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This report contains the results from the **January Cattle** and **January Sheep and Goat** reports. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys.

Louisiana January 1 All Cattle Inventory Down 4 Percent

All cattle and calves in Louisiana as of January 1, 2024, totaled 720,000 head, were down 4 percent from January 1, 2023. The calf crop for the full year of 2023 was 330,000 head, down 3 percent from last year. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 435,000 head, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2023; beef cows, at 428,000 head, were down 2 percent; and milk cows, at 7,000 head, were down 12 percent from 2023. All heifers weighing 500 pounds and over were down 9 percent at 90,000 head. Steers were down 20 percent at 20,000 head; bulls were unchanged at 30,000 head; and calves weighing less than 500 pounds were down 4 percent at 145,000 head.

Meat and other goat inventory in Louisiana, on January 1, 2024, totaled 14,000 head, down 7 percent from the previous year.

Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop - Louisiana and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	Louisiana			United States		
	2023	2024	Percent of previous year	2023	2024	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All cattle and calves	750.0	720.0	96	88,841.0	87,157.4	98
All cows and heifers that have calved	445.0	435.0	98	38,336.8	37,579.8	98
Beef cows	437.0	428.0	98	28,939.3	28,223.0	98
Milk cows	8.0	7.0	88	9,397.5	9,356.8	100
All heifers 500 pounds and over	99.0	90.0	91	18,760.7	18,483.0	99
Beef replacement heifers	77.0	71.0	92	4,929.6	4,858.3	99
Milk replacement heifers	3.0	3.0	100	4,073.6	4,059.2	100
Other heifers	19.0	16.0	84	9,757.5	9,565.5	98
Steers 500 pounds and over	25.0	20.0	80	16,056.5	15,789.2	98
Bulls 500 pounds and over	30.0	30.0	100	2,029.0	2,020.7	100
Calves under 500 pounds	151.0	145.0	96	13,658.0	13,284.7	97
All cattle on feed ¹	(D)	(D)	(X)	14,195.8	14,423.3	102
	2022	2023	Percent of previous year	2022	2023	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Calf crop during year	340.0	330.0	97	34,439.5	33,593.0	98

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ 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. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by class.

Goats and Sheep Inventory - Louisiana and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

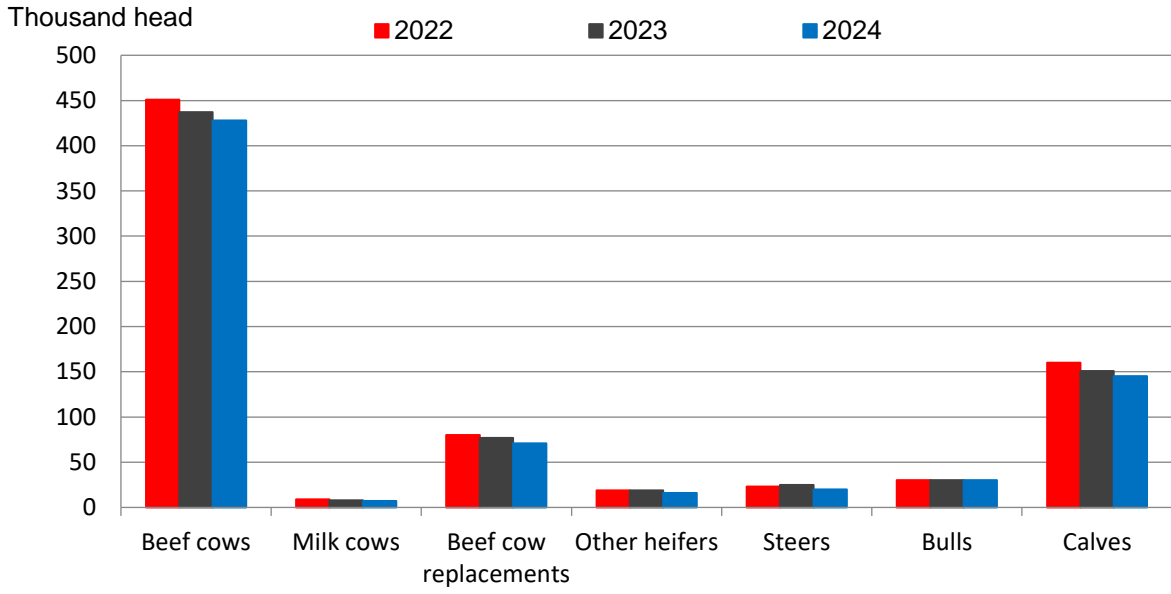
Animal and class	Louisiana			United States		
	2023	2024	Percent of previous year	2023	2024	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All goats	(D)	(D)	(X)	2,527.0	2,470.0	98
Angora goats	(D)	(D)	(X)	107.0	105.0	98
Meat and other goats	15.0	14.0	93	2,010.0	1,950.0	97
Milk goats	(D)	(D)	(X)	410.0	415.0	101
Sheep	(D)	(D)	(X)	5,130.0	5,030.0	98

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(X) Not applicable.



Cattle Inventory by Class - Louisiana: January 1, 2022 - 2024



Cattle Inventory - Louisiana and United States: January 1, 2014 - 2024

