

## 2006 LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

### CATTLE AND CALVES

Kentucky's **All Cattle and Calf** inventory totaled 2.46 million head on January 1, 2007. This was up 3 percent from the January 1, 2006 estimate of 2.38 million head. Beef cow inventory totaled 1.21 million head, up 8 percent from January 1, 2006. Milk cow numbers were a record low 93,000 head on January 1, 2007, down 9,000 head from 2006. Heifers 500 pounds and over and bulls 500 pounds and over increased from January 2006. Calves under 500 pounds decreased from January 2006. The 2006 calf crop totaled 1.13 million head, up 3 percent from 2005.

The all cattle and calves total value as of January 1, 2007 was \$1.99 billion, down 3 percent from 2006. Average value per head was \$810, compared with \$860 on January 1, 2006. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$607.8 million during 2006, up 7 percent from 2005. Marketings for 2006 were 11 percent above 2005 while prices decreased. Cattle prices averaged \$87.60 per hundredweight during 2006 compared with \$90.90 during 2005. Calves averaged \$121.00 per hundredweight compared with \$123.00 during 2005.

### HOGS AND PIGS

The December 1, 2006 **Hog and Pig** inventory totaled 310,000 head. This was down 16 percent from 2005. Hogs for breeding totaled 35,000 on December 1, 2006, down 12 percent from 2005. December 2006 market hogs, at 275,000 head, were 17 percent below 2005.

The 2006 pig crop totaled 681,000 compared with 696,000 during 2005. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.08, compared with the 2005 average of 8.92. Producers

farrowed 75,000 sows during 2006 compared with 78,000 during 2005.

Kentucky's hog and pig inventory was valued at \$21.7 million on December 1, 2006, down 17 percent from the previous year. Cash receipts from marketings increased 3 percent from 2005 to \$89.8 million. Marketings increased from 2005, and the average price during 2006 was \$45.30 per hundredweight, compared with \$49.10 in 2005.

### ALL POULTRY

**All Poultry** includes broilers, eggs and other poultry. Cash receipts from all poultry totaled \$710.7 million, the second highest for the State. Only horses and stud fees generated more cash receipts.

**Broiler** production for 2006 totaled 1.59 billion pounds from 289.0 million birds. Value of production was \$604.0 million. Compared with 2005, broiler production decreased 3 percent and cash receipts decreased 14 percent. Average price per

pound was 38 cents during 2006 compared with 43 cents during 2005.

The December 1, 2006 inventory of **All Other Chickens** (excluding broilers) totaled 6.60 million birds, up less than 1 percent from the previous December. Laying flocks produced 1.15 billion eggs during 2006, down 6 percent from 2005. Cash receipts from eggs totaled \$73.2 million for 2006, up less than 1 percent from 2005. Eggs averaged 76.3 cents per dozen in 2006 compared with 70.9 cents during 2005.