

2007 LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

CATTLE AND CALVES

Kentucky's **All Cattle and Calf** inventory totaled 2.40 million head on January 1, 2008. This was down 2 percent from the January 1, 2007 estimate of 2.46 million head. Beef cow inventory totaled 1.16 million head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2007. Milk cow numbers continued to decline and were 91,000 head on January 1, 2008, down 2,000 head from 2007. Heifers 500 pounds and over were down slightly while bulls 500 pounds and over remained the same from January 2007. Calves under 500 pounds decreased from January 2007. The 2007 calf crop totaled 1.11 million head, down 2 percent from 2006.

The all cattle and calves total value as of January 1, 2008 was \$1.92 billion, down 4 percent from 2007. Average value per head was \$800, compared with \$810 on January 1, 2007. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$605.0 million during 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Marketings for 2007 were 9 percent above 2006 while prices decreased. Cattle prices averaged \$83.20 per hundredweight during 2007 compared with \$87.60 during 2006. Calves averaged \$109.00 per hundredweight compared with \$121.00 during 2006.

HOGS AND PIGS

The December 1, 2007 **Hog and Pig** inventory totaled 350,000 head. This was up 13 percent from 2006. Hogs for breeding totaled 35,000 on December 1, 2007, unchanged from 2006. December 2007 market hogs, at 315,000 head, were 15 percent above 2006.

The 2007 pig crop totaled 692,000 compared with 681,000 during 2006. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.35, compared with the 2006 average of 9.08. Producers

farrowed 74,000 sows during 2007 compared with 75,000 during 2006.

Kentucky's hog and pig inventory was valued at \$20.3 million on December 1, 2007, down 6 percent from the previous year. Cash receipts from marketings decreased 5 percent from 2006 to \$87.3 million. Marketings at 187.1 million pounds were down from 2006 and the average price during 2007 was \$45.90 per hundredweight, compared with \$45.30 in 2006.

ALL POULTRY

All Poultry includes broilers, eggs and other poultry. Cash receipts from all poultry totaled \$874.6 million, the second highest for the State. Only horses and stud fees generated more cash receipts.

Broiler production for 2007 totaled 1.68 billion pounds from 305.0 million birds. Broilers averaged 5.5 pounds in weight. Value of production was \$721.3 million. Compared with 2006, broiler production increased 6 percent and cash receipts increased 26 percent. Average price per

pound was 43.0 cents during 2007 compared with 36.0 cents during 2006.

The December 1, 2007 inventory of **All Other Chickens** (excluding broilers) totaled 6.58 million birds, down less than 1 percent from the previous December. Laying flocks produced 1.17 billion eggs during 2007, up 2 percent from 2006. Cash receipts from eggs totaled \$120.1 million for 2007, up 64 percent from 2006. Eggs averaged 123.0 cents per dozen in 2007 compared with 76.3 cents during 2006.