

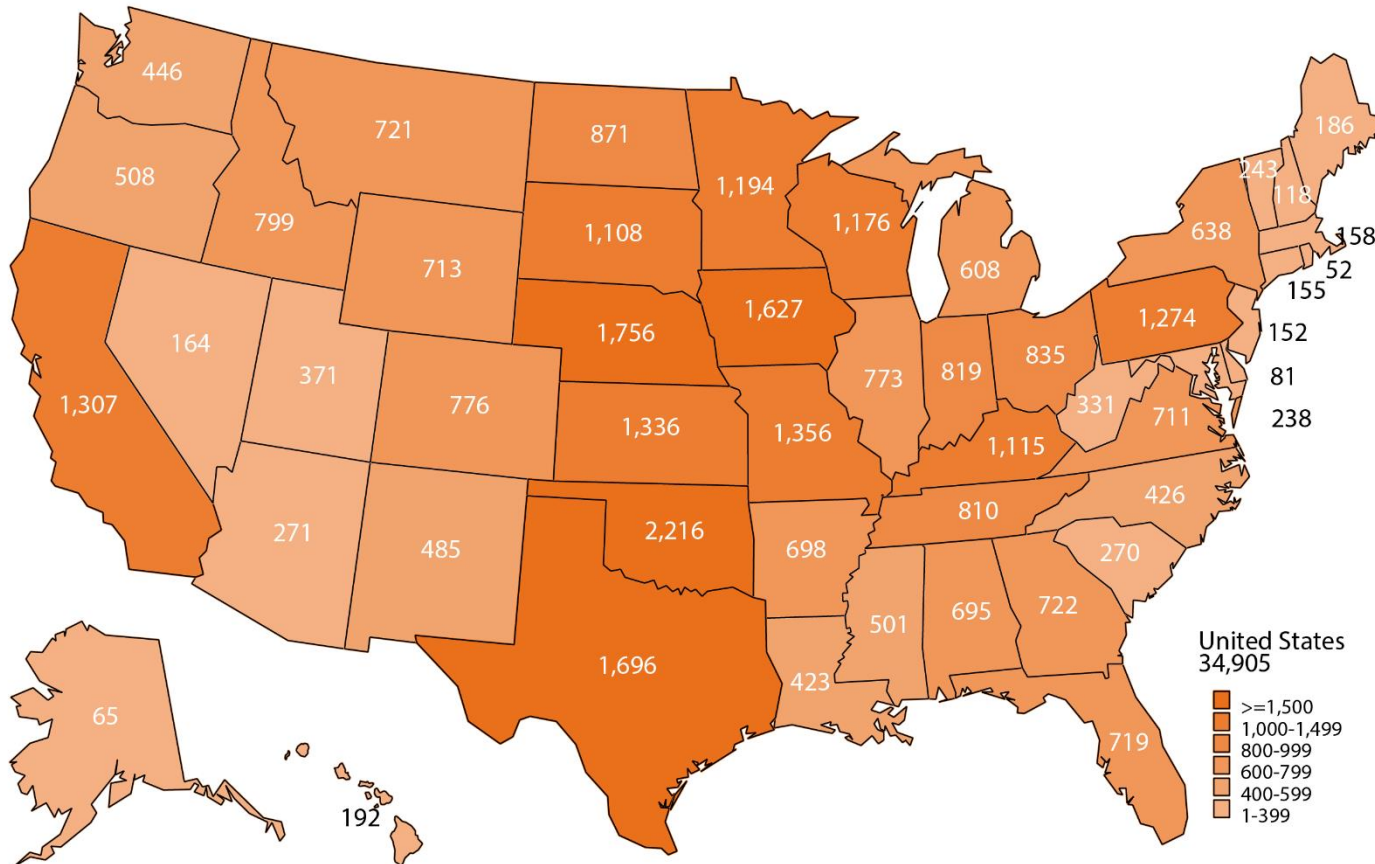


# January Cattle

## Executive Summary

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# January 2021 Cattle Survey Sample Sizes

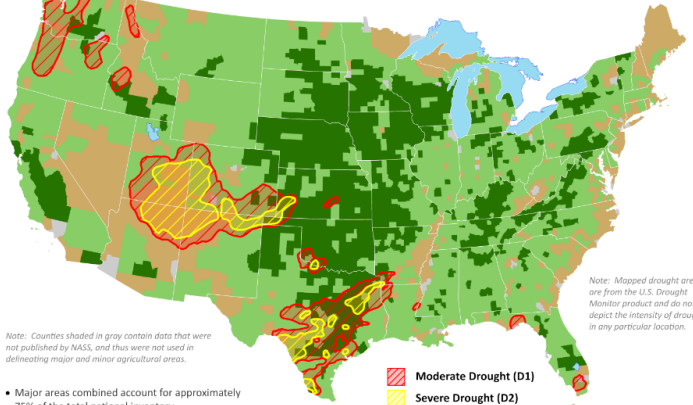


# January 2021 Cattle Survey Drought Maps

## U.S. Cattle Areas Experiencing Drought

Reflects December 31, 2019  
U.S. Drought Monitor data

USDA United States Department of Agriculture  
This product was prepared by the USDA Office of the Chief Economist (OCE) World Agricultural Outlook Board (WAOB)



Note: Counties shaded in gray contain data that were not published by NASS, and thus were not used in delineating major and minor agricultural areas.

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- Major and minor areas are derived from NASS 2017 Census of Agriculture data.

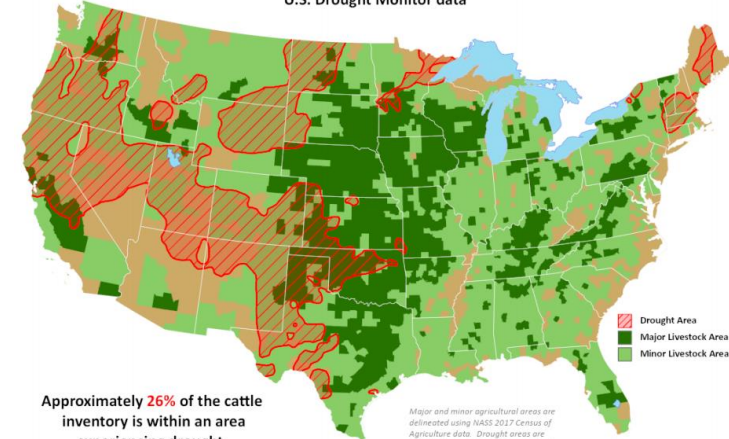
▨ Moderate Drought (D1)  
▨ Severe Drought (D2)  
■ Major Livestock Area  
■ Minor Livestock Area

Note: Mapped drought areas are from the U.S. Drought Monitor product and do not depict the intensity of drought in any particular location.

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## Cattle Areas in Drought

Reflects June 30, 2020  
U.S. Drought Monitor data



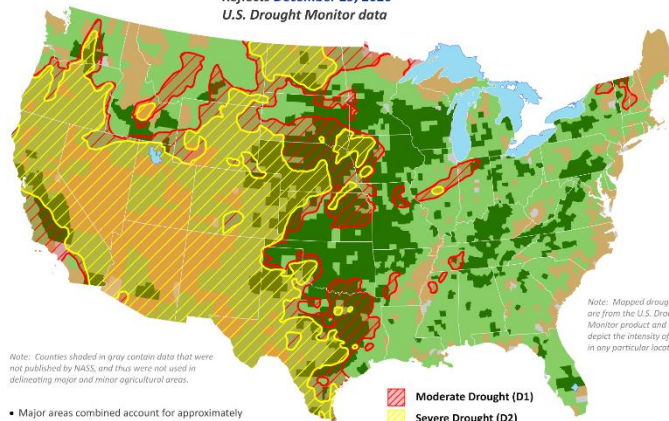
Approximately **26%** of the cattle inventory is within an area experiencing drought.

Note: Major and minor agricultural areas are delineated using NASS 2017 Census of Agriculture data. Drought areas are identified using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.

▨ Drought Area  
■ Major Livestock Area  
■ Minor Livestock Area

## U.S. Cattle Areas Experiencing Drought

Reflects December 29, 2020  
U.S. Drought Monitor data



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▨ Moderate Drought (D1)  
▨ Severe Drought (D2)  
■ Major Livestock Area  
■ Minor Livestock Area

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# U.S. Cattle and Calves Revisions



Survey	Item	Initial Estimate (1,000 head)	Current Revision (1,000 head)	Net Revision (1,000 head)	Current Estimate (1,000 head)
July 1, 2019	All cattle and calves	103,000	-300	-400	102,600
	Calf crop	36,300	-468	-708	35,592
January 1, 2020	All cattle and calves	94,413	-620	-620	93,793
	Calf crop	36,060	-468	-468	35,592
July 1, 2020	All cattle and calves	103,000	-800	-800	102,200
	Calf crop	35,800	-664	-664	35,136

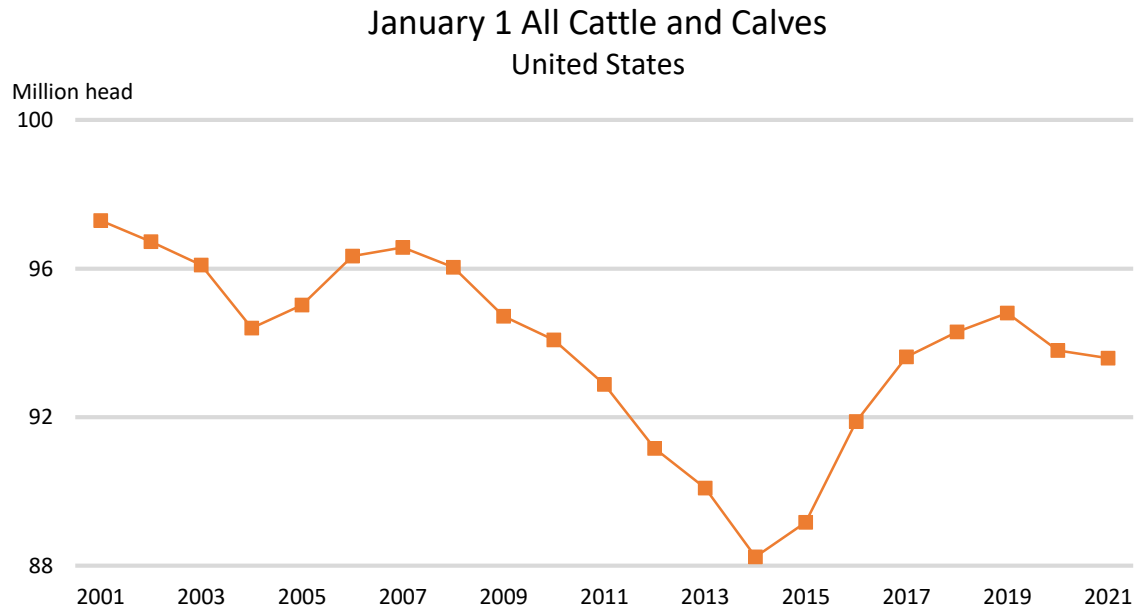


# January 1 Cattle and Calves



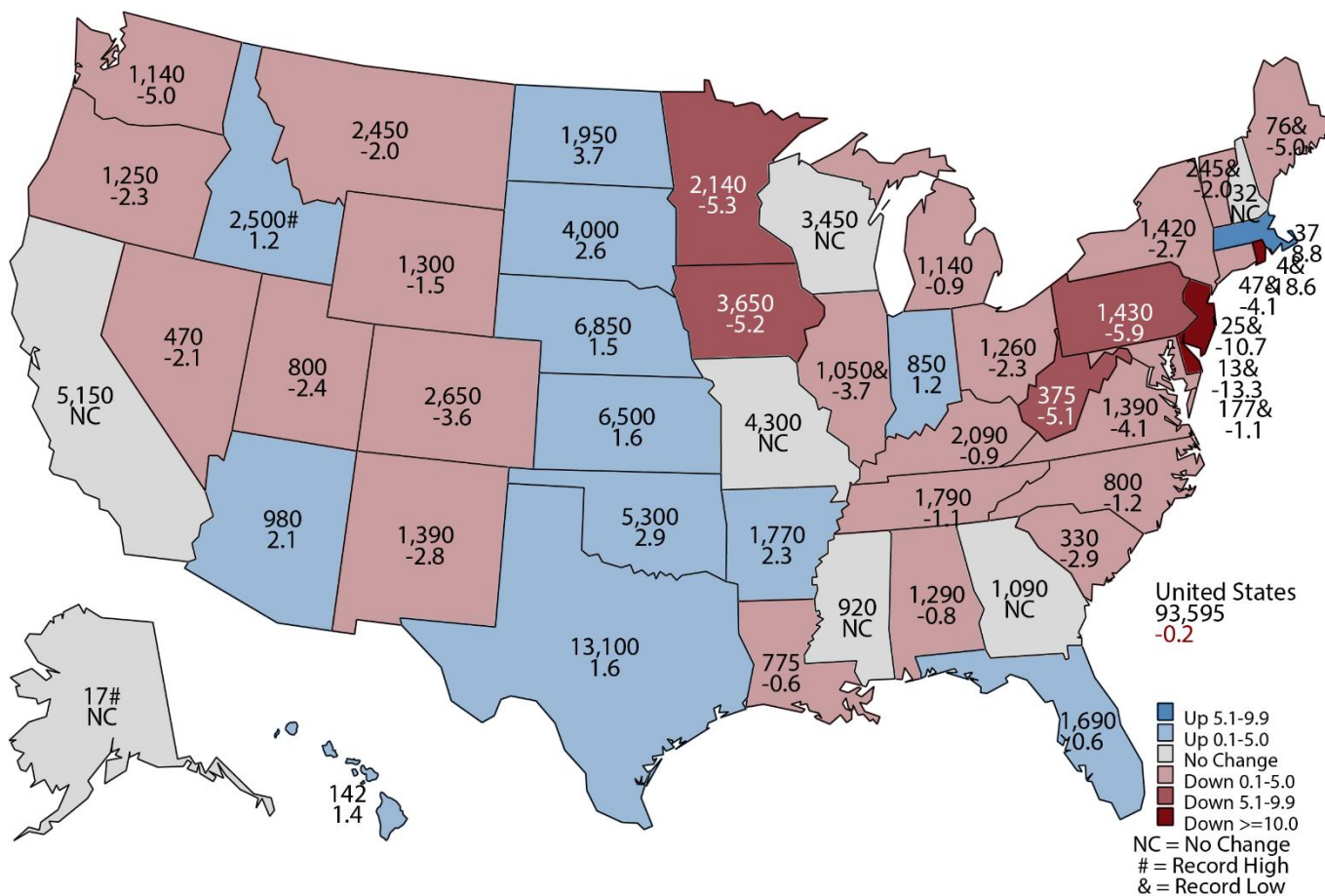
United States	2020 (1,000 head)	2021	% Change from Previous Year
All cattle and calves	93,793	93,595	↓ 0.2

Top 5 States Inventory (1,000 head)	
Texas	13,100
Nebraska	6,850
Kansas	6,500
Oklahoma	5,300
California	5,150



# January 1, 2021 Cattle and Calves

## (1,000) Head and Percent Change from Previous Year



## United States

All cows and heifers that have calved

Beef cows

Milk cows

2020

(1,000 head)

2021

% Change from  
Previous Year

40,681

40,598

↓ 0.2

31,339

31,158

↓ 0.6

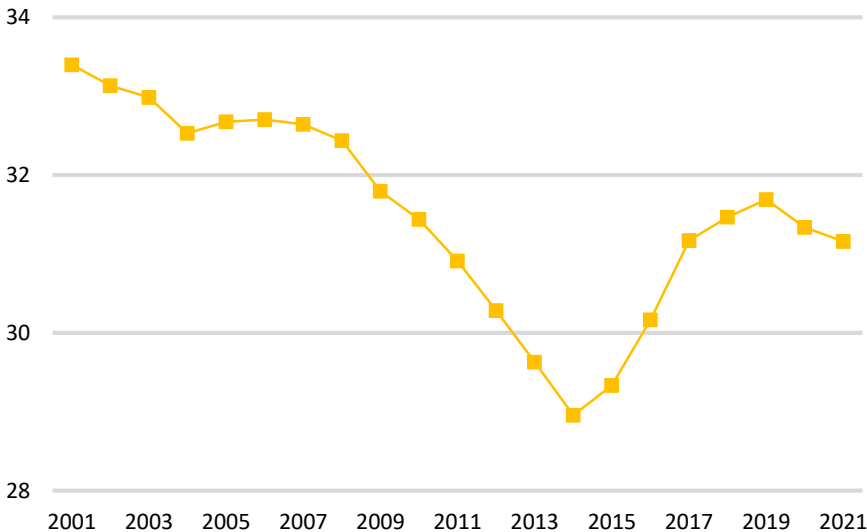
9,343

9,440

↑ 1.0

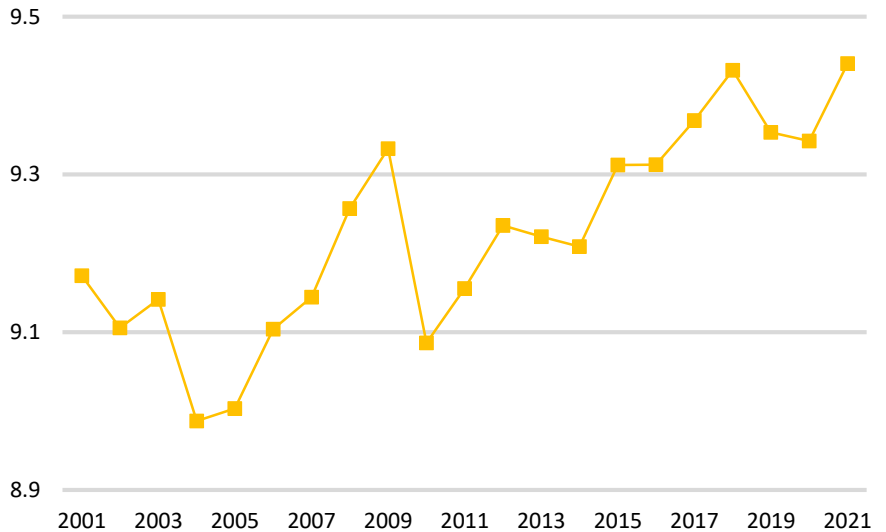
January 1 Beef Cows  
United States

Million head



January 1 Milk Cows  
United States

Million head

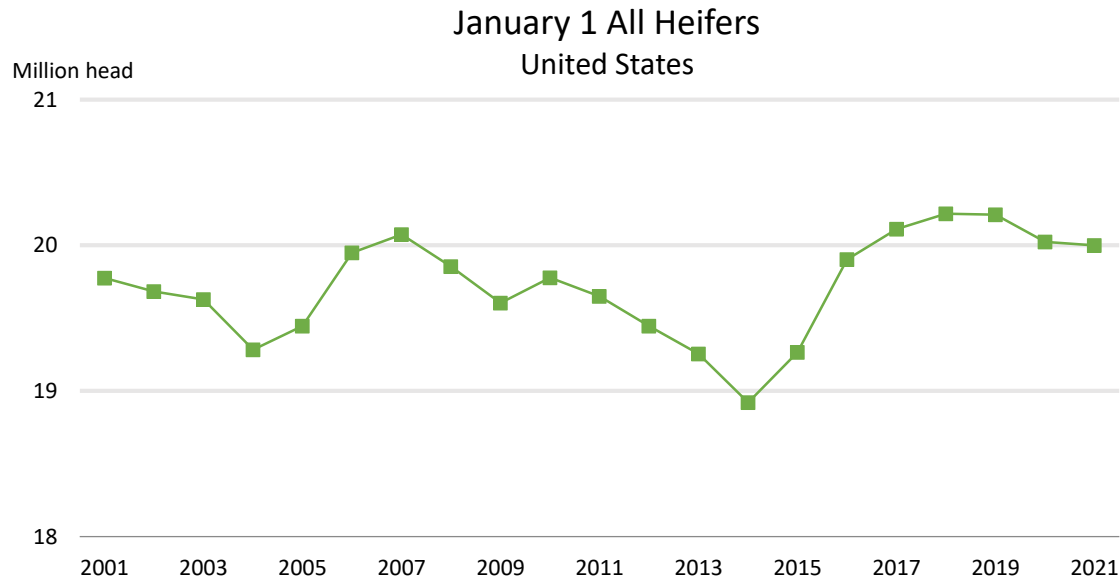




# January 1 Heifers



United States	2020 (1,000 head)	2021	% Change from Previous Year	
All heifers 500 pounds and over	20,024	20,000	↓	0.1
Beef cow replacement	5,809	5,812	↑	0.1
Milk cow replacement	4,684	4,605	↓	1.7
Other heifers	9,532	9,584	↑	0.5





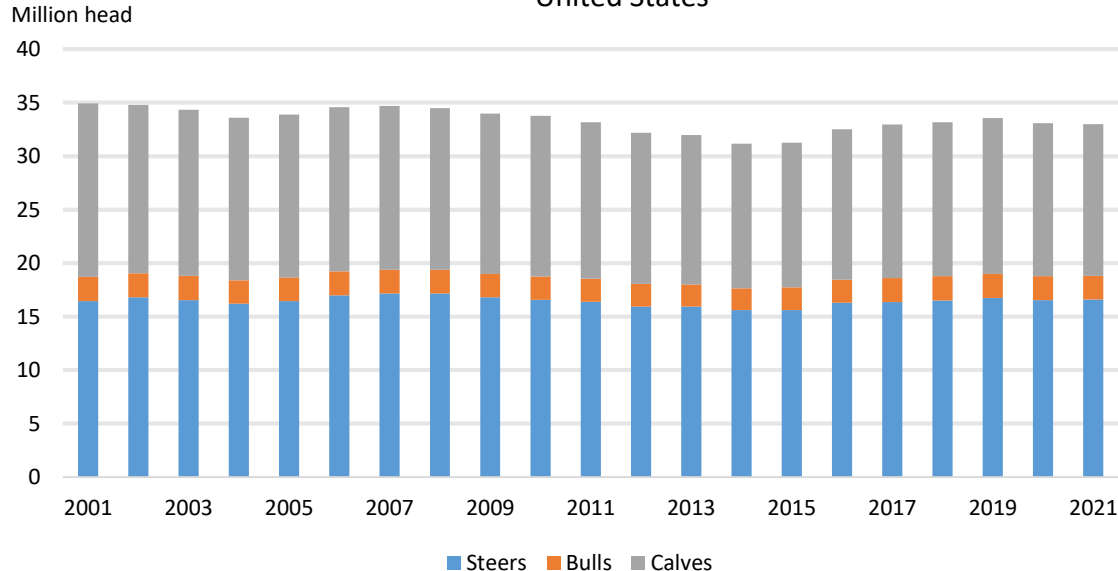


# January 1 Steers, Bulls, and Calves

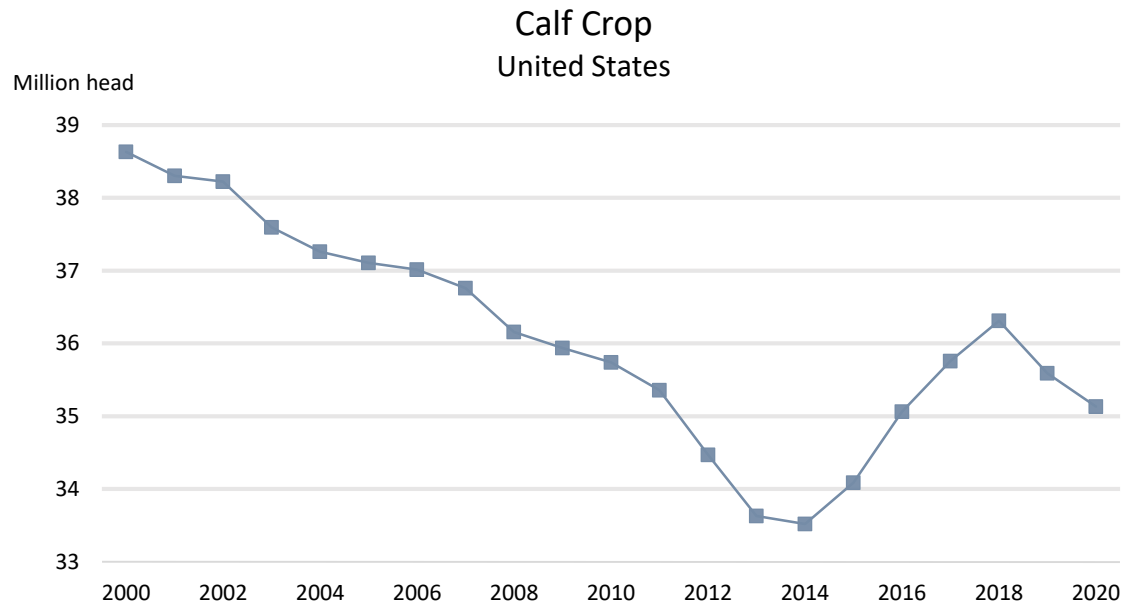


United States	2020	2021	% Change from Previous Year	
	(1,000 head)			
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,541	16,598	↑	0.3
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,237	2,211	↓	1.2
Calves under 500 pounds	14,309	14,188	↓	0.8

January 1 Steers, Bulls, and Calves  
United States

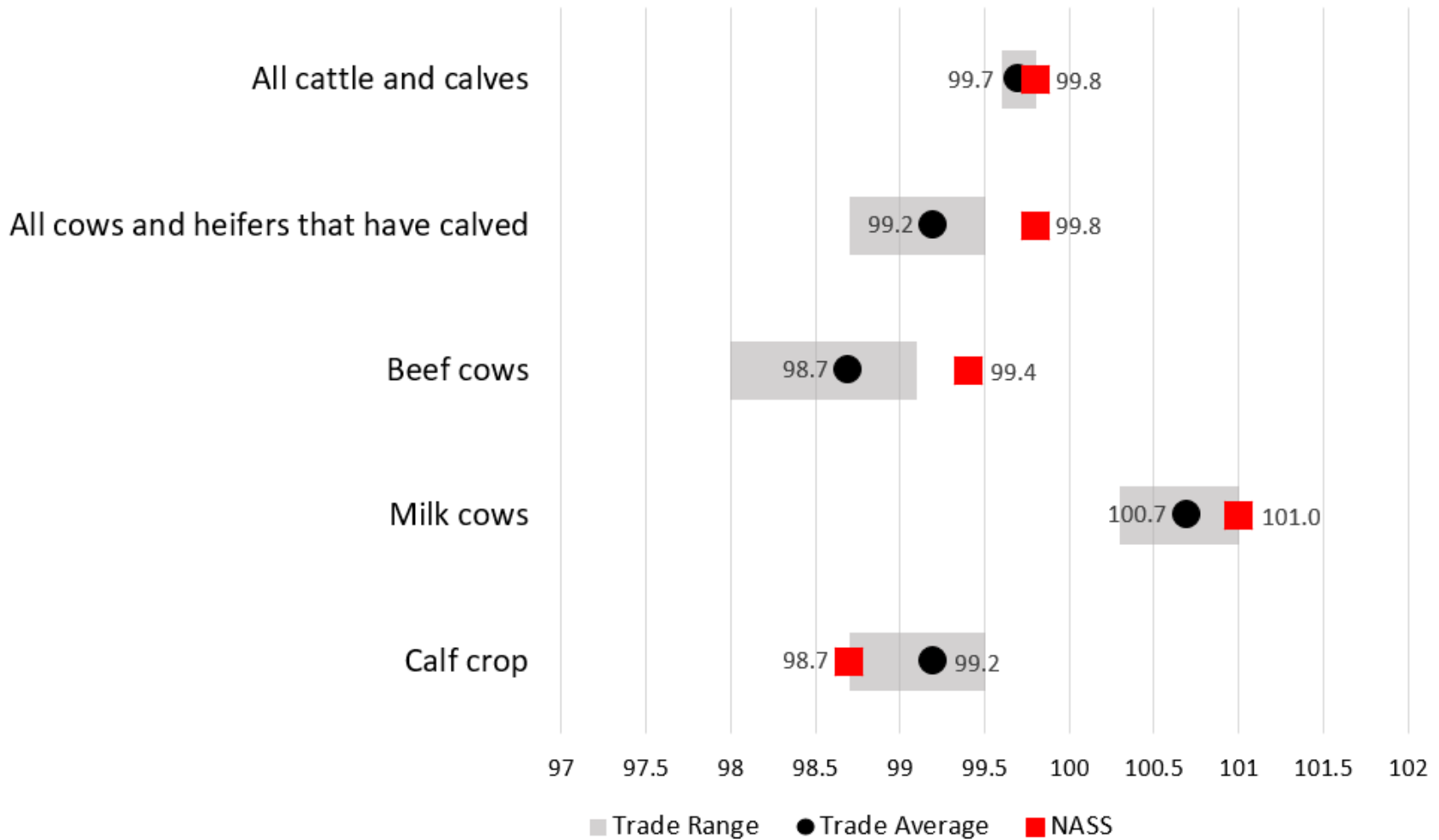


United States	2019 (1,000 head)	2020	% Change from Previous Year	
January 1 – June 30	26,000.0	25,750.0	↓	1.0
July 1 – December 31	9,591.6	9,385.5	↓	2.1
Total	35,591.6	35,135.5	↓	1.3



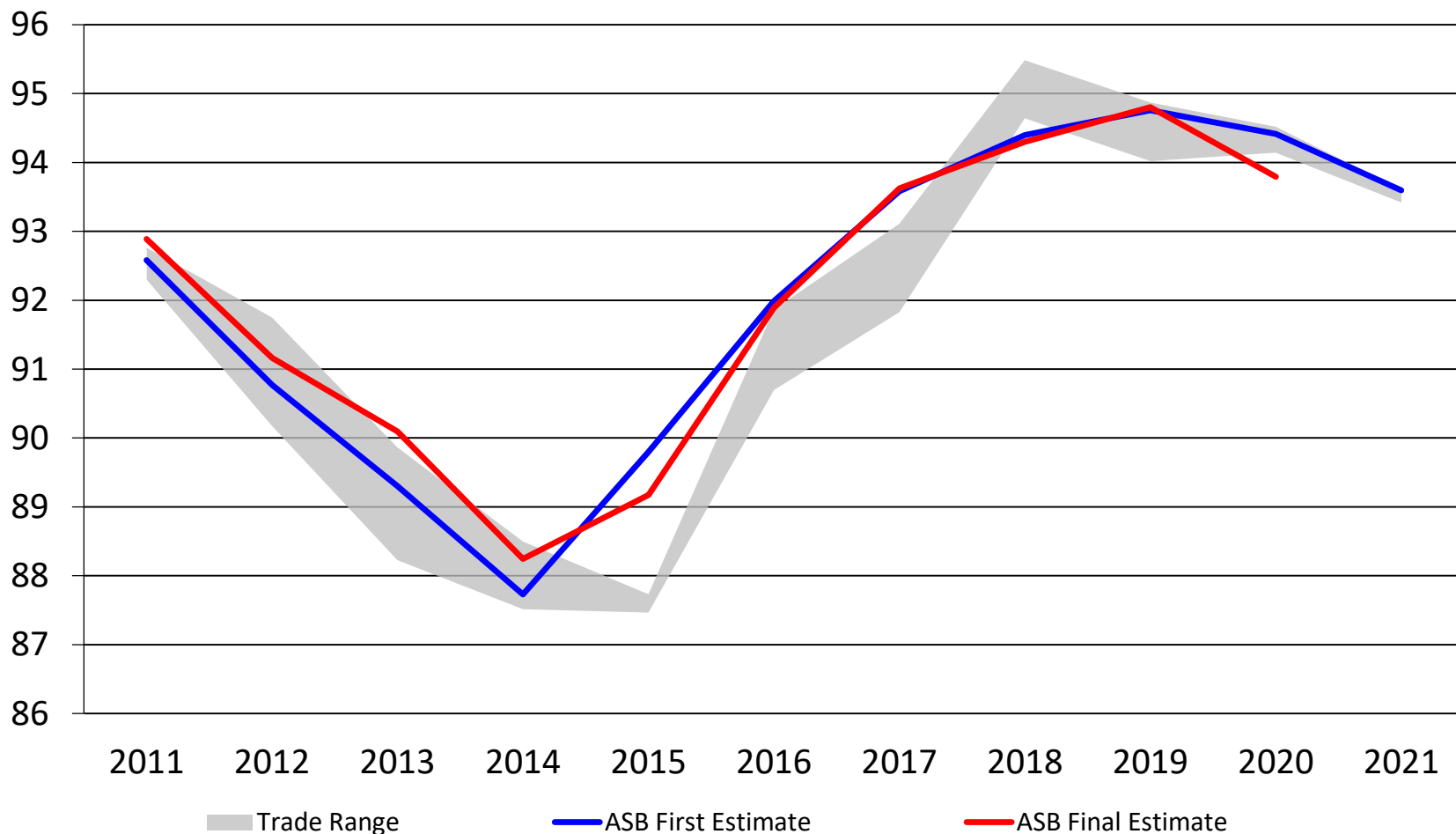


# Trade Expectations Compared to NASS Estimates Percent of Previous Year





# All Cattle and Calves First Estimate vs Final Estimate

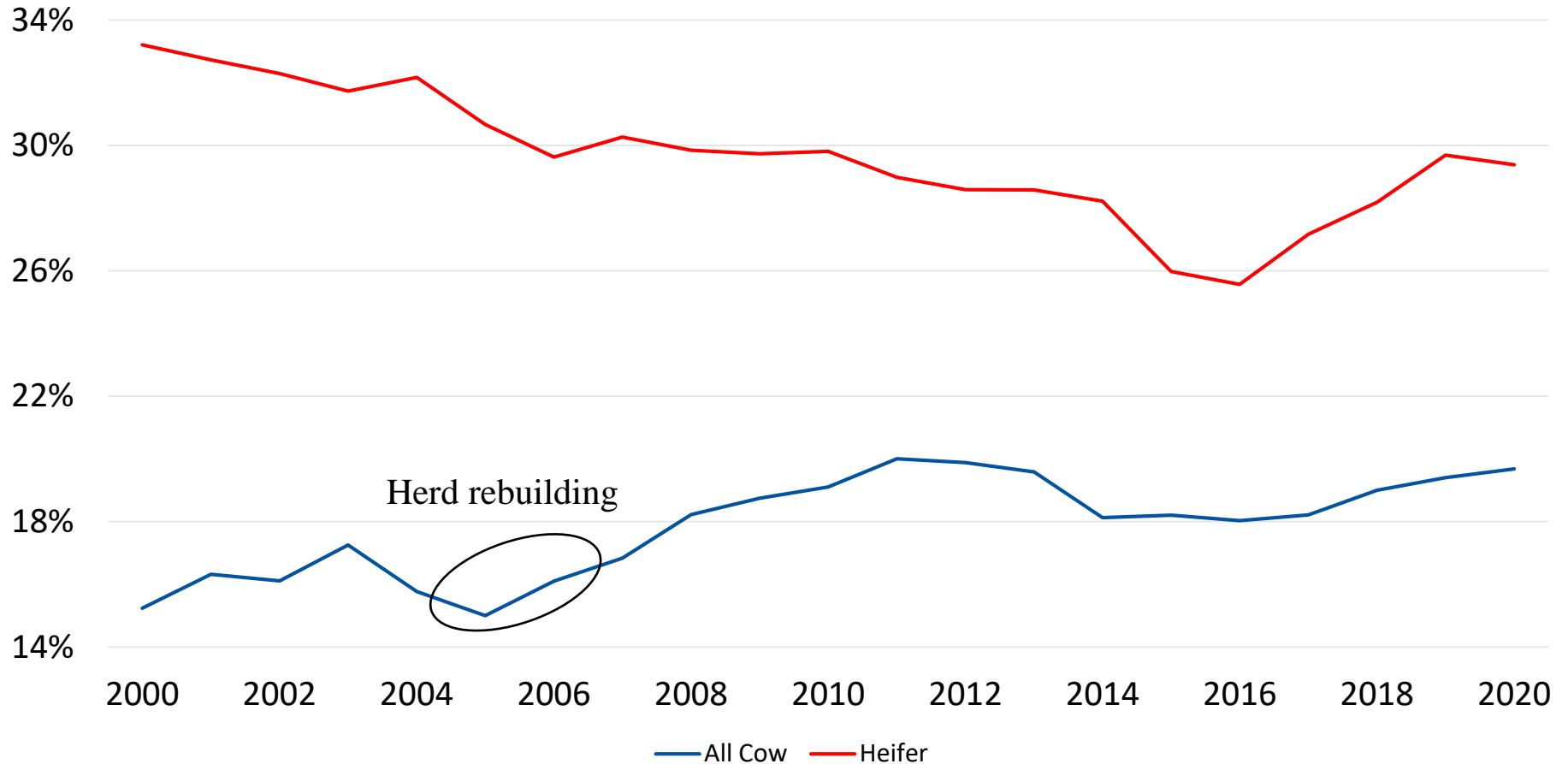




# All Cow and Heifer Slaughter as a Percent of Total Slaughter

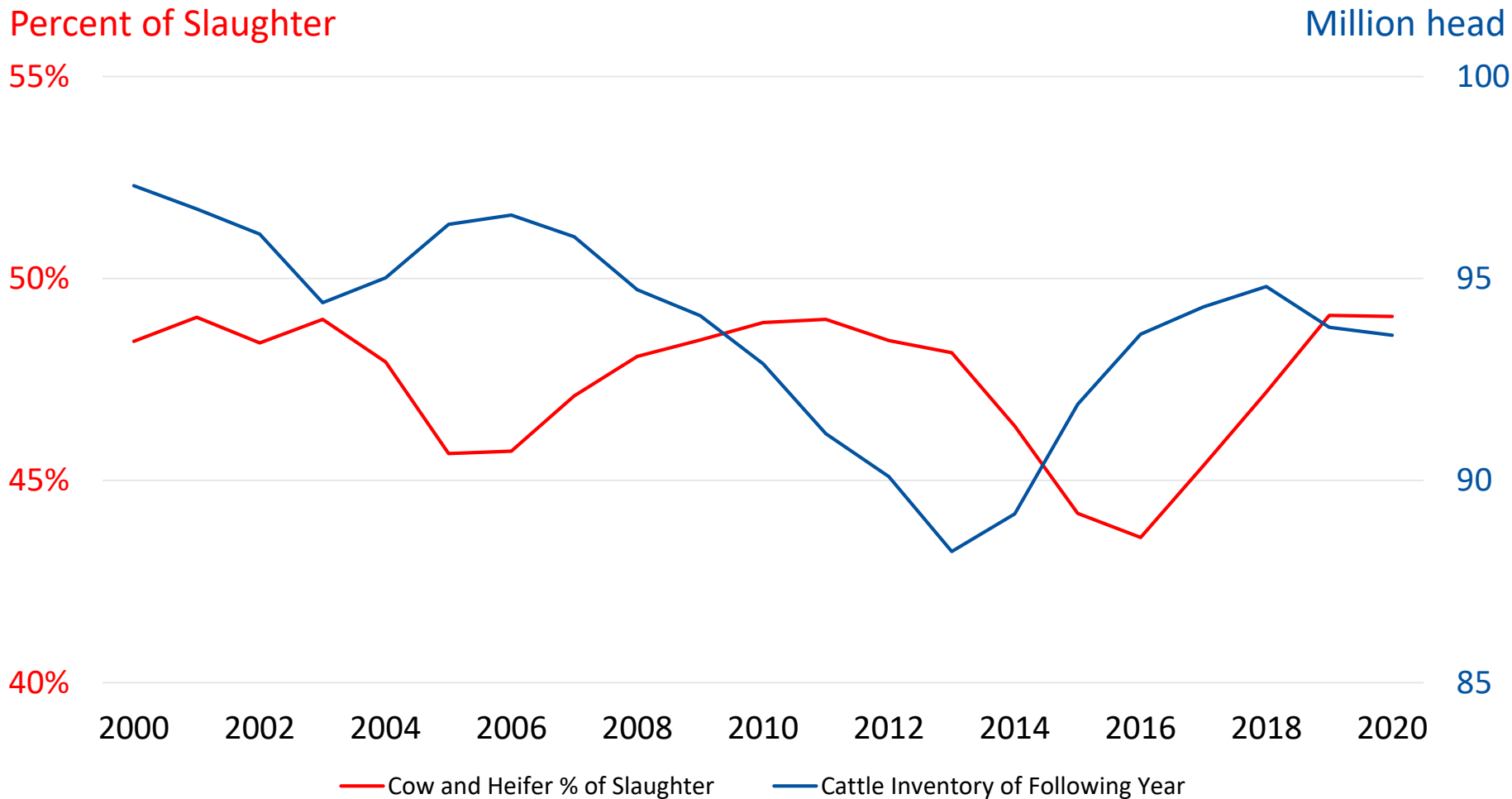


Percent of Slaughter



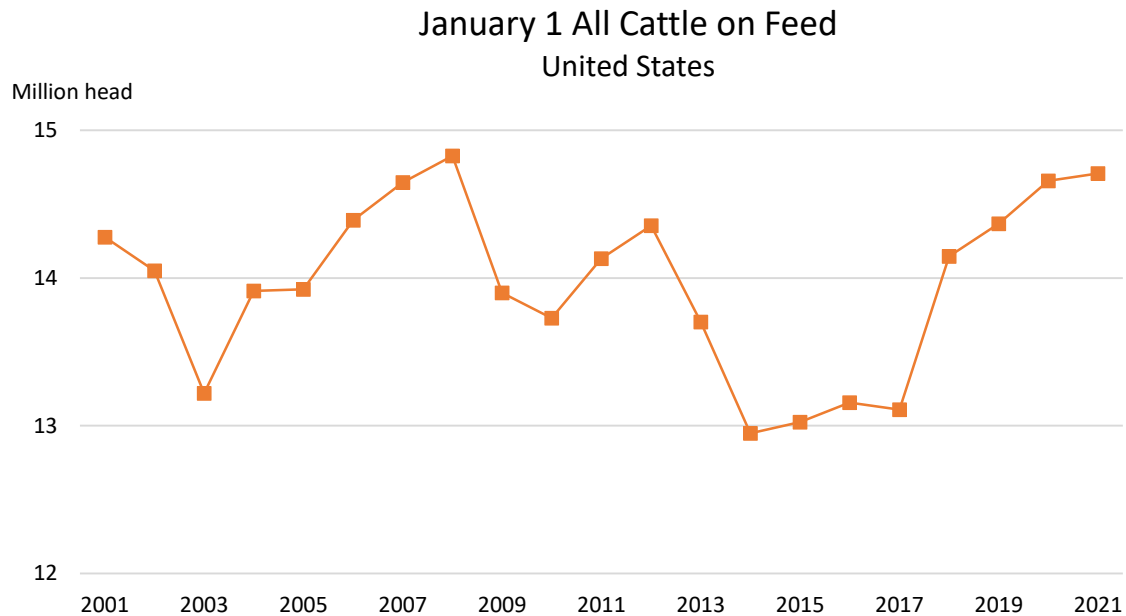


# Cattle Inventory vs Cow and Heifer Slaughter as a Percent of Slaughter



# January 1 Cattle on Feed

United States	2020		2021	
	(1,000 head)	Percent of Total	(1,000 head)	Percent of Total
Capacity of 1,000 head or more	11,958	81.6	11,965	81.4
Capacity of less than 1,000 head	2,700	18.4	2,742	18.6
All cattle on feed	14,658		14,707	

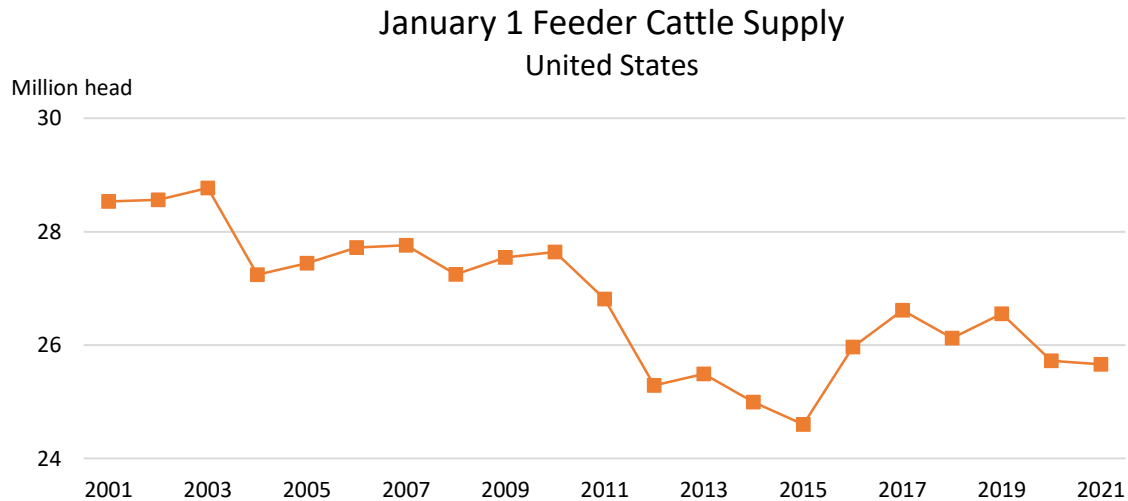




# January 1 Feeder Cattle Supply

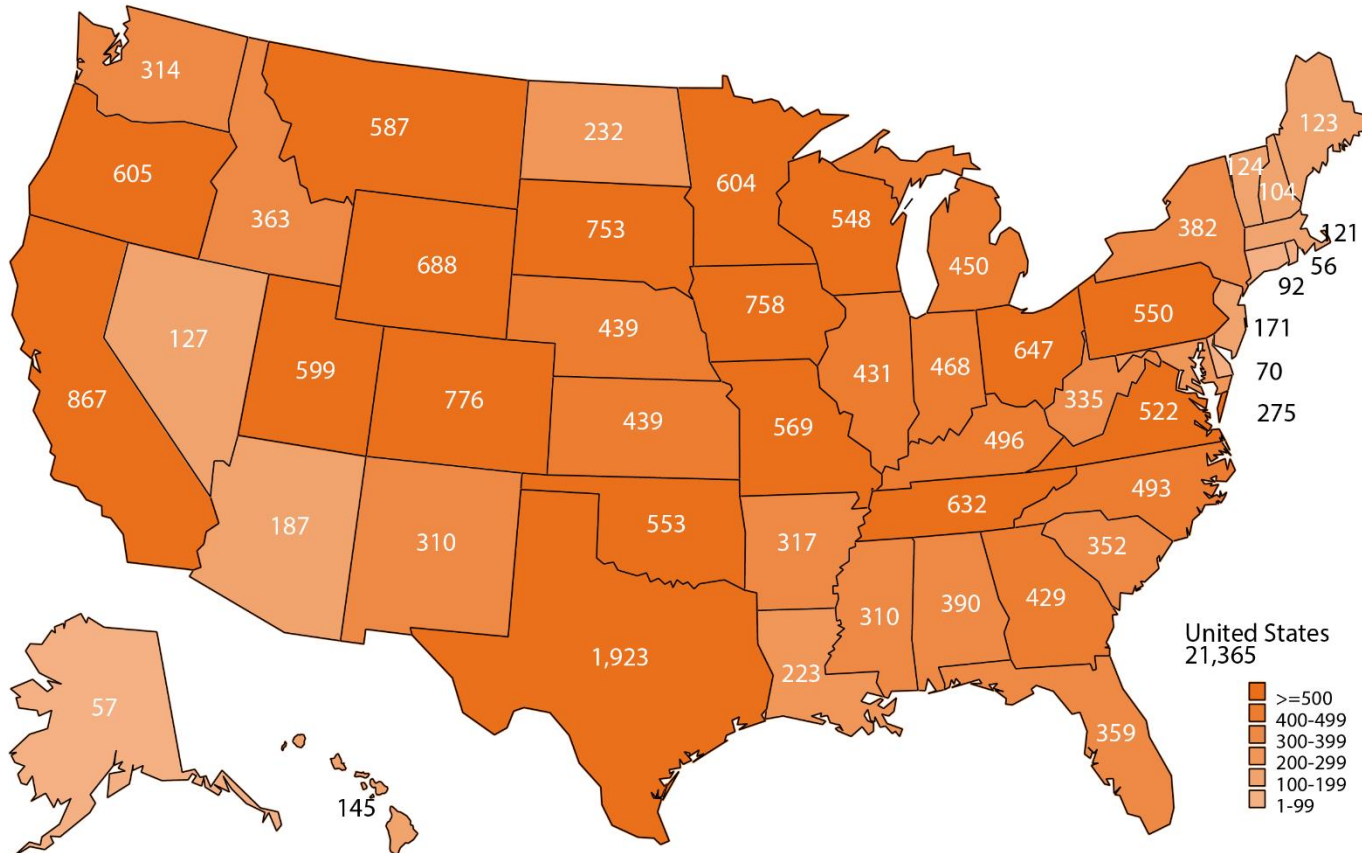


United States	2020 (1,000 head)	2021	% Change from Previous Year	
Calves under 500 pounds	14,309	14,188	↓	0.8
Steers and other heifers 500 pounds and over	26,073	26,181	↑	0.4
Total supply	40,382	40,369	↓	0.0
All cattle on feed	14,658	14,707	↑	0.3
Feeder cattle supply	25,724	25,662	↓	0.2





# January 2021 Sheep and Goat Survey Sample Sizes





# January 1 Sheep and Lambs

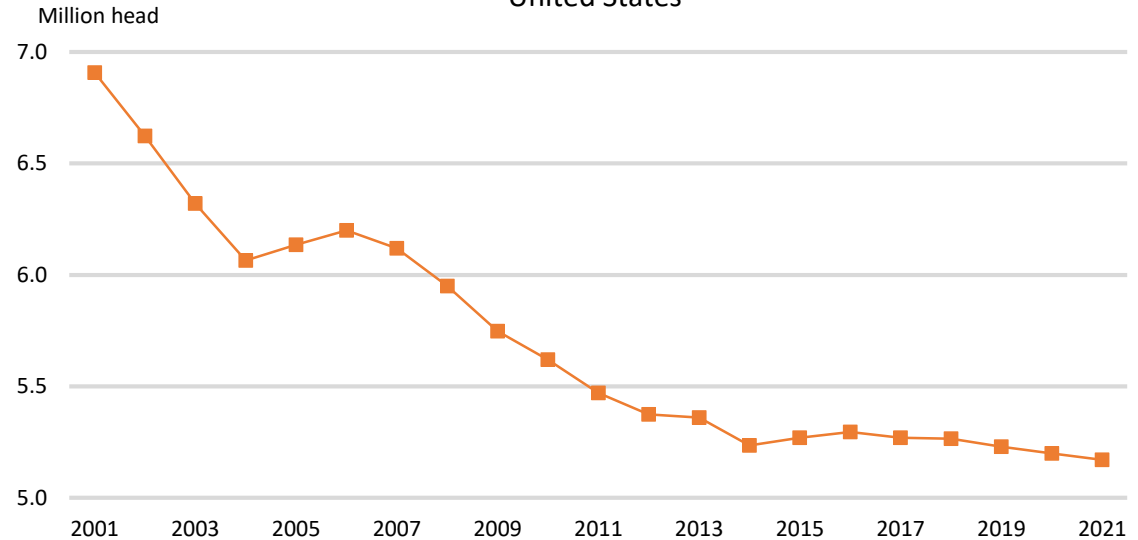


United States	2020	2021	% Change from Previous Year	
	(1,000 head)			
All sheep and lambs	5,200	5,170	↓	0.6
Market	1,390	1,390	-	0.0
Breeding	3,810	3,780	↓	0.8

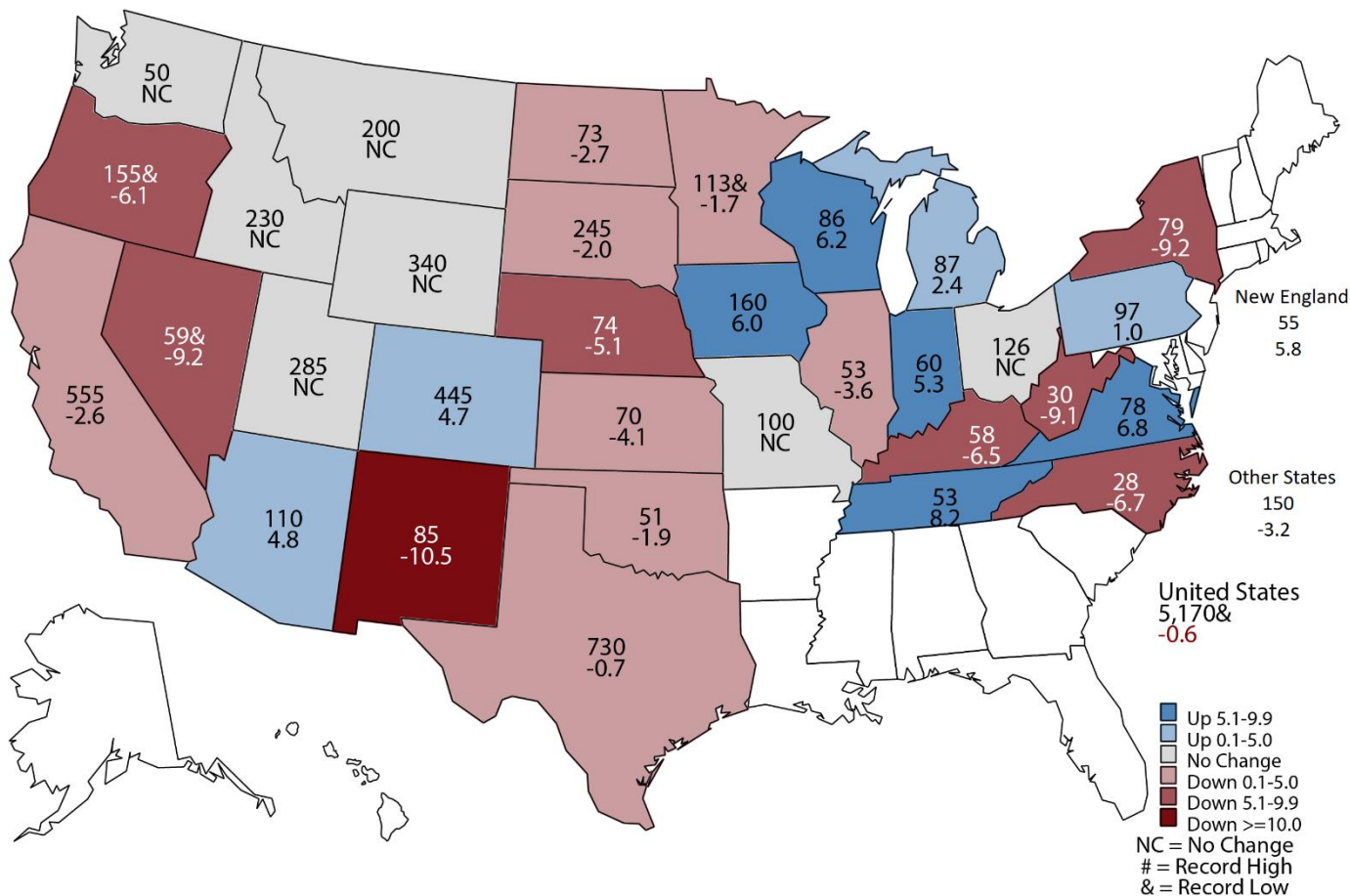
**Top 5 States Inventory**  
(1,000 head)

Texas	730
California	555
Colorado	445
Wyoming	340
Utah	285

January 1 All Sheep and Lambs United States



# January 1, 2021 Sheep and Lambs (1,000) Head and Percent Change from Previous Year



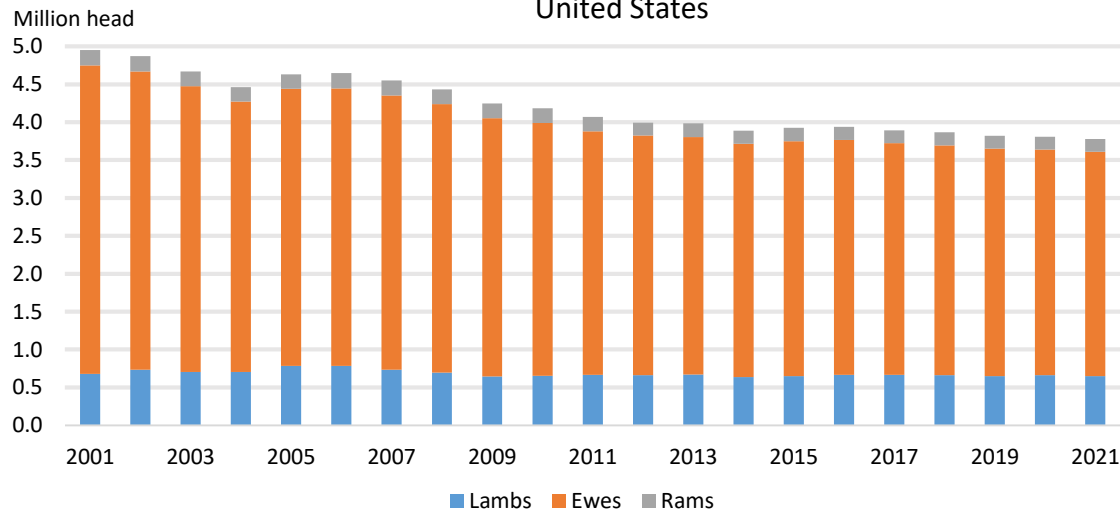


# January 1 Breeding Sheep and Lambs



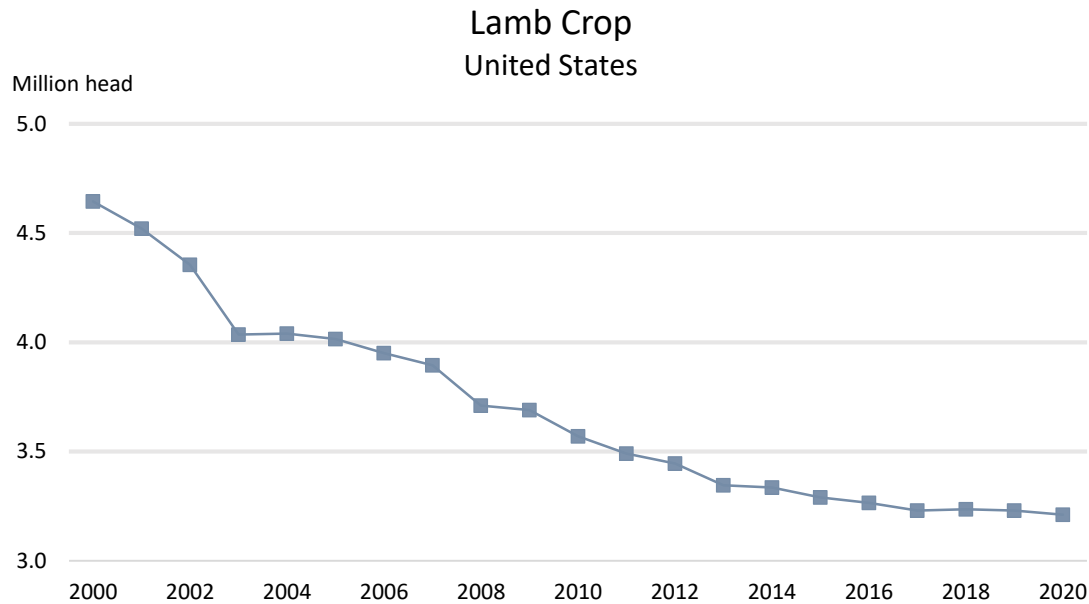
United States	2020 (1,000 head)	2021	% Change from Previous Year	
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,810	3,780	↓	0.8
Replacement lambs under one year old	660	650	↓	1.5
Ewes one year and older	2,980	2,960	↓	0.7
Rams one year old and older	170	170	-	0.0

January 1 Lambs, Ewes, and Rams  
United States



# Lamb Crop

United States	2019 (1,000 head)	2020	% Change from Previous Year
Lamb crop	3,230	3,210	↓ 0.6





# U.S. Goats and Kids Revisions

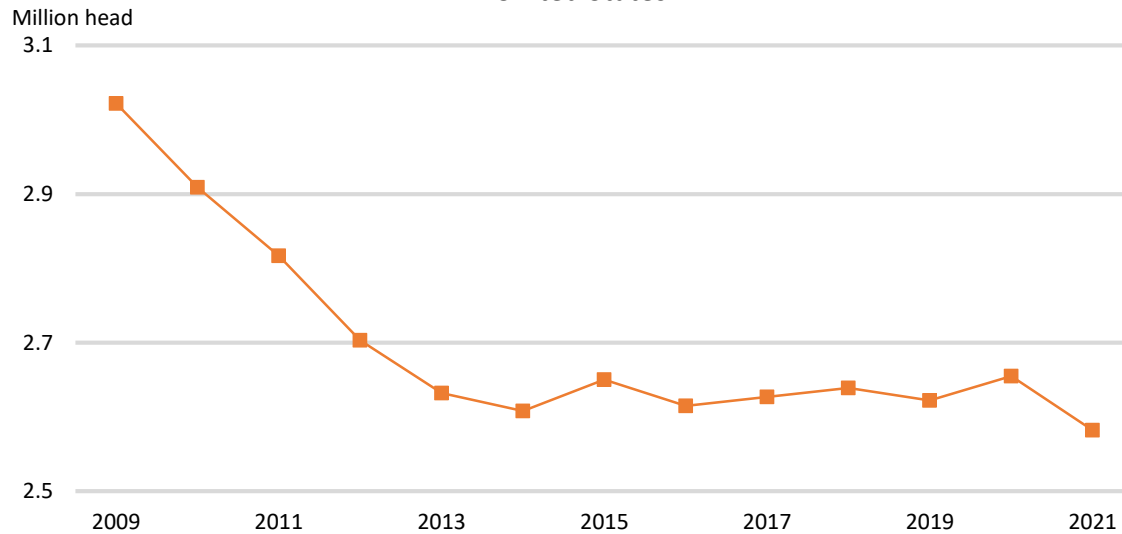


Survey	Item	Initial Estimate (1,000 head)	Current Revision (1,000 head)	Net Revision (1,000 head)	Current Estimate (1,000 head)
January 1, 2020	All goats and kids	2,660	-5	-5	2,655
	Kid crop	1,640	0	0	1,640

# January 1 Goats and Kids

United States	2020	2021	% Change from	
	(1,000 head)		Previous Year	
All goats and kids	2,655	2,582	↓	2.7
Market	478	465	↓	2.7
Breeding	2,177	2,117	↓	2.8

January 1 All Goats and Kids  
United States



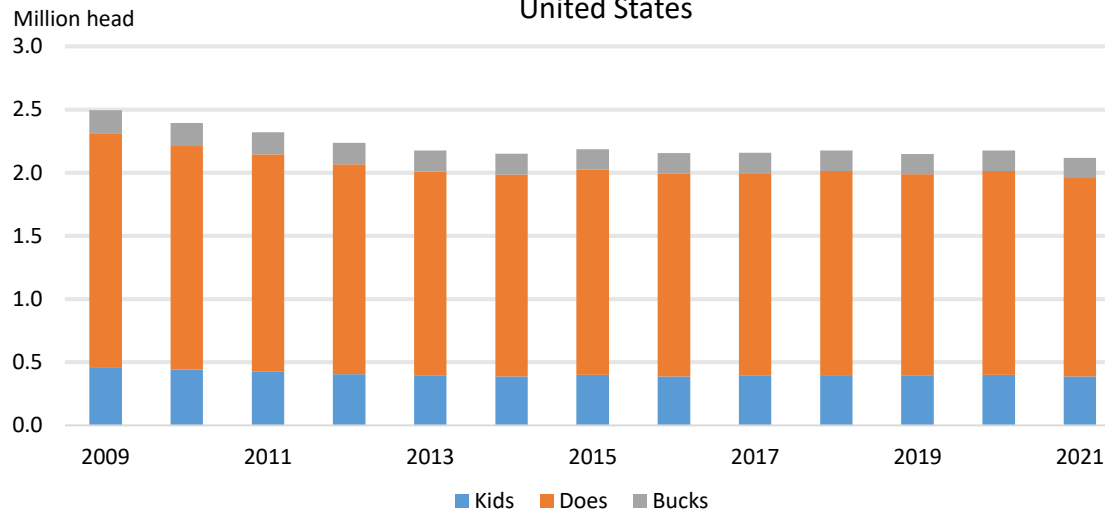


# January 1 Breeding Goats and Kids



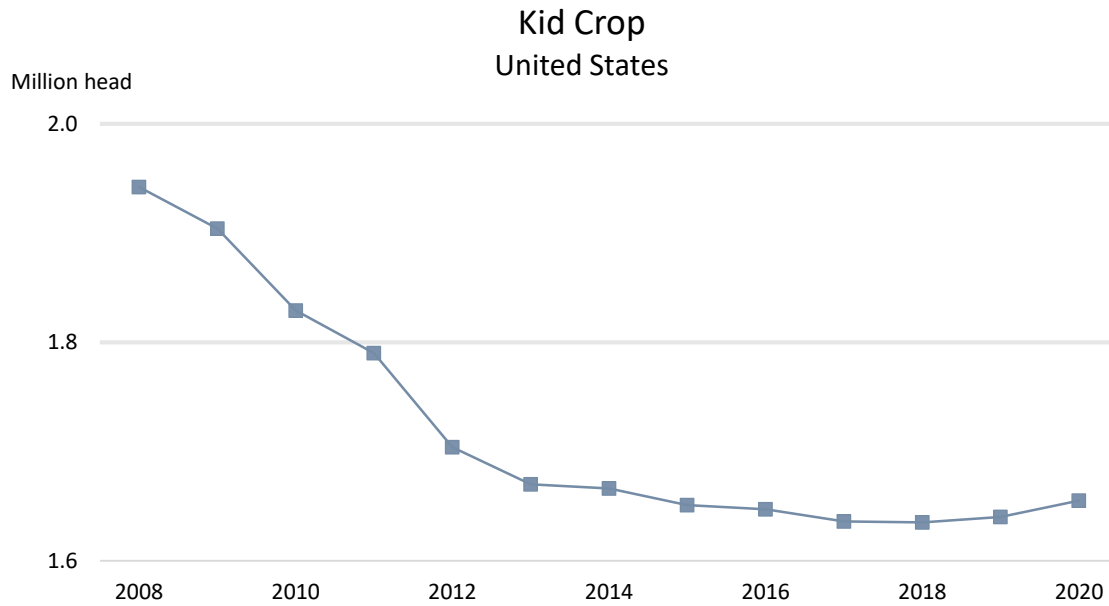
United States	2020 (1,000 head)	2021	% Change from Previous Year	
Breeding goats and kids	2,177	2,117	↓	2.8
Replacement kids under one year old	399	388	↓	2.8
Does one year old and older	1,615	1,570	↓	2.8
Bucks one year old and older	163	159	↓	2.5

January 1 Kids, Does, and Bucks  
United States





United States	2019	2020	% Change from Previous Year	
	(1,000 head)			
Kid crop	1,640	1,655	↑	0.9





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