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Cattle Inventory



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US Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

Inventory of all cattle and calves in the United States, as of January 1, 2025, totaled 86.7 million head, down 1 percent from 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. Alabama all cattle and calves totaled 1.18 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2024. Florida all cattle and calves inventory was unchanged from the previous year at 1.56 million head. All cattle and calves in Georgia totaled 990,000 head, down 2 percent from 2024. South Carolina all cattle and calves inventory, at 295,000 head, was up 2 percent from the previous year.

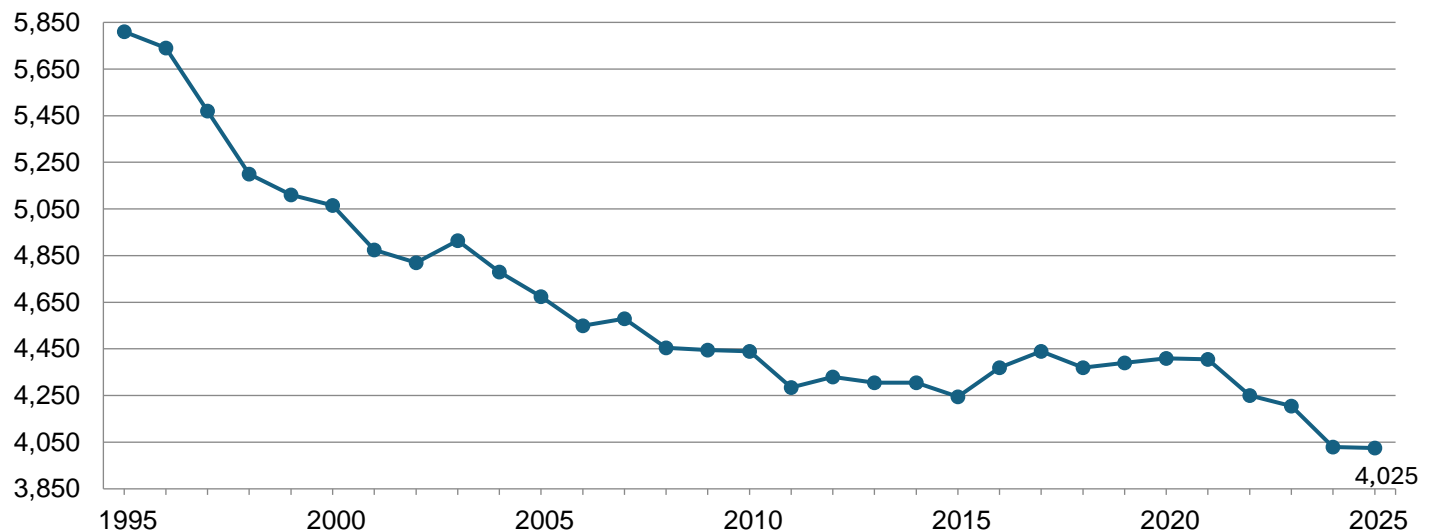
Cattle and Calves – States and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

State	Cattle and calves		
	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama	1,170.0	1,180.0	101
Florida	1,560.0	1,560.0	100
Georgia.....	1,010.0	990.0	98
South Carolina.....	290.0	295.0	102
United States	87,157.4	86,662.2	99

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2025

Southern Region All Cattle Inventory: 1995-2025

Thousand Head



All Cows That Have Calved by Type – States and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

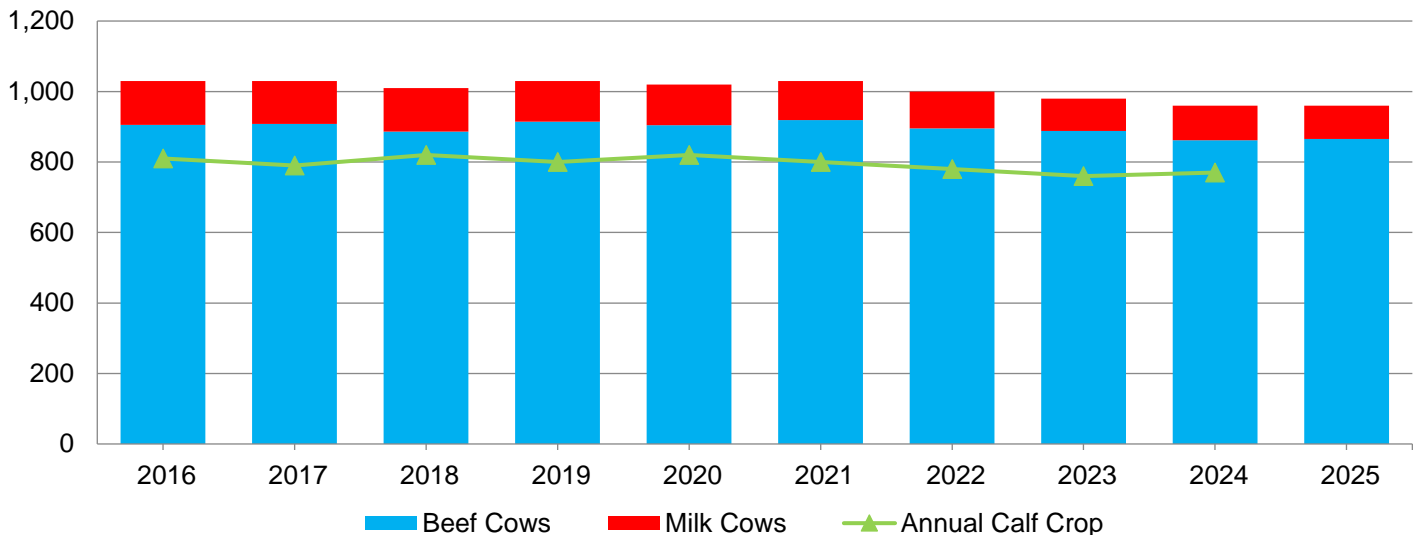
State	All cows			Beef cows			Milk cows		
	2024	2025	Percent of previous year	2024	2025	Percent of previous year	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama.....	630.0	650.0	103	628.0	648.0	103	2.0	2.0	100
Florida.....	960.0	960.0	100	862.0	865.0	100	98.0	95.0	97
Georgia.....	550.0	540.0	98	462.0	455.0	98	88.0	85.0	97
South Carolina ...	156.0	157.0	101	148.0	NA	NA	8.0	NA	NA
United States	37,359.8	37,212.8	100	28,013.0	27,863.5	99	9,346.8	9,349.3	100

(NA) Not available

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2025

Florida Cow Inventory and Calf Crop

Thousand Head



Heifers 500 Pounds and Over by Type – States and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

State	Beef cow replacements			Milk cow replacements			Other		
	2024	2025	Percent of previous year	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)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama.....	96.0	95.0	99	2.0	2.0	100	47.0	38.0	81
Florida.....	115.0	115.0	100	30.0	25.0	83	25.0	20.0	80
Georgia.....	85.0	85.0	100	25.0	20.0	80	30.0	28.0	93
South Carolina ...	26.0	NA	NA	4.0	NA	NA	8.0	NA	NA
United States	4,718.3	4,672.4	99	3,951.2	3,914.3	99	9,650.5	9,593.2	99

(NA) Not available

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2025

Steers, Bulls, and Calves – States and United States: January 1, 2024 and 2025

State	Steers 500 pounds and over			Bulls 500 pounds and over			Calves under 500 pounds		
	2024	2025	Percent of previous year	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)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama.....	57.0	50.0	88	43.0	45.0	105	295.0	300.0	102
Florida.....	25.0	30.0	120	50.0	50.0	100	355.0	360.0	101
Georgia.....	38.0	37.0	97	32.0	30.0	94	250.0	250.0	100
South Carolina ...	10.0	NA	NA	11.0	NA	NA	75.0	NA	NA
United States	15,959.2	15,802.4	99	2,030.7	2,009.0	99	13,487.7	13,458.1	100

(NA) Not available

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2025