

Florida all Cattle & Calves Top Ten Counties, Jan. 1, 2024

	head
Okeechobee	155,000
Polk	110,000
Osceola	99,000
Highlands	74,000
Hardee.....	71,000
DeSoto	65,000
Glades.....	64,000
Hendry.....	64,000
Levy.....	46,000
Alachua	44,500

Florida Beef Cow Numbers Top Eight Counties, Jan. 1, 2024

	head
Okeechobee	65,000
Osceola	63,000
Polk	57,000
Hendry.....	41,500
Hardee.....	40,000
DeSoto	38,500
Alachua	27,500
Levy.....	25,500

United States Beef Cow Numbers Top Thirteen States, Jan. 1, 2024

	head
Texas.....	4,115,000
Oklahoma	1,922,000
Missouri	1,840,000
Nebraska	1,637,000
South Dakota	1,502,000
Kansas	1,264,000
Montana	1,251,000
Kentucky	907,000
Florida	862,000
North Dakota	860,000
Arkansas	847,000
Tennessee	835,000
Iowa.....	810,000

Florida Cattle

Florida ranked 9th in beef cows on January 1, 2024, with an inventory of 862,000, 3.0 percent of the U.S. total.

The 2023 calf crop totaled 760,000, which was 15th in the nation and 2.3 percent of the U.S. total.

Florida ranked 13th in cow inventory on January 1, 2024 with 960,000 head, which was 2.6 percent of the U.S. total.

Florida milk cow inventory totaled 98,000 on January 1, 2024, which was the 20th in the nation and 1.0 percent of the U.S. total.

Dairy operations in Florida produced 1.95 billion pounds of milk in 2023, averaging 20,313 pounds per cow. Florida produced 0.9 percent of the U.S. total.

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FLORIDA CATTLE AND CALVES

Cattle and calves on farms, January 1, 2004-2024

Year	Cattle kept for milk			Beef cattle and all calves							Total cattle and calves
	Milk cows ¹	Heifers 500 lbs and over ²	Total	Beef cows ¹	500 pounds and over				Calves under 500 pounds ³	Total	
					Bulls ³	Replacement heifers ⁴	Other Heifers	Steers			
	(1,000 head)										
2004	140	40	180	950	60	140	20	20	370	1,560	1,740
2005	138	40	178	932	60	145	20	20	355	1,532	1,710
2006	134	40	174	916	60	140	20	20	350	1,506	1,680
2007	130	30	160	950	60	145	30	20	365	1,570	1,730
2008	120	35	155	940	60	135	30	20	370	1,555	1,710
2009	118	35	153	942	60	130	25	20	370	1,547	1,700
2010	112	30	142	958	60	125	25	30	380	1,578	1,720
2011	114	35	149	936	60	100	25	20	340	1,481	1,630
2012	120	30	150	970	60	110	30	20	370	1,560	1,710
2013	123	30	153	977	60	110	20	20	360	1,547	1,700
2014	123	35	158	907	60	115	30	25	375	1,512	1,670
2015	124	35	159	906	60	130	30	25	370	1,521	1,680
2016	125	40	165	905	55	125	25	25	380	1,515	1,680
2017	122	35	157	908	60	125	30	30	390	1,543	1,700
2018	124	40	164	886	55	115	30	20	360	1,466	1,630
2019	116	35	151	914	60	130	25	20	380	1,529	1,680
2020	116	35	151	904	60	130	25	35	385	1,529	1,680
2021	111	30	141	919	55	130	25	35	385	1,549	1,690
2022	105	30	135	895	55	125	25	25	370	1,495	1,630
2023	92	30	122	888	50	120	20	25	385	1,488	1,610
2024	98	30	128	862	50	115	25	25	355	1,432	1,560

¹ Cows and heifers that have calved.

² Milk replacement heifers which have not calved.

³ Includes small number for dairy use.

⁴ Beef replacement heifers which have not calved.

FLORIDA CATTLE AND CALVES

Inventory January 1, annual calf crop, and disposition, 2004-2024

Year	On hand January 1		Calf crop	Inship-ments	Marketings ²			Farm slaughter cattle and calves ³	Deaths
	All cattle and calves	All cows ¹			Total	Cattle	Calves		
	(1,000 head)								
2004	1,740	1,090	900	75	944	263	681	2.0	59
2005	1,710	1,070	880	65	913	261	652	2.0	60
2006	1,680	1,050	910	130	929	228	701	2.0	59
2007	1,730	1,080	900	107	962	241	721	2.0	63
2008	1,710	1,060	880	120	947	246	701	2.0	61
2009	1,700	1,060	900	121	942	231	711	2.0	57
2010	1,720	1,070	870	88	992	301	691	2.0	54
2011	1,630	1,050	890	94	842	231	611	2.0	60
2012	1,710	1,090	880	93	912	281	631	2.0	69
2013	1,700	1,100	820	87	882	271	621	1.0	54
2014	1,670	1,030	820	64	812	251	561	1.0	61
2015	1,680	1,030	800	63	796.5	236	560.5	1.5	65
2016	1,680	1,030	810	51	782.5	222	560.5	1.5	57
2017	1,700	1,030	790	37	839.5	229	610.5	1.5	56
2018	1,630	1,010	820	33	743.5	228	515.5	1.5	58
2019	1,680	1,030	800	40	775.5	220	555.5	1.5	63
2020	1,680	1,020	820	35	780.5	223	557.5	1.5	60
2021	1,690	1,030	800	23	827.5	229	598.5	1.5	54
2022	1,630	1,000	780	20	762.5	218	544.5	1.5	56
2023	1,610	980	760	24	779.5	217	562.5	1.5	53
2024	1,560	960	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

¹ Cows and heifers that have calved.

² Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within States.

³ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.