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USDA SURVEYING CATTLE OPERATIONS

Baton Rouge, Louisiana – In January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey over 550 cattle operations statewide to provide an up-to-date measure of the United States cattle inventory.

“This information helps producers make timely, informed business decisions and plan for herd expansion or reduction. It also helps packers and government leaders evaluate expected slaughter volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export,” explained Louisiana State Statistician, Kathy Broussard. “Obtaining the current count of cattle will serve as an important decision-making tool for the entire agriculture industry.”

During the first two weeks of January, Louisiana producers will have the opportunity to report their beef and dairy cattle inventories, calf crop, death loss and cattle on feed information. To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS offers the option of responding via the Internet, telephone, mail or a personal interview with a local NASDA representative.

The *January Cattle Report* will be released on January 31, 2019 at 3:00 pm ET. This and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/index.php. For more information, call the NASS Delta Regional Office at (800) 327-2970.

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