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## Special Note

Cattle program changes were made following the 2022 Census of Agriculture. As a result of these changes, a reduced number of data items are published for the following states beginning in January 2025: AK, CT, DE, HI, IN, LA, ME, MD, MA, MS, NV, NH, NJ, NC, RI, SC, UT, VT, and WV. Estimates of all cattle and calves inventory, all cows inventory, and calf crop are still published for all states.

## January 1 Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

**All cattle and calves** in the United States as of January 1, 2025 totaled 86.7 million head, 1 percent below the 87.2 million head on January 1, 2024.

**All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 37.2 million head, were slightly below the 37.4 million head on January 1, 2024. Beef cows, at 27.9 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.35 million head, were up slightly from the previous year.

**All heifers 500 pounds and over** as of January 1, 2025 totaled 18.2 million head, 1 percent below the 18.3 million head on January 1, 2024. Beef replacement heifers, at 4.67 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 3.91 million head, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.59 million head, were 1 percent below a year earlier.

**Steers weighing 500 pounds and over** as of January 1, 2025 totaled 15.8 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2024.

**Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** as of January 1, 2025 totaled 2.01 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2024.

**Calves under 500 pounds** as of January 1, 2025 totaled 13.5 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2024.

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.3 million head on January 1, 2025. The inventory is down 1 percent from the January 1, 2024 total of 14.4 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 82.7 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2025, up slightly from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots), at 24.6 million head, was slightly below January 1, 2024.

## Calf Crop Down Slightly

**The 2024 calf crop** in the United States was estimated at 33.5 million head, down slightly from the previous year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2024 were estimated at 24.6 million head, down slightly from the first half of 2023. Calves born during the second half of 2024 were estimated at 8.93 million head, 27 percent of the total 2024 calf crop.

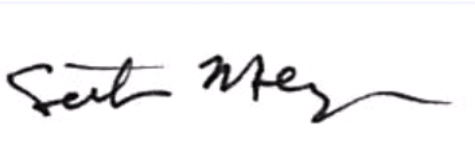
## Revisions

All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, July 1, 2023 all cows and heifers that have calved decreased by 0.3 percent and 2023 calf crop decreased by 0.1 percent. January 1, 2024 all cows and heifers that have calved decreased by 0.6 percent.

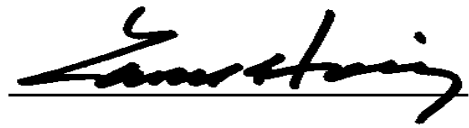
State-level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

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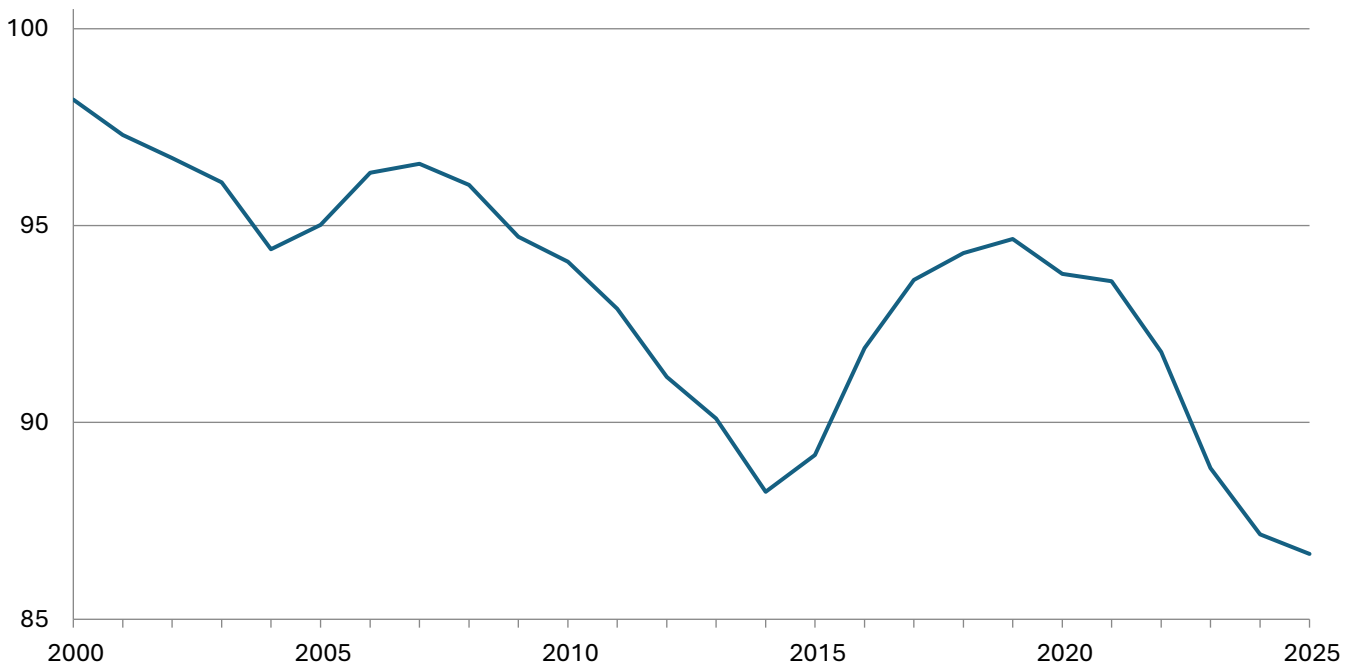
## Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

Class	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All cattle and calves .....	87,157.4	86,662.2	99
All cows and heifers that have calved .....	37,359.8	37,212.8	100
Beef cows .....	28,013.0	27,863.5	99
Milk cows .....	9,346.8	9,349.3	100
All heifers 500 pounds and over .....	18,320.0	18,179.9	99
For beef cow replacement .....	4,718.3	4,672.4	99
Expected to calve <sup>1</sup> .....	2,971.5	2,921.8	98
For milk cow replacement .....	3,951.2	3,914.3	99
Expected to calve <sup>1</sup> .....	2,508.9	2,499.8	100
Other heifers .....	9,650.5	9,593.2	99
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	15,959.2	15,802.4	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	2,030.7	2,009.0	99
Calves under 500 pounds .....	13,487.7	13,458.1	100
All cattle on feed .....	14,426.3	14,296.7	99
	2023	2024	Percent of previous year
Calf crop .....	33,563.0	33,529.5	100

<sup>1</sup> Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year.

## All Cattle and Calves Inventory – United States: January 1

Million head



## Cattle Inventory by Class – States and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

State	All cattle and calves			All cows and heifers that have calved		
	2024	2025	Percent of previous year	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama .....	1,170.0	1,180.0	101	630.0	650.0	103
Alaska .....	19.0	20.0	105	8.5	8.5	100
Arizona .....	970.0	930.0	96	375.0	360.0	96
Arkansas .....	1,570.0	1,560.0	99	840.0	850.0	101
California .....	5,100.0	5,050.0	99	2,380.0	2,340.0	98
Colorado .....	2,600.0	2,550.0	98	840.0	800.0	95
Connecticut .....	44.0	45.0	102	23.0	23.0	100
Delaware .....	10.5	10.5	100	4.1	4.1	100
Florida .....	1,560.0	1,560.0	100	960.0	960.0	100
Georgia .....	1,010.0	990.0	98	550.0	540.0	98
Hawaii .....	142.0	133.0	94	80.0	74.0	93
Idaho .....	2,550.0	2,490.0	98	1,120.0	1,120.0	100
Illinois .....	1,000.0	1,020.0	102	410.0	410.0	100
Indiana .....	790.0	810.0	103	370.0	380.0	103
Iowa .....	3,450.0	3,500.0	101	1,050.0	1,070.0	102
Kansas .....	6,150.0	5,950.0	97	1,410.0	1,410.0	100
Kentucky .....	1,890.0	1,850.0	98	950.0	910.0	96
Louisiana .....	720.0	720.0	100	435.0	425.0	98
Maine .....	73.0	73.0	100	36.0	35.0	97
Maryland .....	161.0	154.0	96	85.0	75.0	88
Massachusetts .....	31.0	31.0	100	14.5	15.0	103
Michigan .....	1,090.0	1,110.0	102	540.0	540.0	100
Minnesota .....	2,130.0	2,090.0	98	800.0	780.0	98
Mississippi .....	810.0	810.0	100	430.0	430.0	100
Missouri .....	3,950.0	3,950.0	100	1,890.0	1,920.0	102
Montana .....	2,130.0	2,160.0	101	1,250.0	1,260.0	101
Nebraska .....	6,250.0	6,050.0	97	1,650.0	1,600.0	97
Nevada .....	430.0	435.0	101	270.0	265.0	98
New Hampshire .....	27.0	28.0	104	13.5	13.5	100
New Jersey .....	26.0	24.0	92	13.5	12.0	89
New Mexico .....	1,290.0	1,280.0	99	700.0	690.0	99
New York .....	1,410.0	1,410.0	100	730.0	730.0	100
North Carolina .....	750.0	720.0	96	390.0	370.0	95
North Dakota .....	1,660.0	1,680.0	101	870.0	880.0	101
Ohio .....	1,240.0	1,240.0	100	540.0	530.0	98
Oklahoma .....	4,700.0	4,600.0	98	1,960.0	1,990.0	102
Oregon .....	1,240.0	1,230.0	99	620.0	620.0	100
Pennsylvania .....	1,380.0	1,370.0	99	670.0	660.0	99
Rhode Island .....	3.9	3.7	95	1.7	1.7	100
South Carolina .....	290.0	295.0	102	156.0	157.0	101
South Dakota .....	3,450.0	3,550.0	103	1,710.0	1,670.0	98
Tennessee .....	1,600.0	1,570.0	98	860.0	850.0	99
Texas .....	12,000.0	12,200.0	102	4,650.0	4,750.0	102
Utah .....	750.0	740.0	99	425.0	410.0	96
Vermont .....	220.0	215.0	98	127.0	126.0	99
Virginia .....	1,320.0	1,320.0	100	640.0	640.0	100
Washington .....	1,170.0	1,120.0	96	480.0	465.0	97
West Virginia .....	370.0	365.0	99	192.0	193.0	101
Wisconsin .....	3,200.0	3,250.0	102	1,530.0	1,540.0	101
Wyoming .....	1,260.0	1,220.0	97	680.0	660.0	97
United States .....	87,157.4	86,662.2	99	37,359.8	37,212.8	100

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**Cattle Inventory by Class – States and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025 (continued)**

State	Beef cows that have calved			Milk cows that have calved		
	2024	2025	Percent of previous year	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama .....	628.0	648.0	103	2.0	2.0	100
Alaska .....	8.3	(NA)	(NA)	0.2	(NA)	(NA)
Arizona .....	178.0	171.0	96	197.0	189.0	96
Arkansas .....	837.0	848.0	101	3.0	2.0	67
California .....	670.0	630.0	94	1,710.0	1,710.0	100
Colorado .....	643.0	595.0	93	197.0	205.0	104
Connecticut .....	5.5	(NA)	(NA)	17.5	(NA)	(NA)
Delaware .....	1.5	(NA)	(NA)	2.6	(NA)	(NA)
Florida .....	862.0	865.0	100	98.0	95.0	97
Georgia .....	462.0	455.0	98	88.0	85.0	97
Hawaii .....	79.5	(NA)	(NA)	0.5	(NA)	(NA)
Idaho .....	457.0	440.0	96	663.0	680.0	103
Illinois .....	331.0	333.0	101	79.0	77.0	97
Indiana .....	180.0	(NA)	(NA)	190.0	(NA)	(NA)
Iowa .....	810.0	825.0	102	240.0	245.0	102
Kansas .....	1,235.0	1,230.0	100	175.0	180.0	103
Kentucky .....	907.0	869.0	96	43.0	41.0	95
Louisiana .....	428.0	(NA)	(NA)	7.0	(NA)	(NA)
Maine .....	12.0	(NA)	(NA)	24.0	(NA)	(NA)
Maryland .....	45.0	(NA)	(NA)	40.0	(NA)	(NA)
Massachusetts .....	5.5	(NA)	(NA)	9.0	(NA)	(NA)
Michigan .....	101.0	100.0	99	439.0	440.0	100
Minnesota .....	350.0	340.0	97	450.0	440.0	98
Mississippi .....	424.0	(NA)	(NA)	6.0	(NA)	(NA)
Missouri .....	1,830.0	1,864.0	102	60.0	56.0	93
Montana .....	1,241.0	1,251.5	101	9.0	8.5	94
Nebraska .....	1,597.0	1,552.0	97	53.0	48.0	91
Nevada .....	235.0	(NA)	(NA)	35.0	(NA)	(NA)
New Hampshire .....	4.0	(NA)	(NA)	9.5	(NA)	(NA)
New Jersey .....	9.5	(NA)	(NA)	4.0	(NA)	(NA)
New Mexico .....	450.0	450.0	100	250.0	240.0	96
New York .....	100.0	100.0	100	630.0	630.0	100
North Carolina .....	352.0	(NA)	(NA)	38.0	(NA)	(NA)
North Dakota .....	860.0	870.0	101	10.0	10.0	100
Ohio .....	285.0	280.0	98	255.0	250.0	98
Oklahoma .....	1,922.0	1,950.0	101	38.0	40.0	105
Oregon .....	500.0	509.0	102	120.0	111.0	93
Pennsylvania .....	205.0	195.0	95	465.0	465.0	100
Rhode Island .....	1.2	(NA)	(NA)	0.5	(NA)	(NA)
South Carolina .....	148.0	(NA)	(NA)	8.0	(NA)	(NA)
South Dakota .....	1,500.0	1,455.0	97	210.0	215.0	102
Tennessee .....	835.0	826.0	99	25.0	24.0	96
Texas .....	4,015.0	4,075.0	101	635.0	675.0	106
Utah .....	336.0	(NA)	(NA)	89.0	(NA)	(NA)
Vermont .....	11.0	(NA)	(NA)	116.0	(NA)	(NA)
Virginia .....	574.0	574.0	100	66.0	66.0	100
Washington .....	223.0	210.0	94	257.0	255.0	99
West Virginia .....	188.0	(NA)	(NA)	4.0	(NA)	(NA)
Wisconsin .....	260.0	275.0	106	1,270.0	1,265.0	100
Wyoming .....	671.0	651.0	97	9.0	9.0	100
Other States .....	(NA)	2,427.0	(NA)	(NA)	590.8	(NA)
United States .....	28,013.0	27,863.5	99	9,346.8	9,349.3	100

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**Cattle Inventory by Class – States and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025 (continued)**

State	All heifers 500 pounds and over					
	Beef cow replacement		Milk cow replacement		Other	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Alabama .....	96.0	95.0	2.0	2.0	47.0	38.0
Alaska .....	1.6	(NA)	0.1	(NA)	0.4	(NA)
Arizona .....	31.0	27.0	120.0	130.0	29.0	33.0
Arkansas .....	105.0	110.0	2.0	2.0	78.0	68.0
California .....	110.0	100.0	690.0	690.0	250.0	250.0
Colorado .....	120.0	110.0	120.0	120.0	590.0	600.0
Connecticut .....	2.0	(NA)	9.0	(NA)	1.0	(NA)
Delaware .....	0.2	(NA)	0.8	(NA)	0.3	(NA)
Florida .....	115.0	115.0	30.0	25.0	25.0	20.0
Georgia .....	85.0	85.0	25.0	20.0	30.0	28.0
Hawaii .....	7.5	(NA)	0.5	(NA)	6.5	(NA)
Idaho .....	85.0	90.0	335.0	305.0	250.0	255.0
Illinois .....	45.0	45.0	38.0	29.0	104.0	96.0
Indiana .....	32.0	(NA)	52.0	(NA)	55.0	(NA)
Iowa .....	100.0	110.0	120.0	110.0	470.0	500.0
Kansas .....	185.0	190.0	175.0	140.0	1,610.0	1,480.0
Kentucky .....	100.0	105.0	25.0	25.0	130.0	130.0
Louisiana .....	71.0	(NA)	3.0	(NA)	16.0	(NA)
Maine .....	3.5	(NA)	11.0	(NA)	4.5	(NA)
Maryland .....	8.5	(NA)	22.0	(NA)	6.5	(NA)
Massachusetts .....	3.0	(NA)	4.0	(NA)	1.0	(NA)
Michigan .....	23.0	25.0	121.0	126.0	36.0	39.0
Minnesota .....	75.0	70.0	160.0	165.0	175.0	175.0
Mississippi .....	81.0	(NA)	4.0	(NA)	33.0	(NA)
Missouri .....	260.0	260.0	25.0	25.0	235.0	255.0
Montana .....	305.0	305.0	4.0	4.0	186.0	201.0
Nebraska .....	300.0	275.0	20.0	25.0	1,490.0	1,480.0
Nevada .....	28.0	(NA)	8.0	(NA)	24.0	(NA)
New Hampshire .....	1.0	(NA)	5.0	(NA)	1.0	(NA)
New Jersey .....	1.6	(NA)	2.3	(NA)	1.1	(NA)
New Mexico .....	70.0	70.0	105.0	105.0	70.0	65.0
New York .....	38.0	38.0	320.0	320.0	37.0	37.0
North Carolina .....	56.0	(NA)	14.0	(NA)	22.0	(NA)
North Dakota .....	158.0	158.0	7.0	7.0	195.0	195.0
Ohio .....	55.0	60.0	110.0	105.0	65.0	60.0
Oklahoma .....	335.0	340.0	20.0	20.0	495.0	440.0
Oregon .....	95.0	100.0	50.0	45.0	135.0	120.0
Pennsylvania .....	50.0	45.0	170.0	200.0	65.0	55.0
Rhode Island .....	0.4	(NA)	0.5	(NA)	0.2	(NA)
South Carolina .....	26.0	(NA)	4.0	(NA)	8.0	(NA)
South Dakota .....	310.0	315.0	20.0	25.0	400.0	460.0
Tennessee .....	100.0	100.0	14.0	15.0	76.0	65.0
Texas .....	640.0	600.0	230.0	220.0	1,650.0	1,720.0
Utah .....	60.0	(NA)	50.0	(NA)	50.0	(NA)
Vermont .....	4.0	(NA)	42.0	(NA)	6.0	(NA)
Virginia .....	79.0	83.0	33.0	35.0	66.0	62.0
Washington .....	50.0	45.0	120.0	115.0	160.0	150.0
West Virginia .....	31.0	(NA)	2.0	(NA)	26.0	(NA)
Wisconsin .....	55.0	65.0	500.0	510.0	95.0	105.0
Wyoming .....	125.0	125.0	6.0	6.0	144.0	139.0
Other States .....	(NA)	411.4	(NA)	243.3	(NA)	272.2
United States .....	4,718.3	4,672.4	3,951.2	3,914.3	9,650.5	9,593.2

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**Cattle Inventory by Class – States and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025 (continued)**

State	Steers 500 pounds and over		Bulls 500 pounds and over		Calves under 500 pounds	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Alabama .....	57.0	50.0	43.0	45.0	295.0	300.0
Alaska .....	0.4	(NA)	4.8	(NA)	3.2	(NA)
Arizona .....	275.0	245.0	20.0	20.0	120.0	115.0
Arkansas .....	105.0	110.0	55.0	55.0	385.0	365.0
California .....	610.0	600.0	60.0	60.0	1,000.0	1,010.0
Colorado .....	750.0	760.0	45.0	40.0	135.0	120.0
Connecticut .....	1.0	(NA)	0.5	(NA)	7.5	(NA)
Delaware .....	2.9	(NA)	0.2	(NA)	2.0	(NA)
Florida .....	25.0	30.0	50.0	50.0	355.0	360.0
Georgia .....	38.0	37.0	32.0	30.0	250.0	250.0
Hawaii .....	9.5	(NA)	4.0	(NA)	34.0	(NA)
Idaho .....	330.0	300.0	40.0	40.0	390.0	380.0
Illinois .....	195.0	245.0	18.0	20.0	190.0	175.0
Indiana .....	88.0	(NA)	14.0	(NA)	179.0	(NA)
Iowa .....	1,180.0	1,180.0	60.0	60.0	470.0	470.0
Kansas .....	2,070.0	2,050.0	80.0	80.0	620.0	600.0
Kentucky .....	205.0	210.0	55.0	60.0	425.0	410.0
Louisiana .....	20.0	(NA)	30.0	(NA)	145.0	(NA)
Maine .....	5.0	(NA)	1.5	(NA)	11.5	(NA)
Maryland .....	11.5	(NA)	3.5	(NA)	24.0	(NA)
Massachusetts .....	2.0	(NA)	1.0	(NA)	5.5	(NA)
Michigan .....	151.0	157.0	14.0	13.0	205.0	210.0
Minnesota .....	485.0	455.0	30.0	30.0	405.0	415.0
Mississippi .....	53.0	(NA)	34.0	(NA)	175.0	(NA)
Missouri .....	415.0	400.0	125.0	110.0	1,000.0	980.0
Montana .....	210.0	220.0	90.0	95.0	85.0	75.0
Nebraska .....	2,370.0	2,290.0	100.0	80.0	320.0	300.0
Nevada .....	33.0	(NA)	12.0	(NA)	55.0	(NA)
New Hampshire .....	1.0	(NA)	0.5	(NA)	5.0	(NA)
New Jersey .....	2.5	(NA)	0.6	(NA)	4.4	(NA)
New Mexico .....	110.0	115.0	30.0	30.0	205.0	205.0
New York .....	41.0	41.0	19.0	19.0	225.0	225.0
North Carolina .....	39.0	(NA)	29.0	(NA)	200.0	(NA)
North Dakota .....	270.0	270.0	50.0	55.0	110.0	115.0
Ohio .....	210.0	215.0	25.0	25.0	235.0	245.0
Oklahoma .....	920.0	810.0	150.0	150.0	820.0	850.0
Oregon .....	170.0	165.0	40.0	40.0	130.0	140.0
Pennsylvania .....	160.0	160.0	20.0	20.0	245.0	230.0
Rhode Island .....	0.4	(NA)	0.1	(NA)	0.6	(NA)
South Carolina .....	10.0	(NA)	11.0	(NA)	75.0	(NA)
South Dakota .....	690.0	710.0	100.0	100.0	220.0	270.0
Tennessee .....	115.0	100.0	55.0	55.0	380.0	385.0
Texas .....	2,510.0	2,570.0	320.0	320.0	2,000.0	2,020.0
Utah .....	80.0	(NA)	23.0	(NA)	62.0	(NA)
Vermont .....	3.0	(NA)	3.0	(NA)	35.0	(NA)
Virginia .....	151.0	148.0	36.0	37.0	315.0	315.0
Washington .....	205.0	205.0	18.0	17.0	137.0	123.0
West Virginia .....	39.0	(NA)	13.0	(NA)	67.0	(NA)
Wisconsin .....	360.0	360.0	30.0	30.0	630.0	640.0
Wyoming .....	175.0	170.0	35.0	35.0	95.0	85.0
Other States .....	(NA)	424.4	(NA)	188.0	(NA)	1,075.1
United States .....	15,959.2	15,802.4	2,030.7	2,009.0	13,487.7	13,458.1

(NA) Not available.



## Calf Crop – States and United States: 2023 and 2024

State	2023	2024	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama .....	550.0	560.0	102
Alaska .....	6.0	6.0	100
Arizona .....	295.0	285.0	97
Arkansas .....	740.0	750.0	101
California .....	1,930.0	1,910.0	99
Colorado .....	780.0	750.0	96
Connecticut .....	17.0	17.5	103
Delaware .....	3.5	3.5	100
Florida .....	760.0	770.0	101
Georgia .....	490.0	480.0	98
Hawaii .....	62.0	59.0	95
Idaho .....	950.0	950.0	100
Illinois .....	355.0	355.0	100
Indiana .....	345.0	345.0	100
Iowa .....	1,000.0	1,020.0	102
Kansas .....	1,290.0	1,300.0	101
Kentucky .....	920.0	890.0	97
Louisiana .....	330.0	325.0	98
Maine .....	28.0	27.0	96
Maryland .....	65.0	60.0	92
Massachusetts .....	13.0	13.0	100
Michigan .....	390.0	400.0	103
Minnesota .....	770.0	760.0	99
Mississippi .....	345.0	345.0	100
Missouri .....	1,820.0	1,810.0	99
Montana .....	1,240.0	1,250.0	101
Nebraska .....	1,570.0	1,510.0	96
Nevada .....	220.0	220.0	100
New Hampshire .....	10.0	10.0	100
New Jersey .....	9.0	9.0	100
New Mexico .....	570.0	560.0	98
New York .....	560.0	560.0	100
North Carolina .....	360.0	350.0	97
North Dakota .....	840.0	850.0	101
Ohio .....	480.0	480.0	100
Oklahoma .....	1,790.0	1,850.0	103
Oregon .....	580.0	580.0	100
Pennsylvania .....	530.0	530.0	100
Rhode Island .....	1.5	1.5	100
South Carolina .....	133.0	134.0	101
South Dakota .....	1,650.0	1,620.0	98
Tennessee .....	820.0	820.0	100
Texas .....	4,250.0	4,350.0	102
Utah .....	365.0	360.0	99
Vermont .....	99.0	95.0	96
Virginia .....	610.0	610.0	100
Washington .....	425.0	410.0	96
West Virginia .....	186.0	189.0	102
Wisconsin .....	1,370.0	1,370.0	100
Wyoming .....	640.0	620.0	97
United States .....	33,563.0	33,529.5	100

## All Cattle on Feed Inventory – States and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

[Cattle and calves on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay, and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by class]

State	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona .....	267.0	235.0	88
California .....	520.0	520.0	100
Colorado .....	1,050.0	1,080.0	103
Idaho .....	345.0	340.0	99
Illinois .....	230.0	250.0	109
Indiana .....	90.0	(NA)	(NA)
Iowa .....	1,180.0	1,210.0	103
Kansas .....	2,600.0	2,500.0	96
Kentucky .....	18.0	(NA)	(NA)
Maryland .....	6.5	(NA)	(NA)
Michigan .....	135.0	145.0	107
Minnesota .....	390.0	370.0	95
Missouri .....	90.0	(NA)	(NA)
Montana .....	41.0	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska .....	2,750.0	2,700.0	98
Nevada .....	3.0	(NA)	(NA)
New York .....	23.0	(NA)	(NA)
North Dakota .....	45.0	(NA)	(NA)
Ohio .....	140.0	150.0	107
Oklahoma .....	330.0	365.0	111
Pennsylvania .....	85.0	(NA)	(NA)
South Dakota .....	420.0	435.0	104
Texas .....	2,870.0	2,790.0	97
Utah .....	16.0	(NA)	(NA)
Virginia .....	14.0	(NA)	(NA)
Washington .....	275.0	260.0	95
West Virginia .....	4.0	(NA)	(NA)
Wisconsin .....	220.0	230.0	105
Wyoming .....	71.0	(NA)	(NA)
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	197.8	716.7	362
United States .....	14,426.3	14,296.7	99

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Individual state estimates not available for states not shown, but are included in Other States.

**Cattle Grazing on Small Grain Pasture – 3-State Total: January 1, 2024 and 2025**

States	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas .....	1,590.0	1,555.0	98

**Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2023 and 2024**

Class	2023	2024	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All cattle and calves .....	95,400.0	(NA)	(NA)
All cows and heifers that have calved .....	38,400.0	(NA)	(NA)
Beef cows .....	29,000.0	(NA)	(NA)
Milk cows .....	9,400.0	(NA)	(NA)
All heifers 500 pounds and over .....	14,900.0	(NA)	(NA)
For beef cow replacement .....	3,800.0	(NA)	(NA)
For milk cow replacement .....	3,500.0	(NA)	(NA)
Other heifers .....	7,600.0	(NA)	(NA)
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	14,000.0	(NA)	(NA)
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	1,900.0	(NA)	(NA)
Calves under 500 pounds .....	26,200.0	(NA)	(NA)
All cattle on feed .....	13,100.0	(NA)	(NA)
Calf crop .....	33,563.0	33,529.5	100

(NA) Not available.

**Calf Crop by Six Month Period – United States: 2023 and 2024**

Period	2023		2024	
	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
January 1 - June 30 .....	24,700.0	73.6	24,600.0	73.4
July 1 - December 31 .....	8,863.0	26.4	8,929.5	26.6
Total .....	33,563.0	100.0	33,529.5	100.0

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** A random sample of United States producers were surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all cattle producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. Data were collected from about 36,100 operators during the first half of January by mail, telephone, internet, and face-to-face personal interviews and 61 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.

**Estimating Procedures:** These cattle estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by Regional Field Offices. National and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from the previous year using a balance sheet. The balance sheet begins with the previous inventory estimate, adds estimates of births and imports, and subtracts estimates of slaughter, exports, and deaths. This indicated ending inventory level is compared to the Agricultural Statistics Board estimate for reasonableness.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve year to year and item to item relationships. Estimates for the previous year are subject to revision when current estimates are made. The reviews are primarily based on livestock slaughter and additional foreign trade and survey data. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the five-year *Census of Agriculture* are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

**Reliability:** Since all cattle operators are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of estimates in this report, the "**Root Mean Square Error**" is shown for selected items in the table on the following page. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and latest estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for all cattle and calves inventory estimates over the past 10 years is 0.4 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 86.7 million head by more than 0.4 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.7 percent.

The table on the following page shows a 10-year record of the range of differences between first and latest estimates for selected items. Using estimates of all cattle and calves as an example, changes between the first inventory estimate and the latest estimate during the past 10 years have averaged 234,000 head, ranging from 0 to 627,000 head. During this period the initial inventory estimate has been above the latest estimate 5 times and below the latest estimate 4 times. This does not imply that the January 1 estimate is likely to understate or overstate final inventory.

## Reliability of January 1 Cattle Estimates

[Based on data for the past 10 years]

Item	Root mean square error	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Years	
						Below latest	Above latest
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(number)	(number)
All cattle and calves .....	0.4	0.7	234	0	627	4	5
All cows and heifers that have calved .....	0.5	0.9	157	16	356	2	8
Calf crop .....	0.7	1.2	171	20	468	2	8

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