Cattle numbers steady

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania farmers had 1,960,000 cattle and calves on hand on January 1, according to the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, unchanged from the January 1, 1985 level.

The state's calf crop for 1985 was 840,000, up one percent from the 1984 crop. All cows that have calved at 937,000 was one percent more than a year ago. Milk cow numbers at 747,000 was up two percent from January 1, 1985 Beef cows at 190,000 were unchanged from a year ago Milk cow replacement heifers 500 pounds and over at 290,000 were six percent below last year and beef cow replacement heifers at 37,000 were 10 percent below last year.

Other heifers 500 pounds and over at 49,000 were up 14 percent Steers in the same weight category at 225,000 were down two percent and bulls at 29,000 were down 12 percent from 1985. All calves under 500 pounds at 393,000 were up four percent from last year.

There were 46,000 Pennsylvania farmers who had cattle and 21,000 operations with milk cows during 1985.

Beef cows, at 33.6 million, are five percent below January 1, 1985, the lowest since 1966. Milk cows, at 11.2 million, are up three percent from January 1, 1985 and the highest since 1975.

Other class estimates on January 1, and the changes from last year and two years ago, respectively, are as follows· All heifers 500 pounds and over 18 0 million down, two percent and three percent Beef replacement heifers, 5.15 million, down seven percent and 17 percent Milk replacement heifers, 4.76 million, virtually unchanged and up five percent Other heifers, 8 09 million, up fractionally and up three percent Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.0 million, down two percent from both years Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.26 million, down six percent and 11 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 24.4 million, down eight percent and 12 percent. All cattle and calves on feed January 1 for slaughter, 11 4 million, down eight percent and two percent.

The 1985 calf crop is estimated at 41.0 million, down three percent from 1984, down seven percent from 1983 and is the lowest since 1961 This calf crop is down fractionally from the expected calf crop published last July Calves born during the first half of the year were estimated at 71 5 percent of the annual total.

Meat imports below quota trigger

WASHINGTON — The U S Department of Agriculture has announced that the first quarterly estimate of U.S. meat imports for 1986 is below the level that would require quotas on imports under the Meat Import Act of 1979.

Bentley said that based on USDA estimates of available supplies, imports of beef and certain other meats should be no more than 1,300 million pounds-about 140 million pounds below the 1986 trigger level of 1,440 million pounds.

The Meat Import Act requires the President to restrict imports of certain meats — primarily beef and veal — if the USDA estimate equals or exceeds the trigger level

"Based on today's estimate, there is no need to impose import restrictions during the quarter beginning January 1," Bentley said. "Our analysis of conditions in this country and abroad affecting meat imports strongly suggests there will be no need for import restrictions for the remainder of the year."

Imports of meat subject to the law — by month — are·

Month	1982	1983	1984	1985
		Million Pounds		
January	55.5	92.2	87.0	59.3
February	67.5	124.3	109.2	87.0
March	127.9	127.0	84.9	87.0
April	119.2	106.5	82.3	94.6
May	86.0	92.8	89.0	122.7
June	160.6	143.2	64.9	84.0
July	99.2	113.1	107.0	162.2
August	133.8	124.1	100.4	104.2
September	237 4	110.3	103.2	134.6
October	126.6	77.8	132.7	138.0
November	33.9	74.6	89.9	88 4
December	71 7	54.1	98.2	
Total*	1,319.6	1,240.1	1,148 7	

* Totals may not add due to rounding

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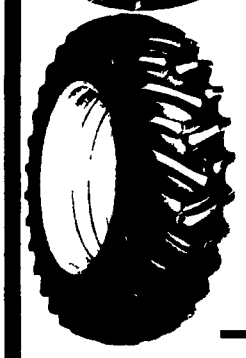

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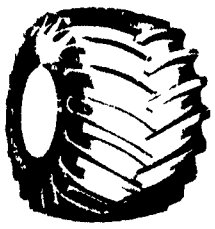

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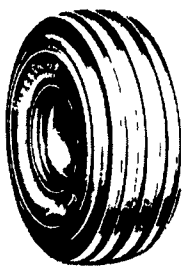

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