

2005 LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

CATTLE AND CALVES

Kentucky's **All Cattle and Calf** inventory totaled 2.40 million head on January 1, 2006. This was up 7 percent from the January 1, 2005 estimate of 2.25 million head. Beef cow inventory totaled 1.13 million head, up 3 percent from January 1, 2005. Milk cow numbers were a record low 102,000 head on January 1, 2006, down 8,000 head from 2005. Heifers 500 pounds and over and calves under 500 pounds increased from January 2005. Bulls over 500 pounds was unchanged from January 2005. The 2005 calf crop totaled 1.11 million head, up 7 percent from 2004.

The all cattle and calves total value as of January 1, 2006 was \$2.06 billion, up 13 percent from 2005. Average value per head was \$860, compared with \$810 on January 1, 2005. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$561.3 million during 2005, down 10 percent from 2004. Marketings for 2005 were 17 percent below 2004 while prices increased. Cattle prices averaged \$90.90 per hundredweight during 2005 compared with \$84.30 during 2004. Calves averaged \$123.00 per hundredweight compared with \$112.00 during 2004.

HOGS AND PIGS

The December 1, 2005 **Hog and Pig** inventory totaled 370,000 head. This was up 6 percent from 2004. Hogs for breeding totaled 40,000 on December 1, 2005, unchanged from 2004. December 2005 market hogs, at 330,000 head, were 6 percent above 2004.

The 2005 pig crop totaled 696,000 compared with 762,000 during 2004. Pigs saved per litter averaged 8.92, compared with the 2004 average of 8.96. Producers

farrowed 78,000 sows during 2005 compared with 85,000 during 2004.

Kentucky's hog and pig inventory was valued at \$25.9 million on December 1, 2005, down 7 percent from the previous year. Cash receipts from marketings decreased 16 percent from 2004 to \$87.7 million. Marketings decreased from 2004, and the average price during 2005 was \$49.10 per hundredweight, compared with \$48.10 in 2004.

ALL POULTRY

All Poultry includes broilers, eggs and other poultry. Cash receipts from all poultry totaled \$813.8 million, the second highest for the State. Only horses and stud fees generated more cash receipts.

Broiler production for 2005 totaled 1.64 billion pounds from 297.8 million birds. Value of production was \$704.3 million. Compared with 2004, broiler production increased 4 percent and cash receipts increased 2 percent. Average value per

pound was 43 cents during 2005 compared with 44 cents during 2004.

The December 1, 2005 inventory of **All Other Chickens** (excluding broilers) totaled 6.59 million birds, down 5 percent from the previous December. Laying flocks produced 1.23 billion eggs during 2005, slightly below 2004. Cash receipts from eggs totaled \$72.6 million for 2005, 18 percent below 2004. Eggs averaged 70.9 cents per dozen in 2005 compared with 85.8 cents during 2004.