101                  | N. Mex.          | 30         | 30     | 30      | 100                  |
| Colo.  | 75         | 76   | 76      | 100                  | N. Y.            | 920        | 900    | 898     | 100                  |
| Fla.   | 198        | 198  | 204     | 103                  | N. Dak.          | 130        | 127    | 125     | 98                   |
| Ga.    | 145        | 136  | 130     | 96                   | Ohio             | 436        | 421    | 406     | 96                   |
| Idaho  | 156        | 158  | 147     | 93                   | Okla.            | 136        | 132    | 124     | 94                   |
| Ill.   | 283        | 275  | 266     | 97                   | Pa.              | 683        | 660    | 665     | 101                  |
| Ind.   | 235        | 229  | 220     | 96                   | S. Dak.          | 175        | 166    | 164     | 99                   |
| Iowa   | 453        | 415  | 378     | 91                   | Tenn.            | 255        | 235    | 218     | 93                   |
| Kans.  | 168        | 154  | 146     | 95                   | Tex.             | 358        | 356    | 350     | 98                   |
| Ky.    | 325        | 313  | 297     | 95                   | Wis.             | 1,832      | 1,810  | 1,789   | 99                   |
| Minn.  | 932        | 910  | 888     | 98                   | Wyo.             | 15         | 14     | 14      | 100                  |
| Miss.  | 154        | 140  | 130     | 93                   | 28 States        | 9,608      | 9,351  | 9,155   | 98                   |
| Mo.    | 323        | 317  | 314     | 99                   | 22 Other Sts. 1/ | 2,088      | 2,030  | 1,994   | 98                   |
|        |            |      |         |                      | U. S.            | 11,696     | 11,381 | 11,149  | 98                   |

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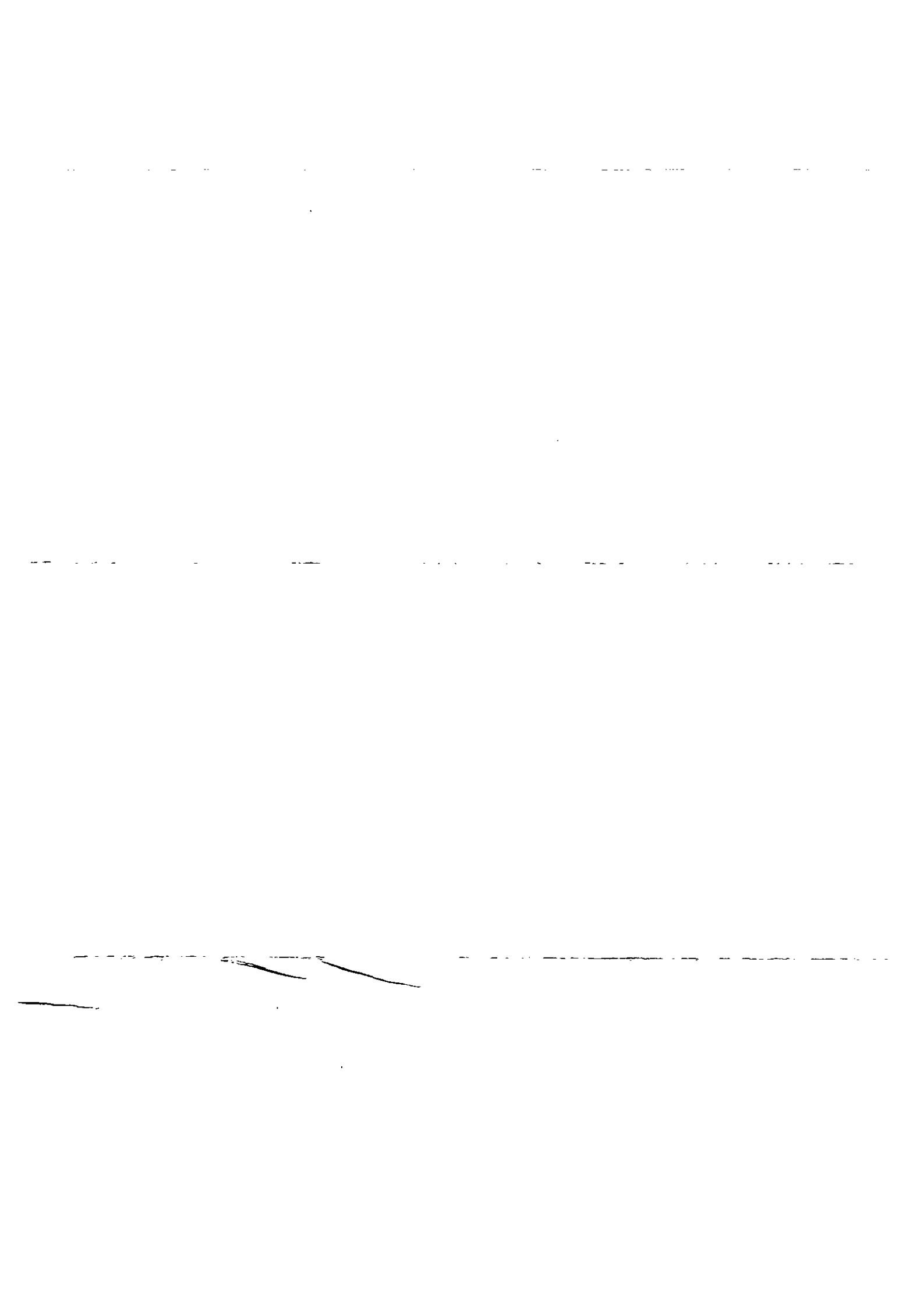
Cattle and Calves: Number on farms and ranches, by classes, by States,  
July 1, 1973-74

| State           | Heifers 500 pounds and over |        |                      |       |                        |        |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|------------------------|--------|
|                 | Beef cow replacement        |        | Milk cow replacement |       | Other                  |        |
|                 | 1973                        | 1974   | 1973                 | 1974  | 1973                   | 1974   |
|                 | 1,000 head                  |        |                      |       |                        |        |
| Ala.            | 166                         | 209    | 31                   | 33    | 30                     | 43     |
| Ark.            | 175                         | 217    | 23                   | 26    | 42                     | 57     |
| Calif.          | 226                         | 239    | 302                  | 281   | 217                    | 196    |
| Colo.           | 242                         | 247    | 33                   | 30    | 516                    | 424    |
| Fla.            | 206                         | 228    | 36                   | 37    | 41                     | 41     |
| Ga.             | 130                         | 144    | 46                   | 43    | 52                     | 58     |
| Idaho           | 101                         | 126    | 71                   | 80    | 80                     | 110    |
| Ill.            | 125                         | 128    | 95                   | 92    | 325                    | 306    |
| Ind.            | 91                          | 99     | 77                   | 75    | 168                    | 172    |
| Iowa            | 230                         | 275    | 150                  | 150   | 1,155                  | 1,115  |
| Kans.           | 294                         | 317    | 63                   | 55    | 532                    | 518    |
| Ky.             | 196                         | 220    | 77                   | 85    | 65                     | 86     |
| Minn.           | 135                         | 167    | 335                  | 325   | 310                    | 269    |
| Miss.           | 218                         | 235    | 41                   | 37    | 33                     | 44     |
| Mo.             | 385                         | 396    | 75                   | 80    | 245                    | 264    |
| Mont.           | 336                         | 327    | 11                   | 9     | 102                    | 135    |
| Nebr.           | 346                         | 403    | 41                   | 40    | 897                    | 891    |
| N. Mex.         | 150                         | 110    | 12                   | 12    | 145                    | 142    |
| N. Y.           | 34                          | 37     | 320                  | 340   | 34                     | 34     |
| N. Dak.         | 209                         | 216    | 38                   | 28    | 61                     | 72     |
| Ohio            | 94                          | 101    | 140                  | 136   | 105                    | 108    |
| Okla.           | 333                         | 370    | 39                   | 29    | 250                    | 279    |
| Pa.             | 38                          | 43     | 215                  | 220   | 61                     | 60     |
| S. Dak.         | 415                         | 383    | 61                   | 52    | 277                    | 325    |
| Tenn.           | 206                         | 226    | 85                   | 80    | 38                     | 45     |
| Tex.            | 1,050                       | 1,220  | 115                  | 120   | 787                    | 750    |
| Wisconsin       | 93                          | 98     | 704                  | 697   | 139                    | 143    |
| Wyo.            | 180                         | 182    | 3                    | 3     | 78                     | 89     |
| 28 States       | 6,404                       | 6,963  | 3,239                | 3,195 | 6,785                  | 6,776  |
| 22 Other States | 780                         | 870    | 680                  | 700   | 440                    | 500    |
| U. S.           | 7,184                       | 7,833  | 3,919                | 3,895 | 7,225                  | 7,276  |
|                 | Steers                      |        | Bulls                |       | Steers, heifers, and   |        |
|                 | 500 pounds and over         |        | 500 pounds and over  |       | bulls under 500 pounds |        |
|                 | 1973                        | 1974   | 1973                 | 1974  | 1973                   | 1974   |
|                 | 1,000 head                  |        |                      |       |                        |        |
| Ala.            | 70                          | 94     | 52                   | 57    | 736                    | 864    |
| Ark.            | 67                          | 78     | 65                   | 75    | 803                    | 882    |
| Calif.          | 1,271                       | 1,367  | 80                   | 84    | 1,194                  | 1,293  |
| Colo.           | 912                         | 810    | 67                   | 66    | 1,040                  | 1,088  |
| Fla.            | 90                          | 86     | 75                   | 86    | 732                    | 887    |
| Ga.             | 104                         | 126    | 60                   | 65    | 624                    | 704    |
| Idaho           | 295                         | 371    | 43                   | 44    | 620                    | 686    |
| Ill.            | 580                         | 541    | 50                   | 55    | 780                    | 800    |
| Ind.            | 306                         | 312    | 30                   | 36    | 613                    | 656    |
| Iowa            | 1,825                       | 1,860  | 90                   | 100   | 2,050                  | 2,070  |
| Kans.           | 1,799                       | 1,677  | 112                  | 110   | 1,940                  | 1,973  |
| Ky.             | 203                         | 259    | 77                   | 90    | 1,112                  | 1,200  |
| Minn.           | 659                         | 658    | 49                   | 64    | 1,047                  | 1,161  |
| Miss.           | 33                          | 98     | 80                   | 83    | 919                    | 933    |
| Mo.             | 635                         | 778    | 135                  | 139   | 2,200                  | 2,273  |
| Mont.           | 244                         | 303    | 86                   | 100   | 1,542                  | 1,666  |
| Nebr.           | 1,614                       | 1,643  | 122                  | 130   | 1,950                  | 2,145  |
| N. Mex.         | 320                         | 320    | 43                   | 46    | 620                    | 640    |
| N. Y.           | 35                          | 40     | 24                   | 28    | 324                    | 363    |
| N. Dak.         | 145                         | 194    | 64                   | 69    | 1,116                  | 1,175  |
| Ohio            | 373                         | 387    | 41                   | 43    | 498                    | 550    |
| Okla.           | 800                         | 860    | 110                  | 121   | 1,938                  | 2,161  |
| Pa.             | 230                         | 220    | 41                   | 50    | 339                    | 400    |
| S. Dak.         | 665                         | 667    | 105                  | 110   | 1,878                  | 1,975  |
| Tenn.           | 117                         | 162    | 68                   | 70    | 998                    | 1,160  |
| Tex.            | 2,198                       | 1,930  | 410                  | 490   | 4,840                  | 5,540  |
| Wis.            | 279                         | 358    | 48                   | 49    | 874                    | 996    |
| Wyo.            | 168                         | 198    | 48                   | 52    | 693                    | 766    |
| 28 States       | 16,037                      | 16,397 | 2,275                | 2,512 | 34,020                 | 37,007 |
| 22 Other States | 1,710                       | 1,860  | 360                  | 380   | 4,330                  | 4,670  |
| U. S.           | 17,747                      | 18,257 | 2,635                | 2,892 | 38,350                 | 41,677 |

Calves Born, 1972-74

| State           | 1972       | 1973   | 1974 <sup>1/</sup> | 1974 as<br>% of<br>1973 |
|-----------------|------------|--------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|                 | 1,000 head |        |                    | Percent                 |
| Ala.            | 980        | 1,033  | 1,110              | 107                     |
| Ark.            | 1,007      | 1,030  | 1,125              | 109                     |
| Calif.          | 1,532      | 1,580  | 1,660              | 105                     |
| Colo.           | 1,110      | 1,120  | 1,110              | 99                      |
| Fla.            | 1,087      | 1,180  | 1,274              | 108                     |
| Ga.             | 911        | 920    | 950                | 103                     |
| Idaho           | 760        | 790    | 830                | 105                     |
| Ill.            | 1,010      | 1,030  | 1,050              | 102                     |
| Ind.            | 672        | 710    | 760                | 107                     |
| Iowa            | 2,160      | 2,100  | 2,120              | 101                     |
| Kans.           | 2,060      | 2,050  | 2,100              | 102                     |
| Ky.             | 1,420      | 1,470  | 1,520              | 103                     |
| Minn.           | 1,472      | 1,480  | 1,555              | 105                     |
| Miss.           | 1,222      | 1,245  | 1,257              | 101                     |
| Mo.             | 2,375      | 2,620  | 2,830              | 108                     |
| Mont.           | 1,640      | 1,730  | 1,780              | 103                     |
| Nebr.           | 2,130      | 2,250  | 2,360              | 105                     |
| N.Mex.          | 619        | 610    | 600                | 98                      |
| N.Y.            | 969        | 959    | 982                | 102                     |
| N.Dak.          | 1,205      | 1,264  | 1,345              | 106                     |
| Ohio            | 750        | 725    | 747                | 103                     |
| Okla.           | 2,187      | 2,220  | 2,380              | 107                     |
| Pa.             | 820        | 790    | 795                | 101                     |
| S.Dak.          | 1,965      | 2,100  | 2,184              | 104                     |
| Tenn.           | 1,225      | 1,215  | 1,270              | 105                     |
| Tex.            | 5,354      | 5,900  | 6,200              | 105                     |
| Wis.            | 2,080      | 2,035  | 2,050              | 101                     |
| Wyo.            | 729        | 745    | 775                | 104                     |
| 28 States       | 41,451     | 42,901 | 44,719             | 104                     |
| 22 Other States | 6,244      | 6,133  | 6,250              | 102                     |
| U.S.            | 47,695     | 49,034 | 50,969             | 104                     |

<sup>1/</sup> Calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born after July 1.



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