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## **Oklahoma Cattle Inventory up from 2015 Oklahoma Sheep and Goat Inventories down from the Previous Year**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) reported the inventory of Oklahoma cattle and calves totaling 4.85 million head on January 1, 2016, up 7 percent from last year's inventory. Oklahoma makes up 5 percent of the total U.S. inventory. Total inventory of all cows that have calved in Oklahoma was 1.99 million head, 4 percent above last year's total. Beef cow inventory, at 1.95 million head, was up 4 percent from 2015. Milk cow inventory, at 37.0 thousand head, was down 3 thousand head from the 2015 total of 40.0 thousand head.

Inventory of all heifers 500 pounds and over in Oklahoma totaled 925 thousand on January 1, 2016, 14 percent above 2015. Beef replacement heifers, at 460 thousand head, is 10 percent higher than 2015. Milk replacement heifers totaled 25.0 thousand head, unchanged from last year. Oklahoma inventory of steers 500 pounds and over totaled 970 thousand head on January 1, 2016, up 11 percent from last year. Inventory of calves less than 500 pounds, at 820 thousand head, is 1 percent above last year's total. The 2015 calf crop totaled 1.77 million head, 1 percent higher than the 2014 calf crop.

The United States inventory of all cattle and calves totaled 92.0 million head on January 1, 2016, 3 percent above last year's inventory of 89.1 million head. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 82.1 million on hand in 1951.

All cows and heifers that have calved totaled 39.6 million head, up 3 percent from the 38.6 million on January 1, 2015. Beef cows totaled 30.3 million head, up 4 percent from a year ago, while milk cows were up slightly from a year ago at 9.32 million head. Beef replacement heifers, at 6.29 million head, were up 3 percent from the previous year. Milk replacement heifer numbers were up 2 percent to 4.82 million head. The 2015 calf crop was estimated at 34.3 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. The complete report can be found online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

Also, NASS reported the inventory of Oklahoma all sheep and lambs at 46.0 thousand head, down 13 percent from the January 1 inventory of 2015. The breeding sheep inventory, which accounts for 80 percent of the total inventory, was down 12 percent or 5 thousand head from a year earlier. Market sheep and lambs were down 18 percent or 2 thousand head from a year ago mostly affecting the under-65-pound group of market lambs which was down 21 percent. The

annual lamb crop, at 31 thousand head, was down 14 percent or 5 thousand head from a year ago.

Oklahoma's meat and other goat inventory, which accounts for the largest category of goat inventory, was estimated at 91.0 thousand head on January 1, down 4 thousand head from the previous year. The milk goat inventory, also down 4 percent from the previous year, and was estimated at 6.6 thousand head.

The U.S. sheep and lamb inventory was up one percent as of January 1, 2016 and estimated at 5.3 million head. The breeding sheep inventory, at 3.97 million head, and the market sheep and lamb inventory, at 1.36 million head were also up one percent compared to a year earlier.

The U.S. all goat inventory was down one percent from a year earlier. Meat and other goat inventory estimated at 2.1 million head was down one percent while the milk goat inventory estimated at 375 thousand head was up three percent, or 10 thousand head from a year earlier. The inventory of angora goats declined by six percent from a year earlier. The complete report can be found online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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