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Arkansas Livestock Records



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Livestock Records for Inventory Numbers

[Record estimates are for most current year and may have been equaled in previous years]

Species	Series began	Unit	Record high		Record low	
			Inventory number	Year	Inventory number	Year
Cattfish, water acres	1989	acres	38,000	2002	3,100	2024
Cattle and calves	1867	head	2,680,000	1975	371,000	1867
Cows and heifers that have calved:						
Beef cows ¹	1920	head	1,259,000	1975	30,000	1928
Milk cows ¹	1867	head	536,000	1945	3,000	2024
Chickens ²	1924	chicks	27,554,000	2021	4,488,000	1958
Commercial broilers ³	1934	chicks	1,296,727,000	2004	1,500,000	1934
Goats						
Meat and other	2005	head	50,000	2010	27,000	2005
Milk	2005	head	5,100	2008	3,800	2013
Hogs	1866	head	1,640,000	1895	107,000	2011
Honey						
Honey producing colonies	1987	colonies	55,000	1995	17,000	2021
Yield per colony	1987	pounds	98	2001	46	2023
Production	1987	pounds	4,900,000	2001	850,000	2021

¹ Prior to January 1, 1980, definition was beef cows and milk cows two years old and over.

² Excludes broilers.

³ Number placed during year.