



TO: NASDA Field/Telephone Enumerators
FROM: Samantha Hendrixon and Ben Magen
DATE: December 6, 2024
SUBJECT: January 1 Cattle and Milk Report

GENERAL INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

JANUARY CATTLE AND MILK PRODUCTION	
Stat Contact	Cattle: Samantha Hendrixon Milk: Ben Magen
Stat Phone	Samantha: 517-324-5322 Ben: 517-324-5305
Project Code	Cattle: 150 Milk: 178
Sample Size	Cattle: 2,600 Milk: 1,470
Mail Dates	Friday, December 20, 2024
Enumeration Dates	Jan Milk Production: December 31 – January 13 @ 11:59 pm January Cattle: December 31 – January 13 @ 11:59 pm Monday, January 6 (Delayed Start Date)*
DCC Call-Outs	Friday, January 10
Available for Field	Cattle: 800 Milk: 300
Release Date	Milk: January 24, 2025, 3:00 pm EST Cattle: January 31, 2025, 3:00 pm EST

***DELAYED START:** Records with a positive history of mail/web response will be turned off in CAPI during the first week of data collection to allowed operators time to respond by mail or web.

***** NOTES – PLEASE READ *****

JANUARY CATTLE:

- The 2024 Calf crop includes all male and female calves born between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, on the farm or ranch. A calf is either “still on the farm” (and included in the inventory section), “sold or moved off” (male and female), or “died” after being born alive. Calves born in 2023 and still on the farm are not included in the calf crop.
- Male dairy calves are included in the calf crop even if they were sold within a week of being born. Dairy heifer calves that are moved to another operation should be included in the calf crop. The calf crop ratio is typically between 80 to 110 percent of the total milk and beef cows in the inventory section. If not, please leave a note explaining the situation (i.e., sold some cows, purchased some cows, breeding issues).
- On small operations (less than ten animals), make sure the reported beef cows are not steers or heifer over 500 pounds.

***** NOTES – PLEASE READ - CONTINUED *****

JANUARY MILK PRODUCTION:

- Cows milked on reference date must be less than or equal to all milk cows.
- Pounds of milk per cow are normally between 30 and 95 lbs. Those that fall outside of this range need comments.
- One (1) gallon of milk weighs 8.6 lbs. The stat will convert from gallons to pounds.
- Expect values of milk cow replacements to range from \$750 to \$2,250. Anything outside of this range need comments to justify the data.

GENERAL NOTES:

- If the operation is no longer in business, try to find out who has taken it over.
- If the herd has been liquidated, find out if the operator is still in agriculture of any kind.
- If you have any questions, please contact your supervisor, NASDA Coordinator, or the Regional Field Office. Thank you for your continued hard work.