

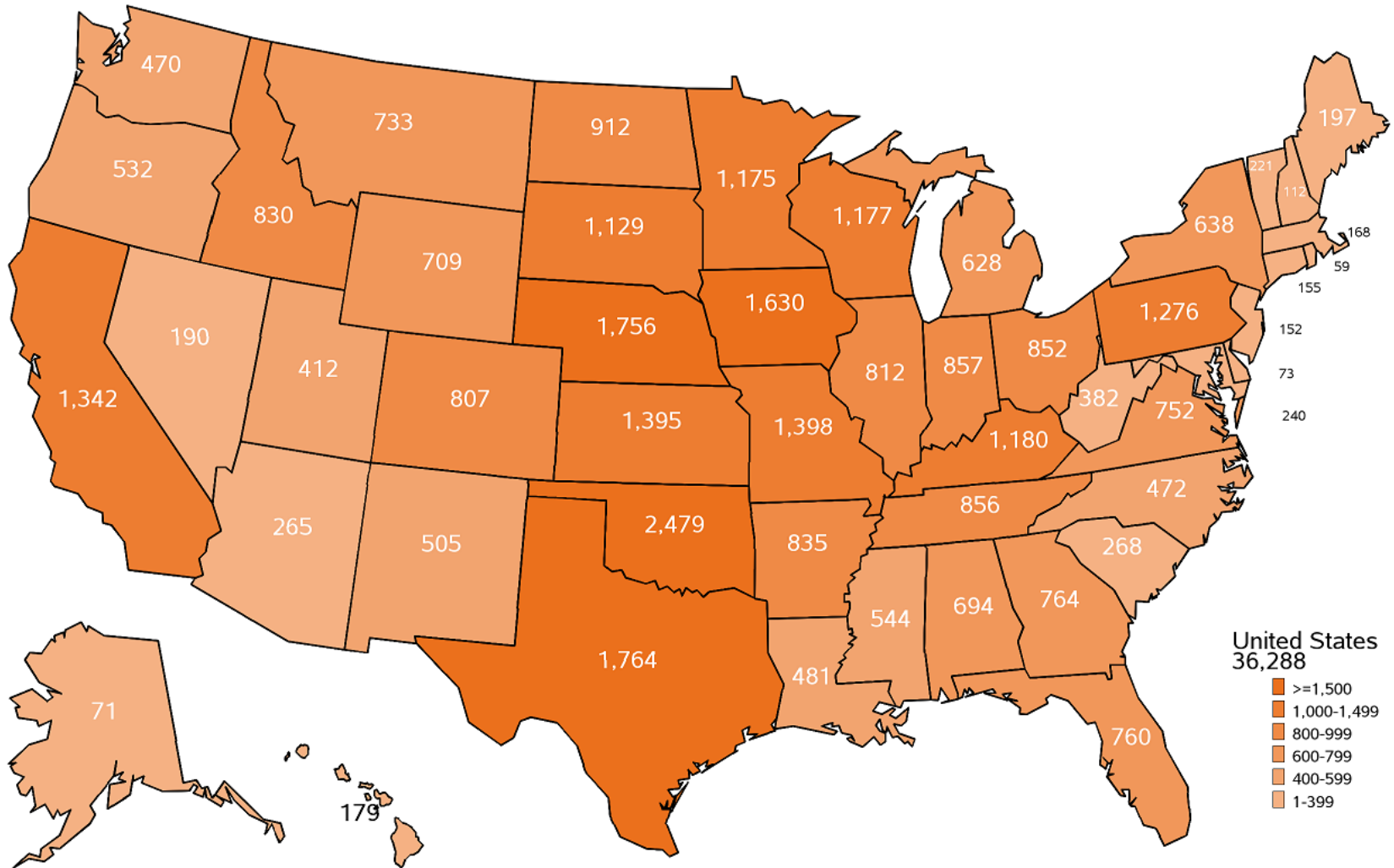


January Cattle and Sheep and Goats

Executive Summary

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January 2024 Cattle Survey Sample Sizes

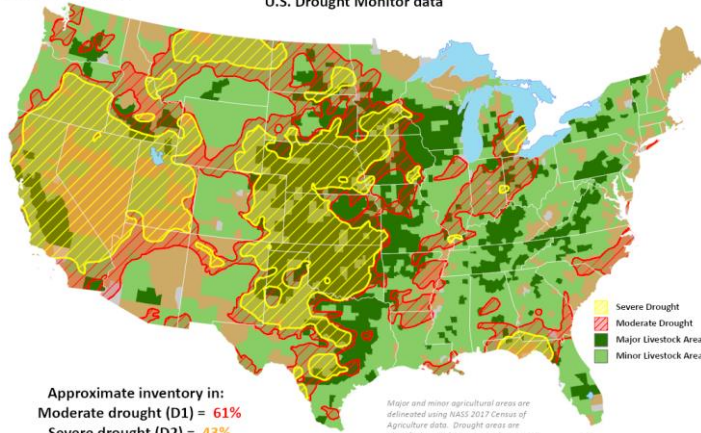


January 2024 Cattle Survey Drought Maps

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Cattle Areas in Drought

Reflects December 27, 2022
U.S. Drought Monitor data



Approximate inventory in:
Moderate drought (D1) = 61%
Severe drought (D2) = 43%

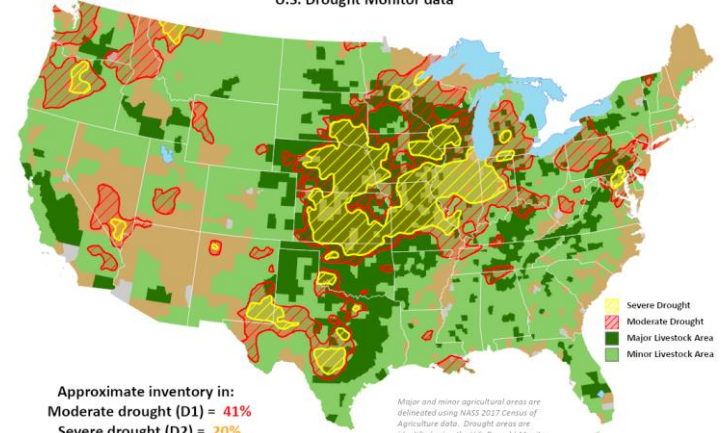
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Cattle Areas in Drought

Reflects June 27, 2023
U.S. Drought Monitor data

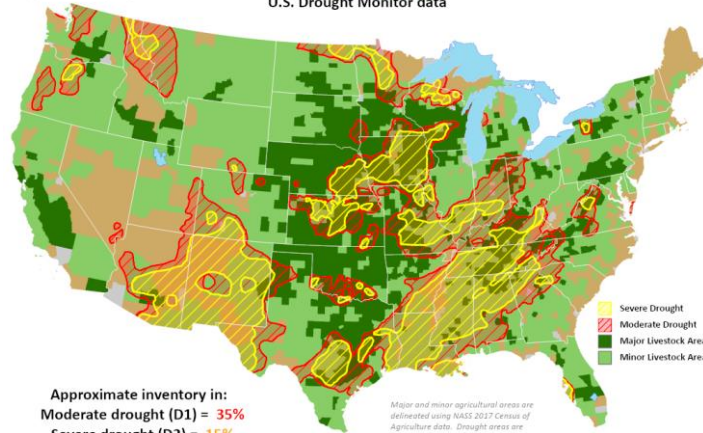


Approximate inventory in:
Moderate drought (D1) = 41%
Severe drought (D2) = 20%

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Cattle Areas in Drought

Reflects January 2, 2024
U.S. Drought Monitor data



Approximate inventory in:
Moderate drought (D1) = 35%
Severe drought (D2) = 15%

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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)
January 1, 2023	All cattle and calves	89,274.1	-433.1	-433.1	88,841.0
	Calf crop	34,464.5	-25.0	-160.5	34,439.5
July 1, 2023	All cattle and calves	95,900.0	-500.0	-500.0	95,400.0
	Calf crop	33,800.0	-207.0	-207.0	33,593.0



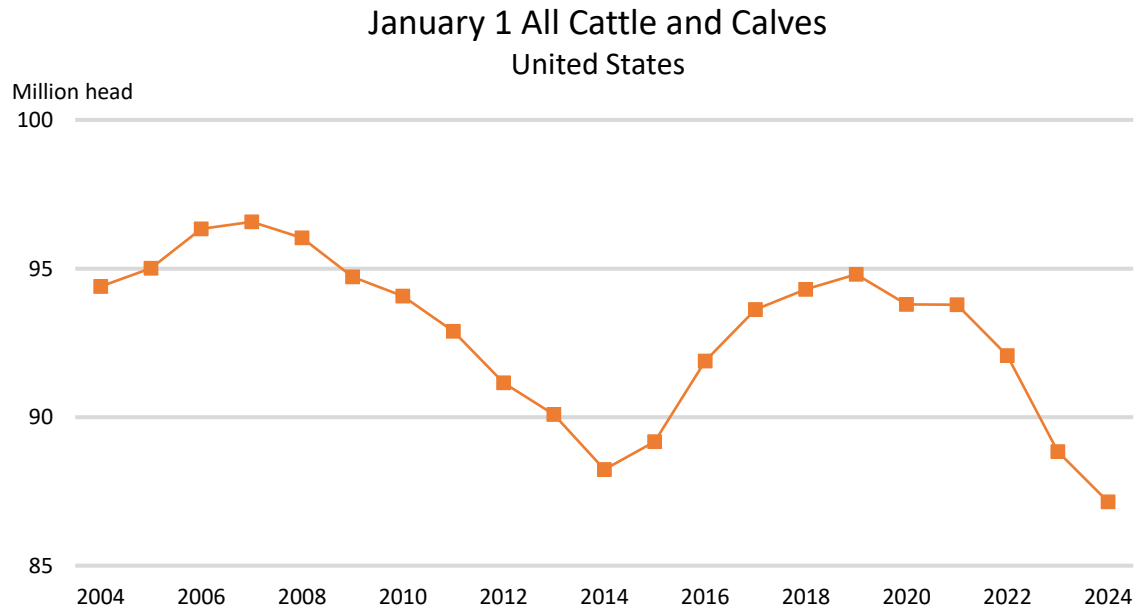
January 1 Cattle and Calves



United States	2023 (1,000 head)	2024	% Change from Previous Year
All cattle and calves	88,841.0	87,157.4	↓ 1.9

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

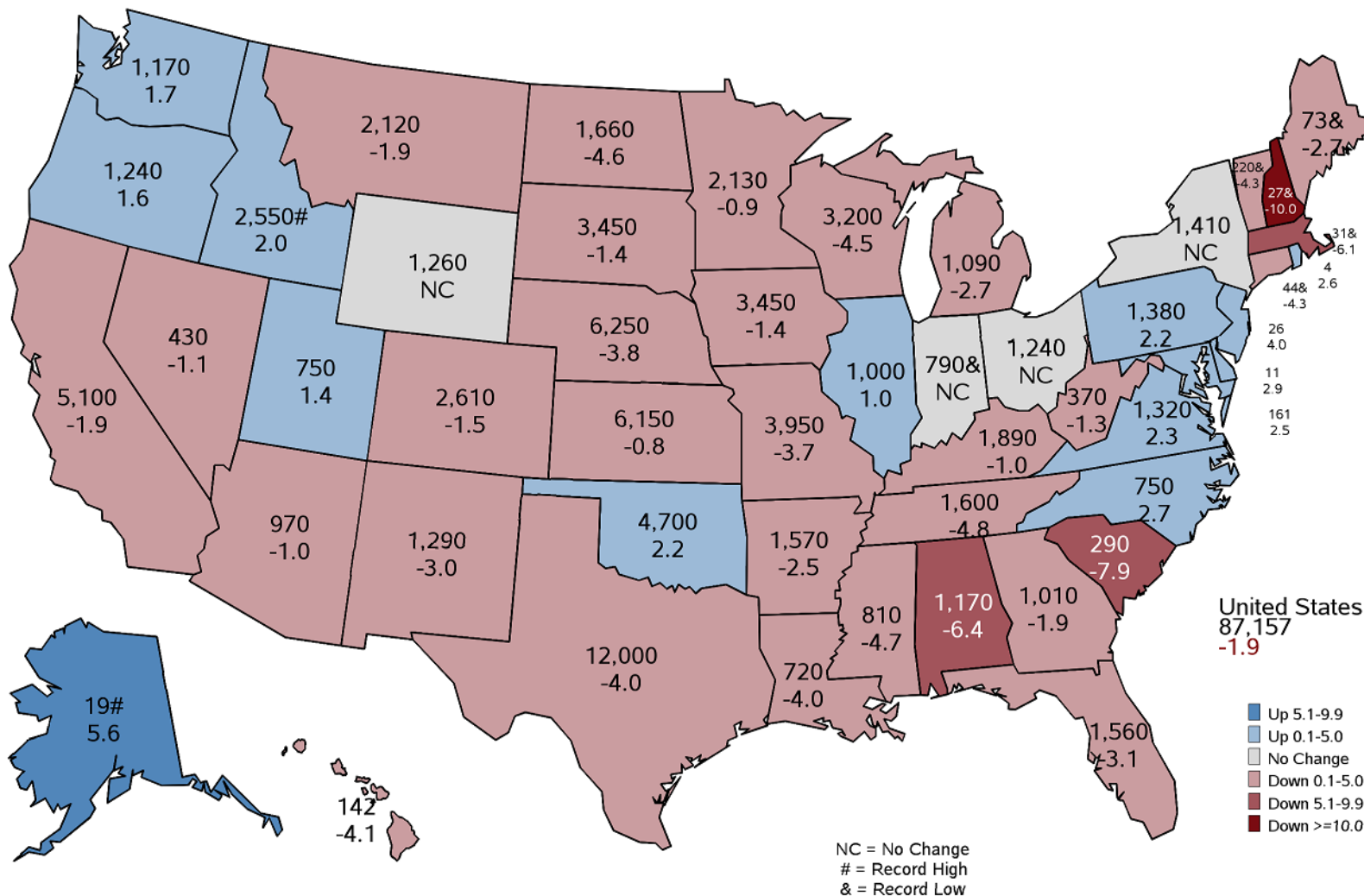
Texas	12,000
Nebraska	6,250
Kansas	6,150
California	5,100
Oklahoma	4,700





January 1, 2024 Cattle and Calves

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





January 1 Cows



United States

2023	2024	% Change from Previous Year
(1,000 head)		

All cows and heifers that have calved

38,336.8 37,579.8 ↓ 2.0

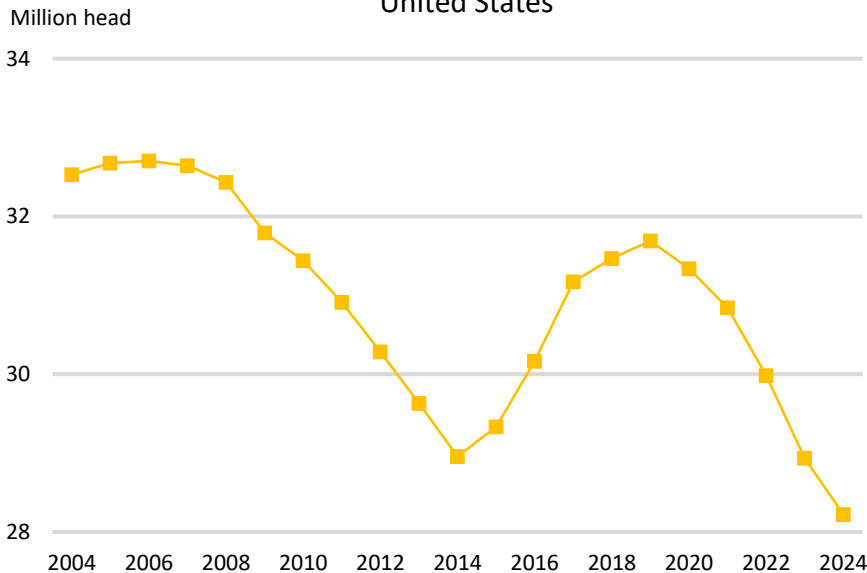
Beef cows

28,939.3 28,223.0 ↓ 2.5

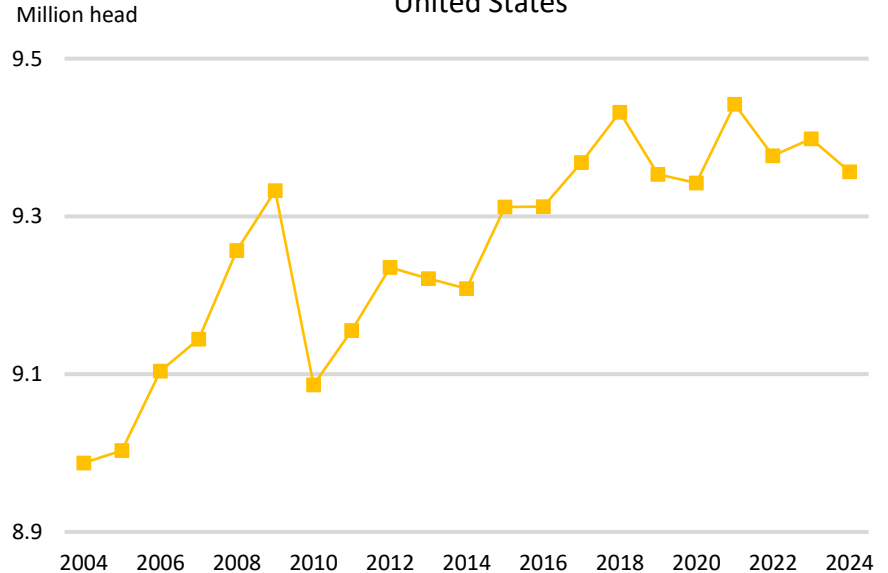
Milk cows

9,397.5 9,356.8 ↓ 0.4

January 1 Beef Cows United States



January 1 Milk Cows United States



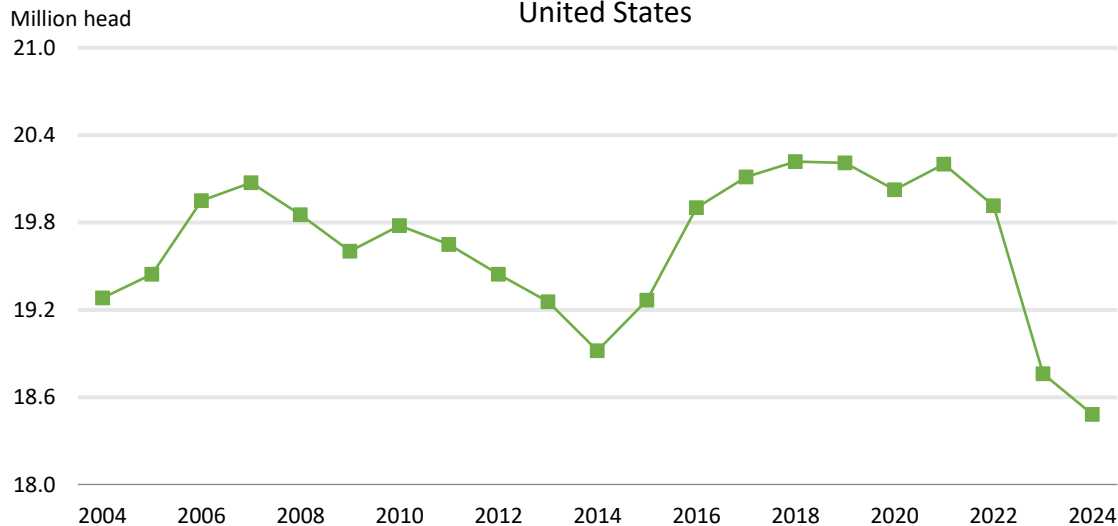


January 1 Heifers



United States	2023 (1,000 head)	2024	% Change from Previous Year	
All heifers 500 pounds and over	18,760.7	18,483.0	↓	1.5
Beef cow replacement	4,929.6	4,858.3	↓	1.4
Milk cow replacement	4,073.6	4,059.2	↓	0.4
Other heifers	9,757.5	9,565.5	↓	2.0

January 1 All Heifers
United States



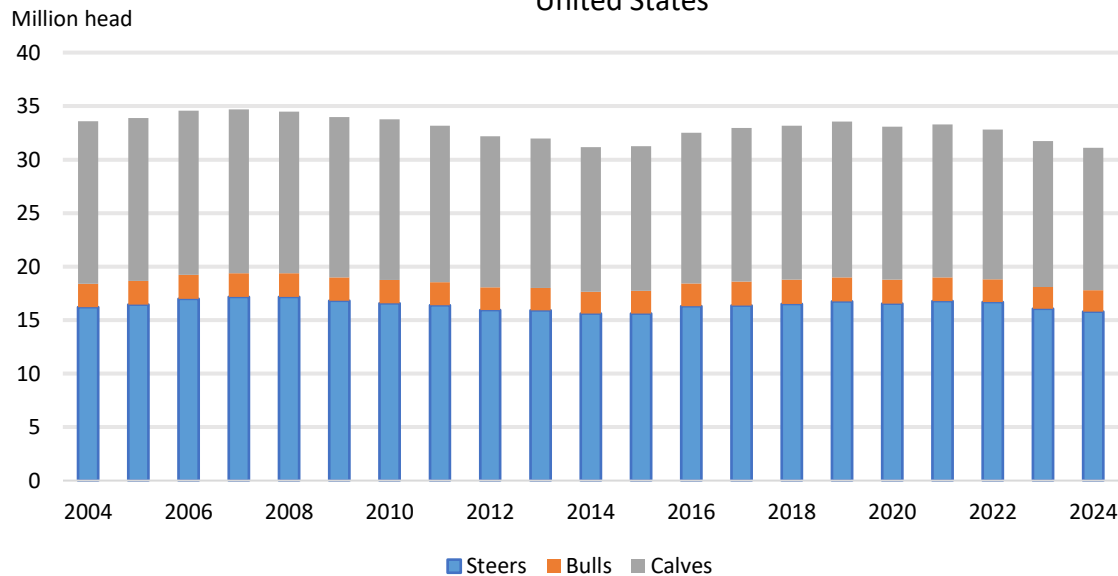


January 1 Steers, Bulls, and Calves

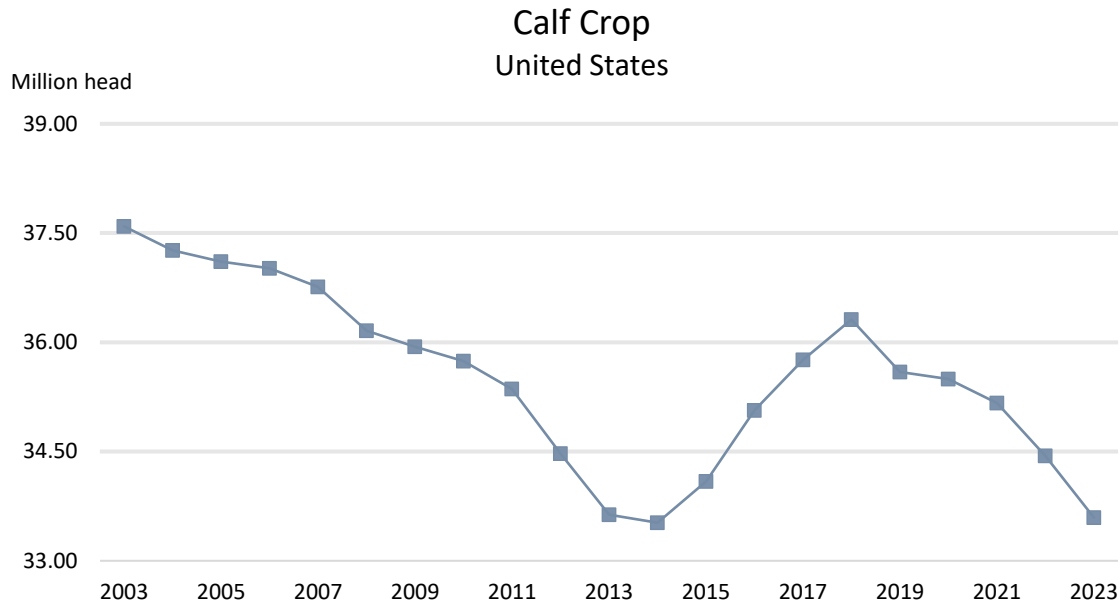


United States	2023 (1,000 head)	2024	% Change from Previous Year	
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,056.5	15,789.2	↓	1.7
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,029.0	2,020.7	↓	0.4
Calves under 500 pounds	13,658.0	13,284.7	↓	2.7

January 1 Steers, Bulls, and Calves
United States

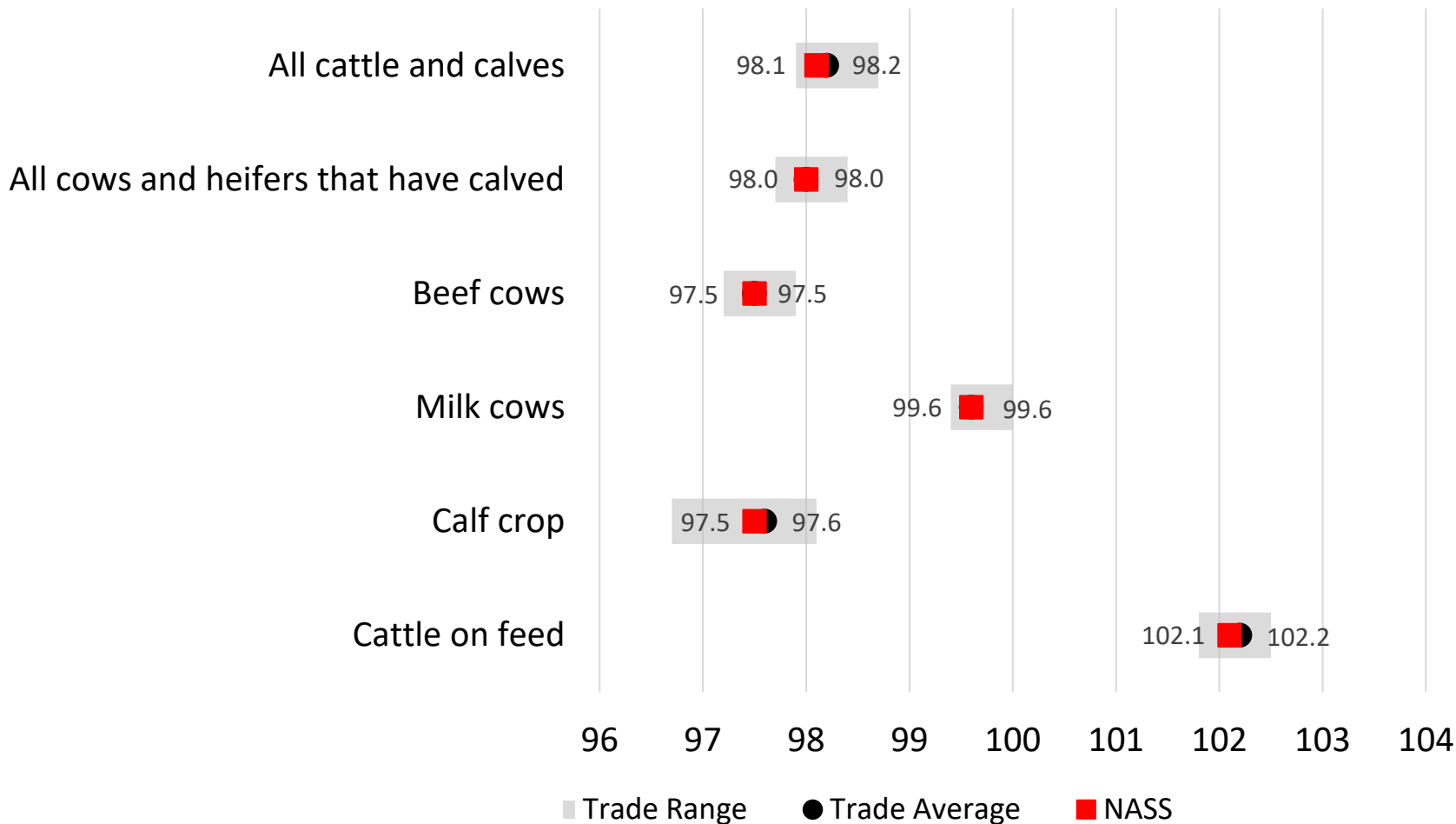


United States	2022	2023	% Change from Previous Year	
	(1,000 head)			
January 1 – June 30	25,300.0	24,700.0	↓	2.4
July 1 – December 31	9,139.5	8,893.0	↓	2.7
Total	34,439.5	33,593.0	↓	2.5



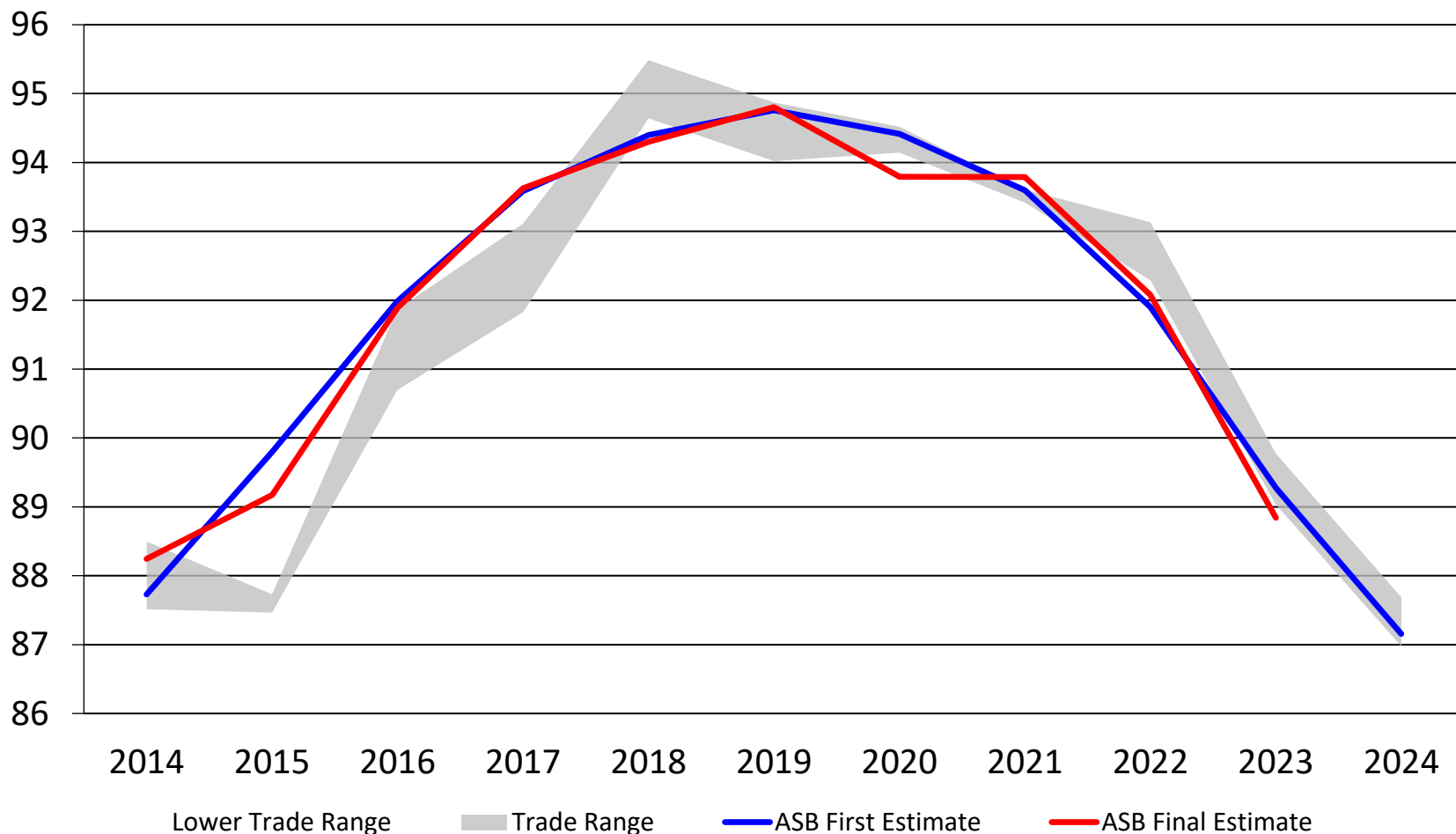


Trade Expectations Compared to NASS Estimates Percent of Previous Year





All Cattle and Calves First Estimate vs Final Estimate

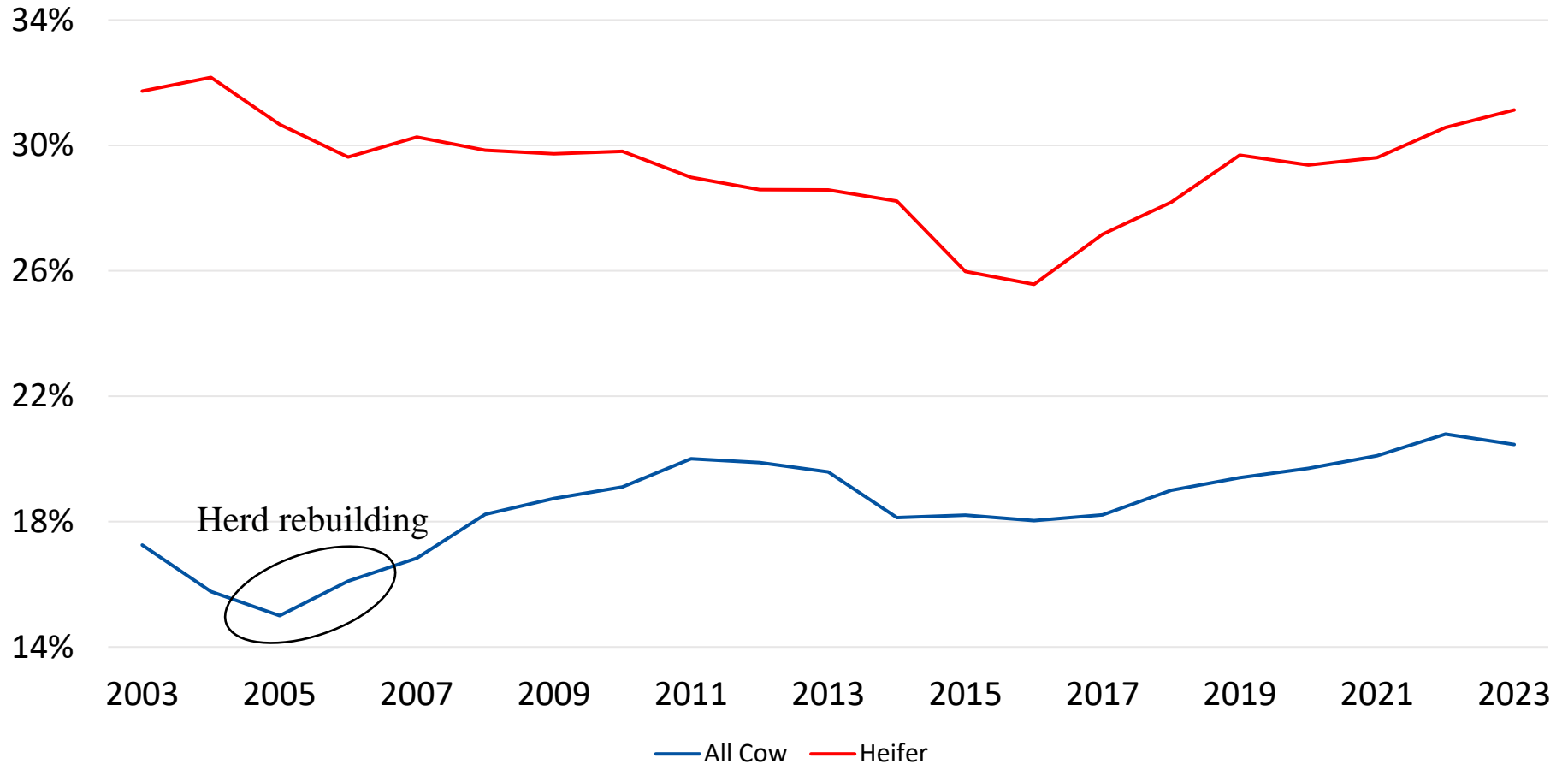




All Cow and Heifer Slaughter as a Percent of Total Slaughter

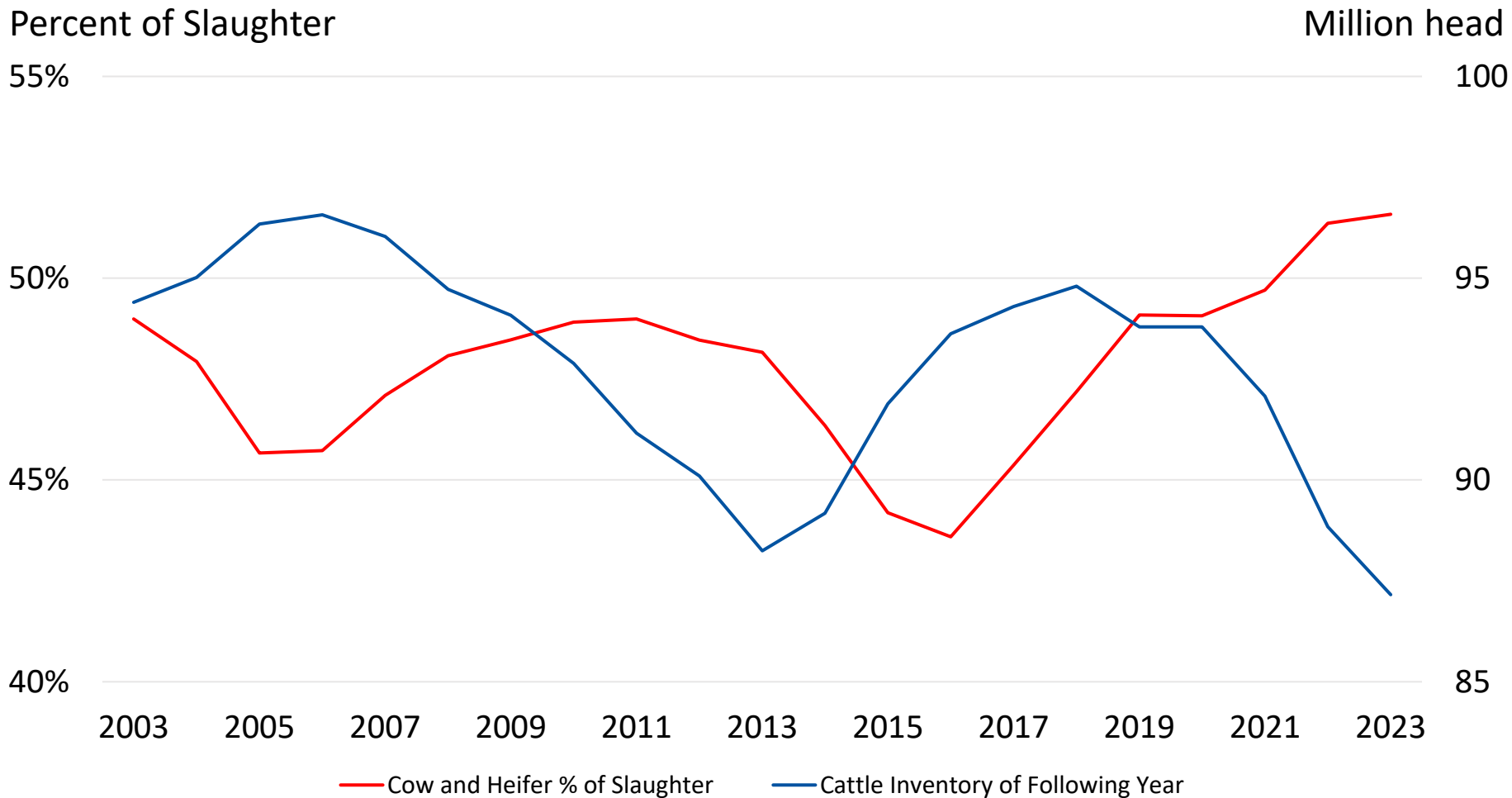


Percent of Slaughter





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



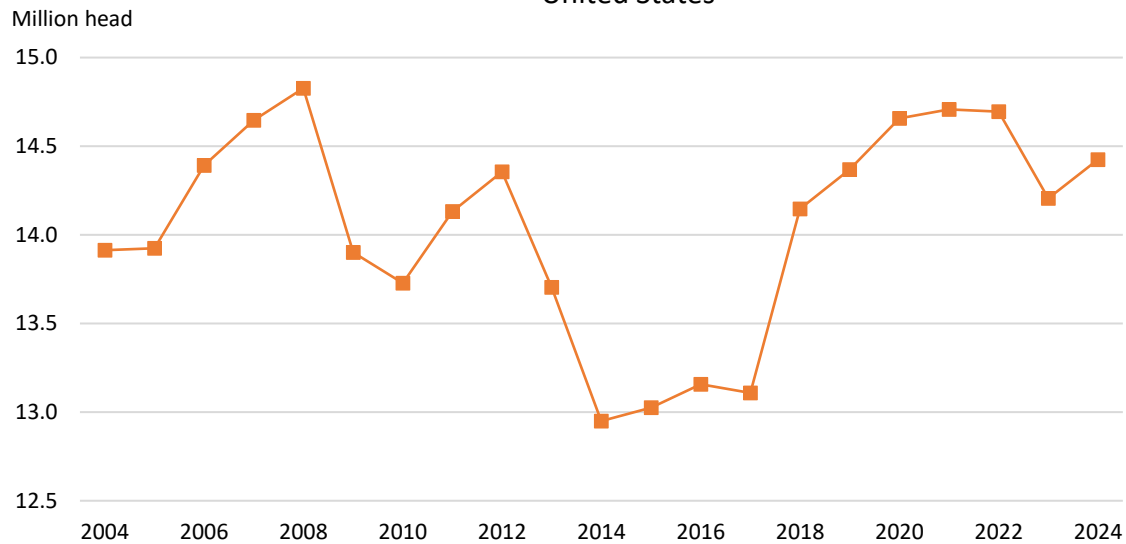


January 1 Cattle on Feed



United States	2023		2024	
	(1,000 head)	Percent of Total	(1,000 head)	Percent of Total
Capacity of 1,000 head or more	11,682.0	82.2	11,930.0	82.7
Capacity of less than 1,000 head	2,523.3	17.8	2,493.3	17.3
All cattle on feed	14,195.8		14,423.3	

January 1 All Cattle on Feed
United States

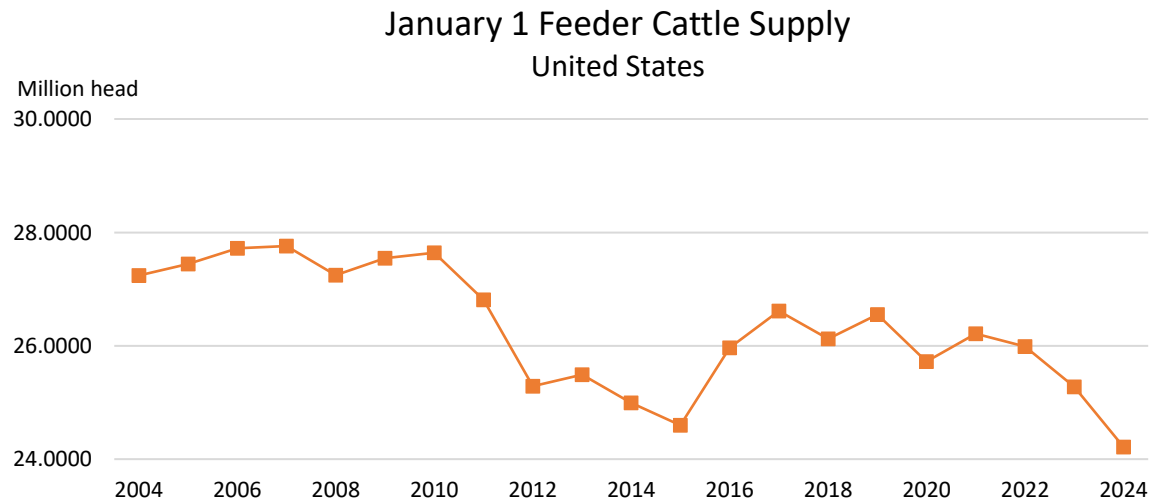




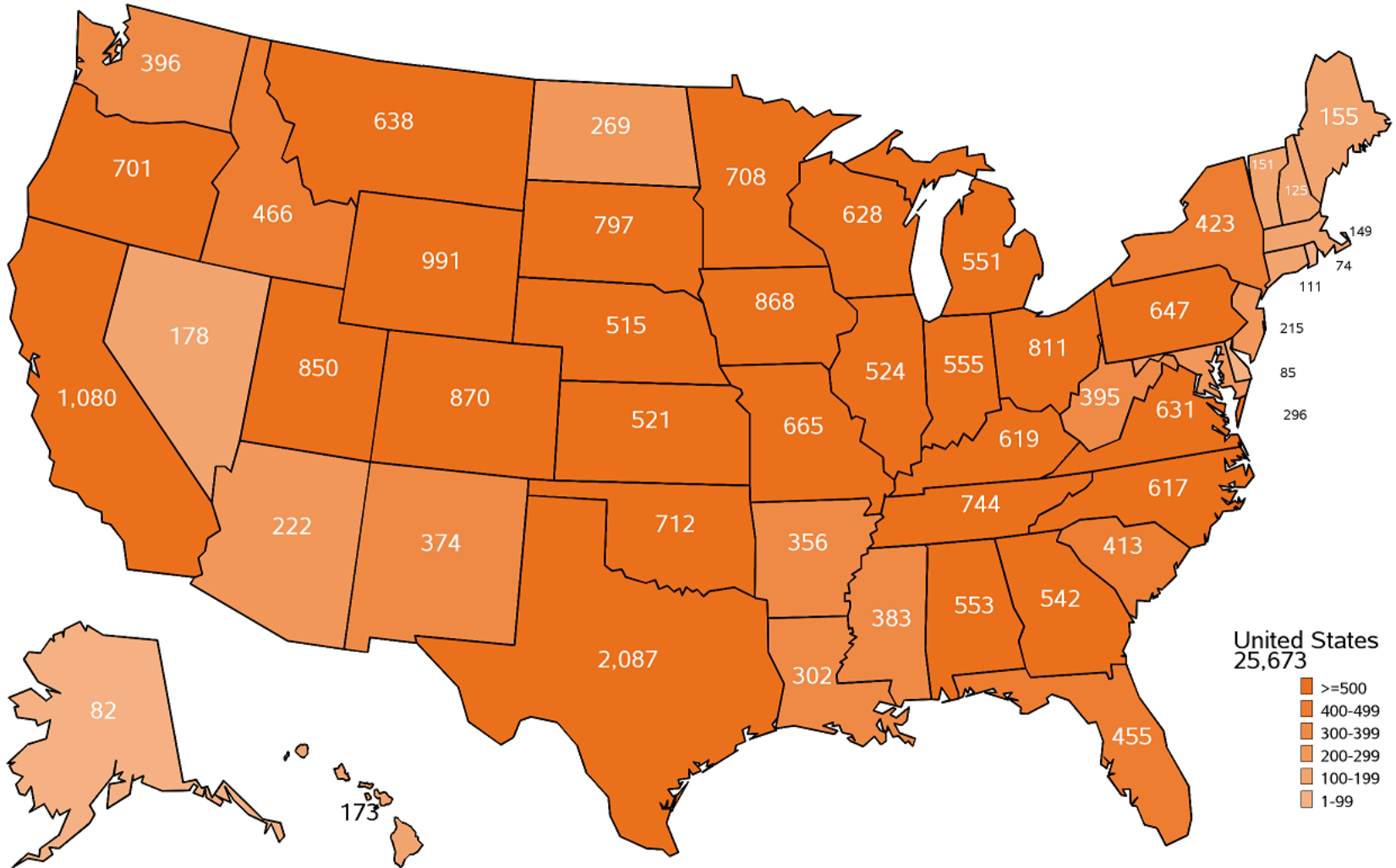
January 1 Feeder Cattle Supply



United States	2023 (1,000 head)	2024	% Change from Previous Year	
Calves under 500 pounds	13,658.0	13,284.7	↓	2.7
Steers and other heifers 500 pounds and over	25,814.0	25,354.7	↓	1.8
Total supply	39,472.0	38,639.4	↓	2.1
All cattle on feed	14,195.8	14,423.3	↑	1.6
Feeder cattle supply	25,276.2	24,216.1	↓	4.2



January 2024 Sheep and Goat Survey Sample Sizes





U.S. Sheep and Lambs 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, 2023	All sheep and lambs	5,020	+110	+110	5,130
	Lamb crop	3,110	-11	-11	3,099



January 1 Sheep and Lambs

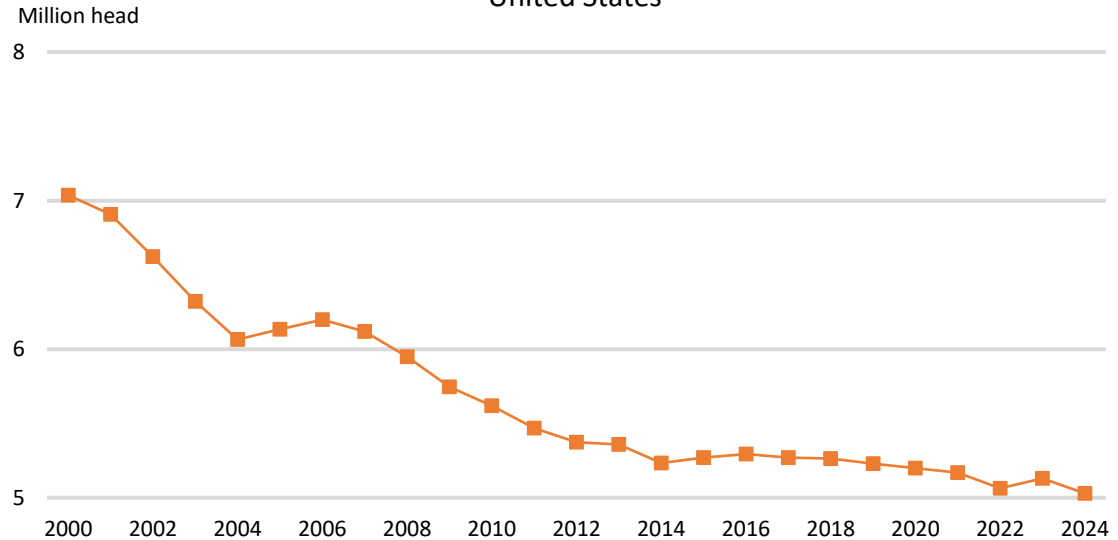


United States	2023 (1,000 head)	2024	% Change from Previous Year	
All sheep and lambs	5,130	5,030	↓	1.9
Market	1,390	1,360	↓	2.2
Breeding	3,740	3,670	↓	1.9

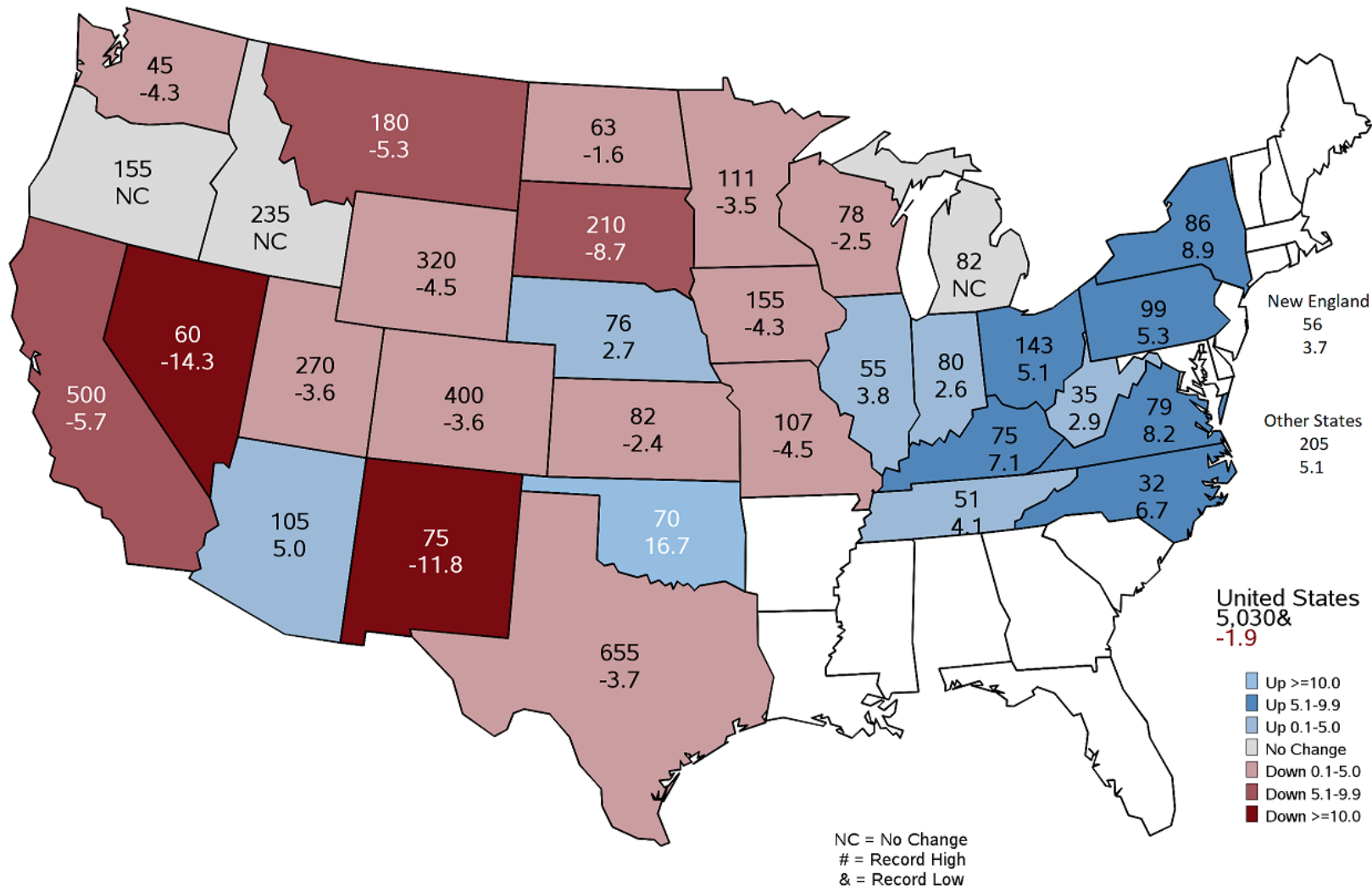
**Top 5 States
Inventory**
(1,000 head)

Texas	655
California	500
Colorado	400
Wyoming	320
Utah	270

January 1 All Sheep and Lambs
United States



January 1, 2024 Sheep and Lambs (1,000) Head and Percent Change from Previous Year



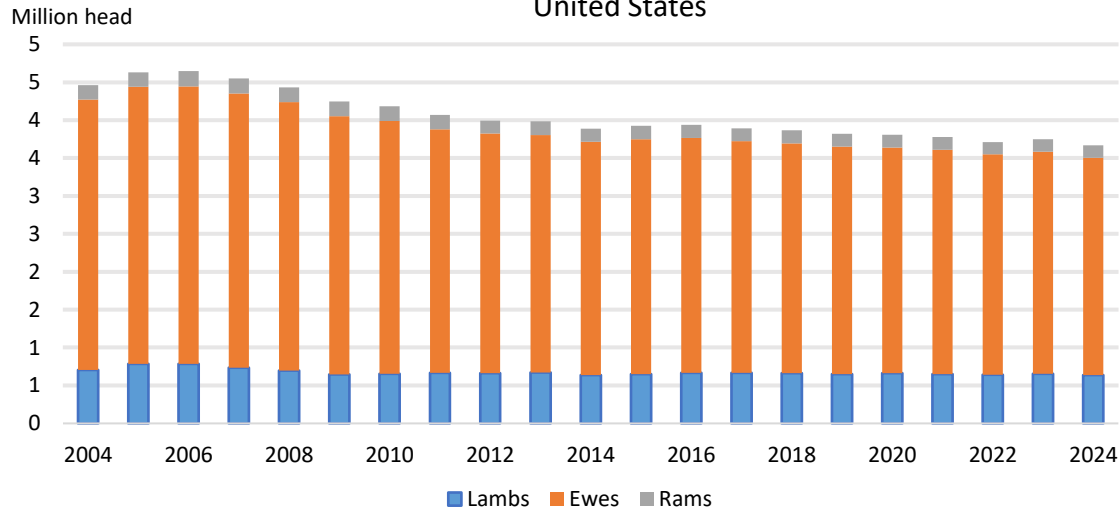


January 1 Breeding Sheep and Lambs



United States	2023 (1,000 head)	2024	% Change from Previous Year	
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,740	3,670	↓	1.9
Replacement lambs under one year old	644	635	↓	1.4
Ewes one year and older	2,930	2,870	↓	2.0
Rams one year old and older	167	165	↓	1.2

January 1 Lambs, Ewes, and Rams
United States

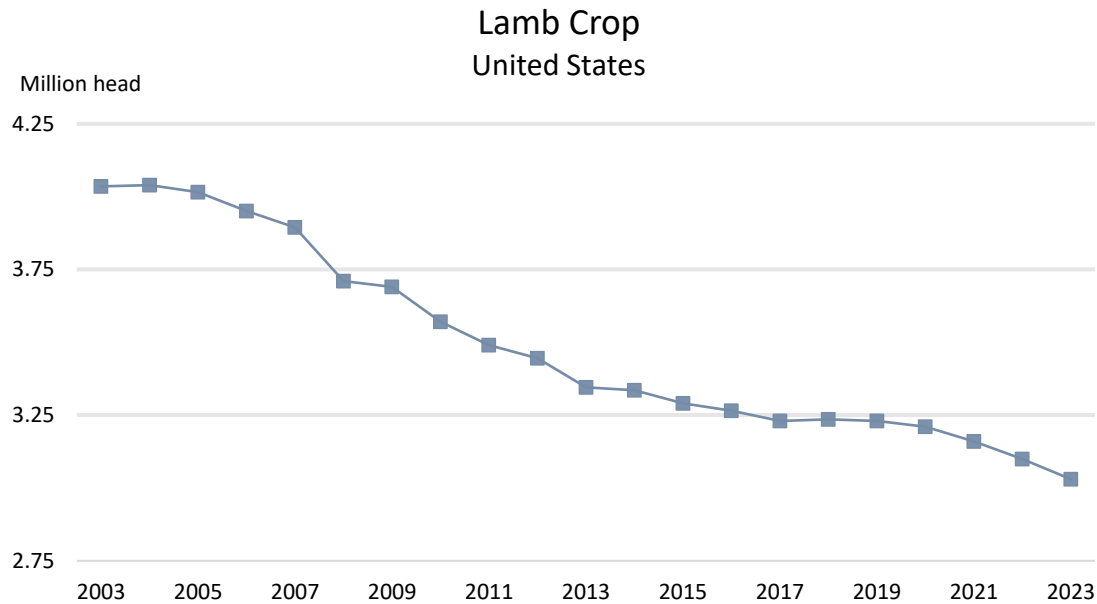




Lamb Crop



United States	2022 (1,000 head)	2023	% Change from Previous Year
Lamb crop	3,099	3,030	↓ 2.2





U.S. Goats and Kids Revisions

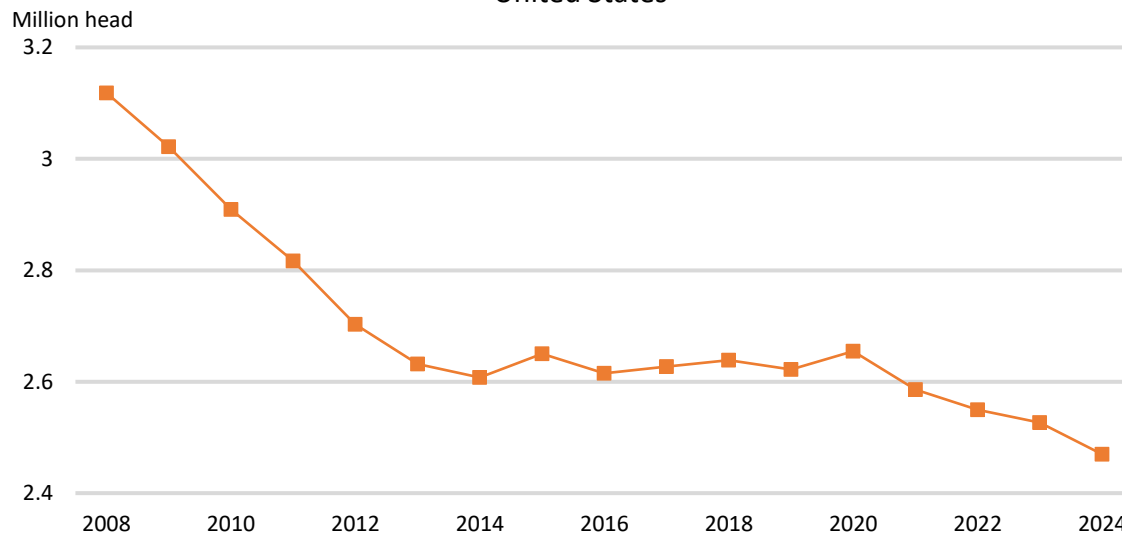


Survey	Item	Initial Estimate (1,000 head)	Current Revision (1,000 head)	Net Revision (1,000 head)	Current Estimate (1,000 head)
January 1, 2023	All goats and kids	2,507	+20	+20	2,527
	Kid crop	1,580	-26	-26	1,554

January 1 Goats and Kids

United States	2023	2024	% Change from Previous Year	
	(1,000 head)			
All goats and kids	2,527	2,470	↓	2.3
Market	457	439	↓	3.9
Breeding	2,070	2,031	↓	1.9

January 1 All Goats and Kids
United States



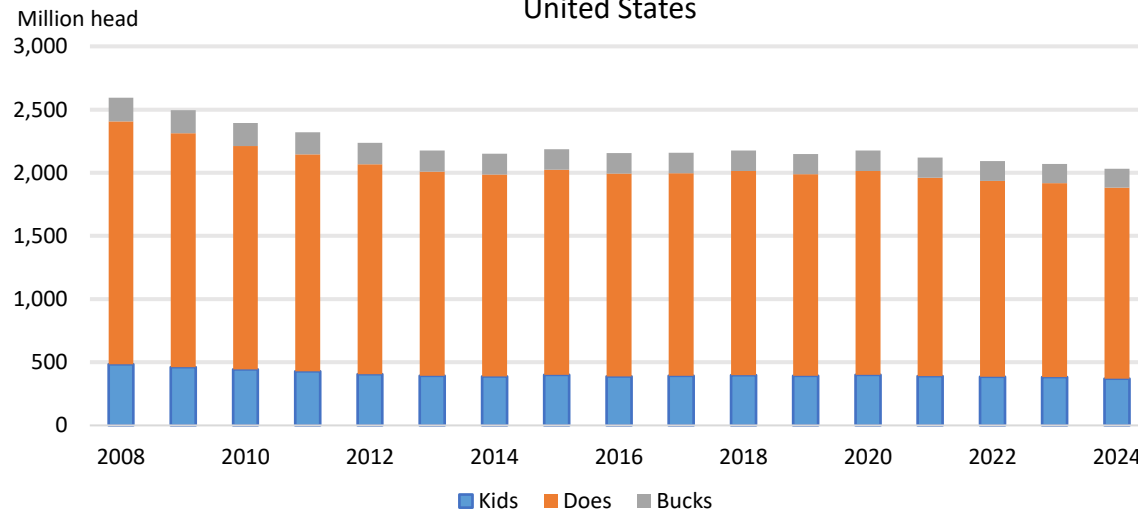


January 1 Breeding Goats and Kids

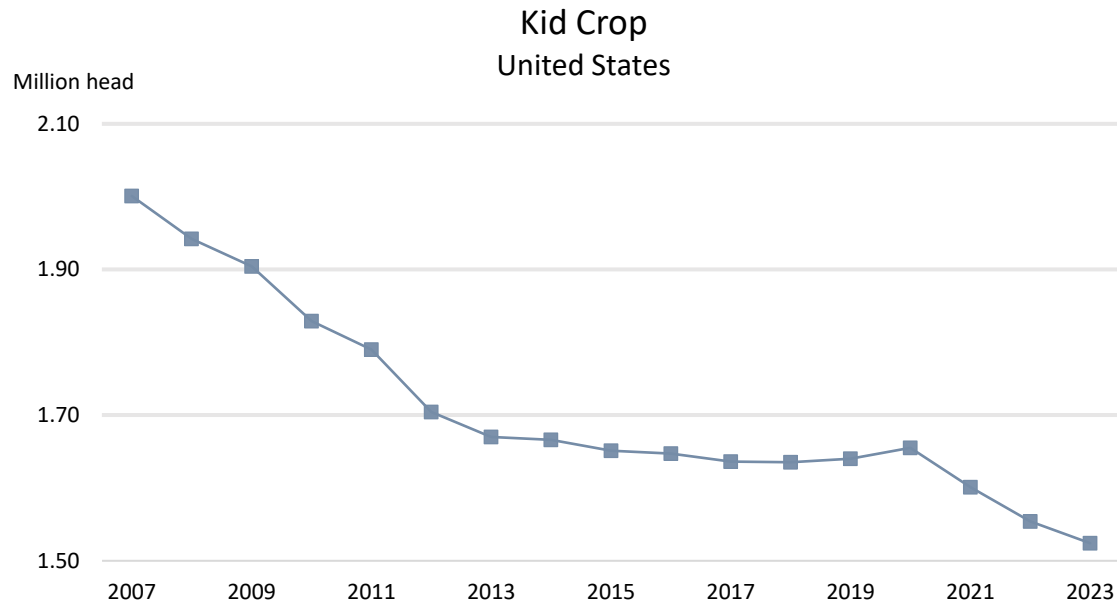


United States	2023 (1,000 head)	2024	% Change from Previous Year	
Breeding goats and kids	2,070	2,031	↓	1.9
Replacement kids under one year old	381	370	↓	2.9
Does one year old and older	1,536	1,513	↓	1.5
Bucks one year old and older	153	149	↓	2.6

January 1 Kids, Does, and Bucks
United States



United States	2022 (1,000 head)	2023	% Change from Previous Year
Kid crop	1,554	1,524	↓ 1.9





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