July Cattle

Agricultural Statistics Board Briefing

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July 2026 Cattle Survey
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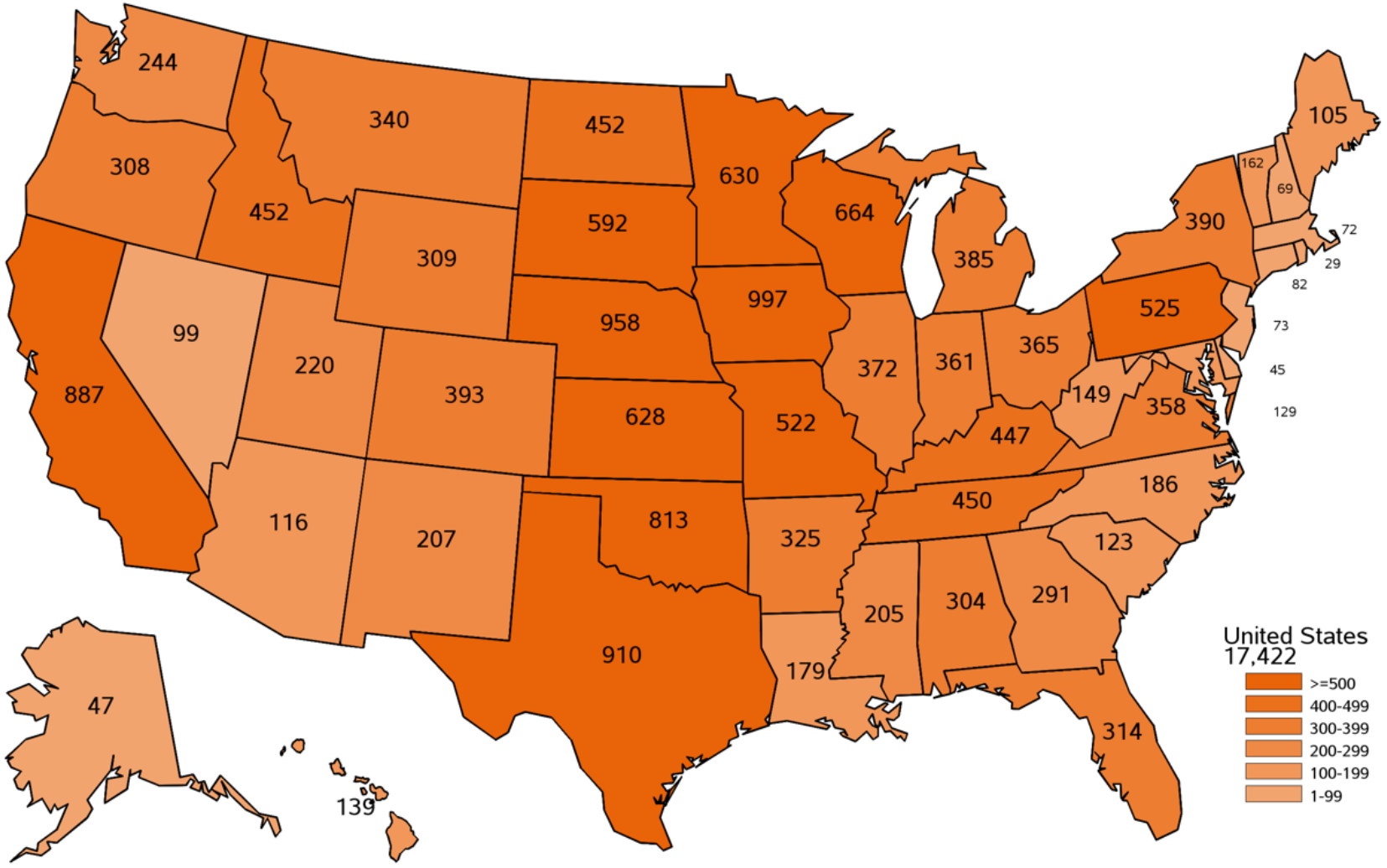

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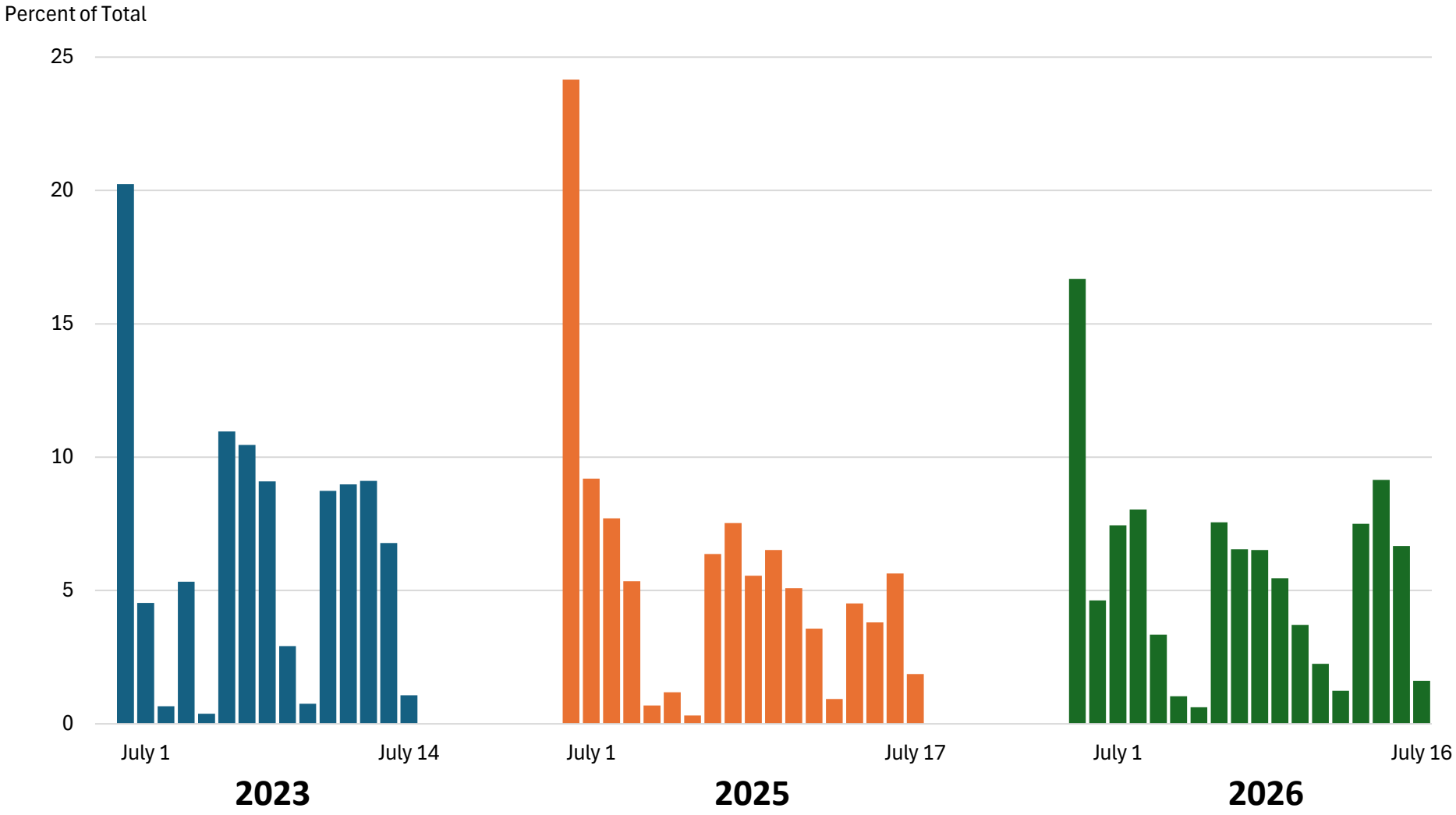
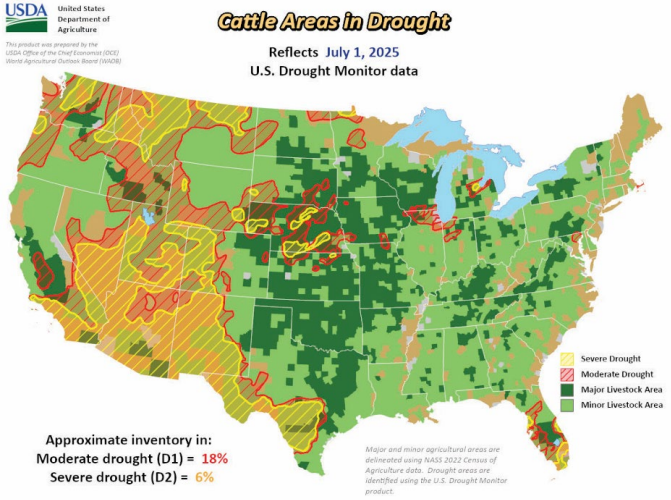
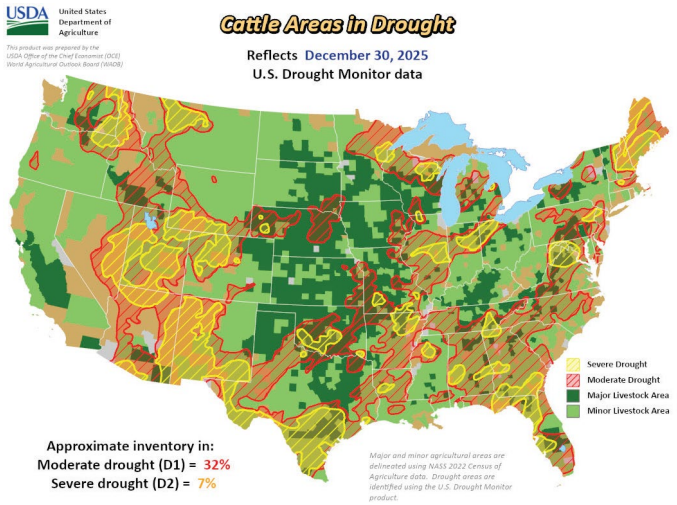
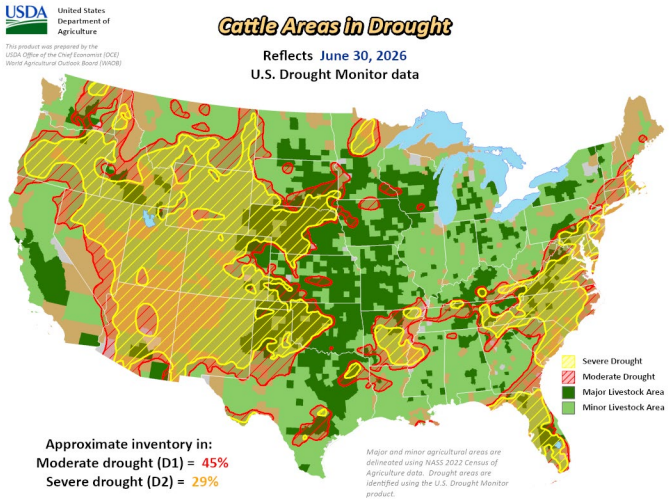
2026 July Cattle Survey
Usable Responses by Day



United States July 1 Cattle Drought Maps







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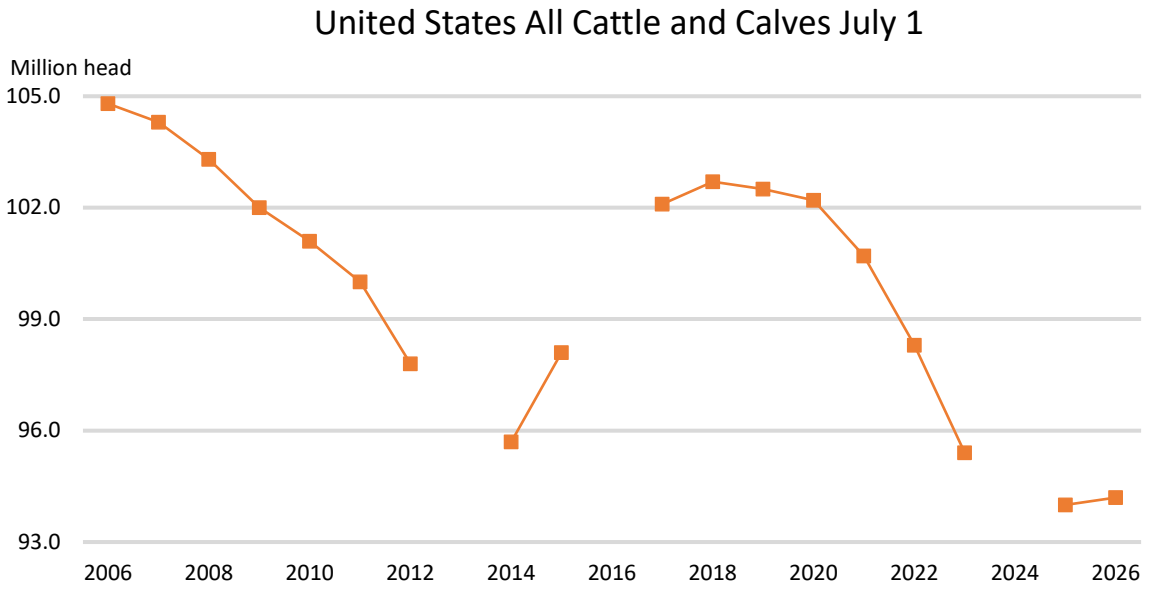
	2025	2026	% Change from Previous Year
	(1,000 head)		
All cattle and calves	94,000	94,200	↑ 0.2



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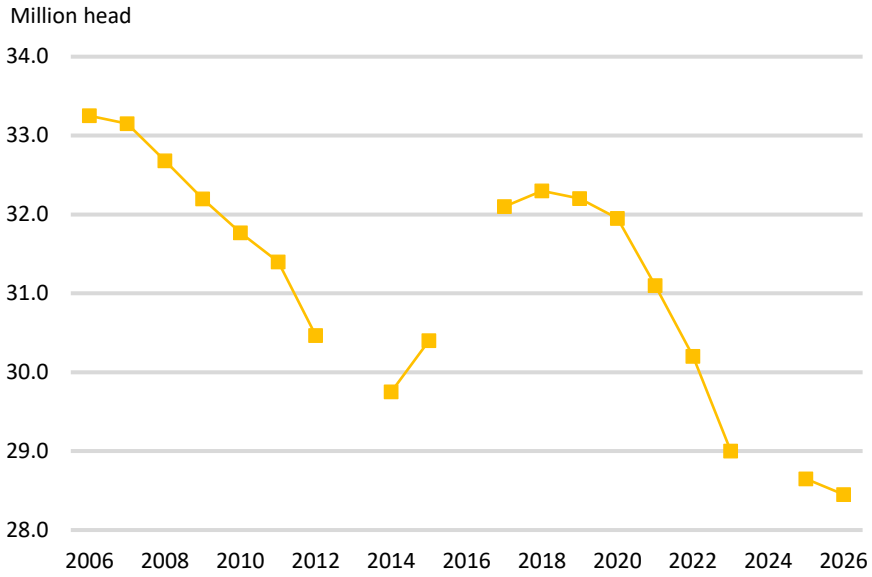
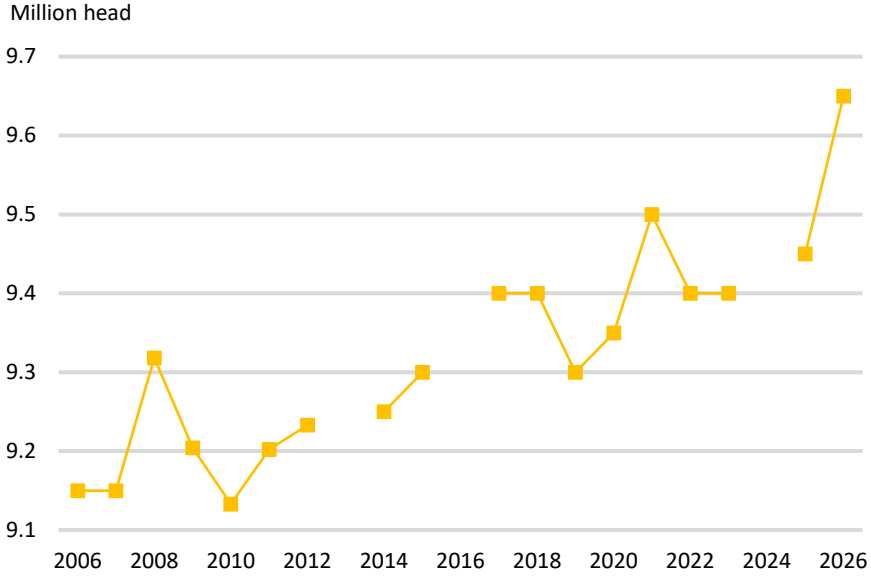
	2025	2026	% Change from Previous Year	
	(1,000 head)			
All cows and heifers that have calved	38,100	38,100	-	-
Beef cows	28,650	28,450	↓	0.7
Milk cows	9,450	9,650	↑	2.1

United States Beef Cows July 1



United States Milk Cows July 1



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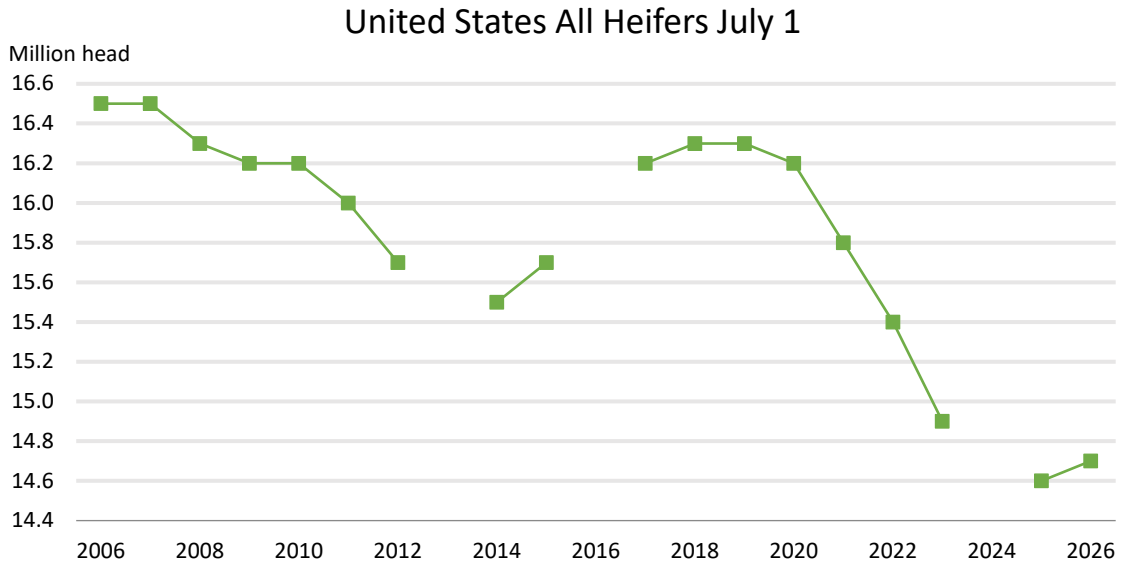
	2025 (1,000 head)	2026	% Change from Previous Year	
All heifers 500 pounds and over	14,600	14,700	↑	0.7
Beef cow replacement	3,700	3,800	↑	2.7
Milk cow replacement	3,500	3,600	↑	2.9
Other heifers	7,400	7,300	↓	1.4



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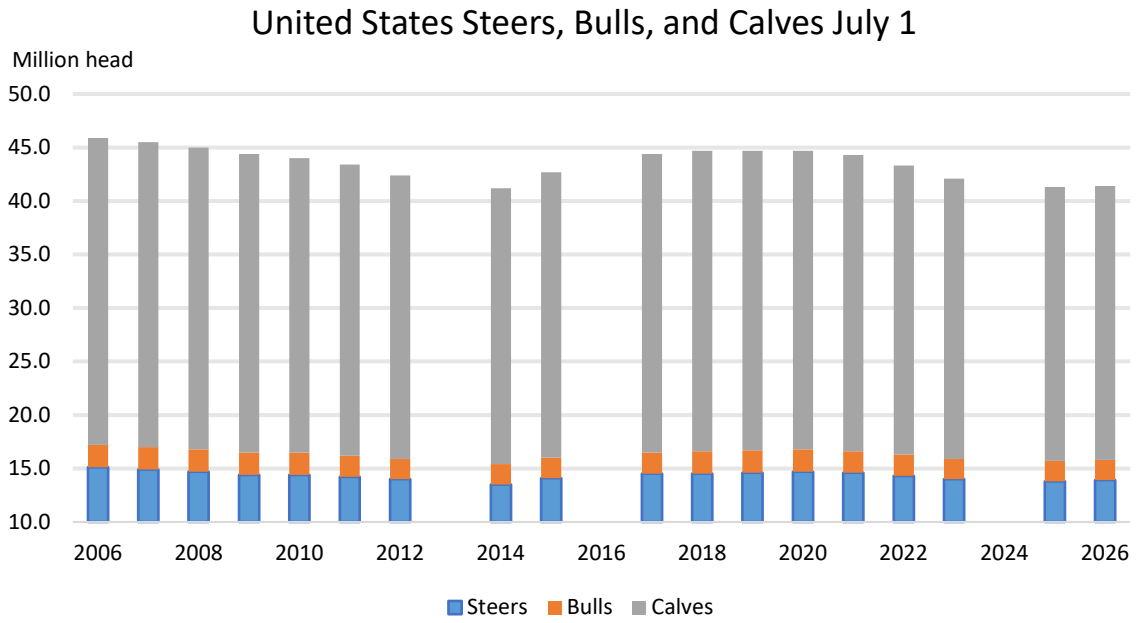
	2025 (1,000 head)	2026	% Change from Previous Year	
Steers 500 pounds and over	13,800	13,900	↑	0.7
Bulls 500 pounds and over	1,900	1,900	-	-
Calves under 500 pounds	25,600	25,600	-	-



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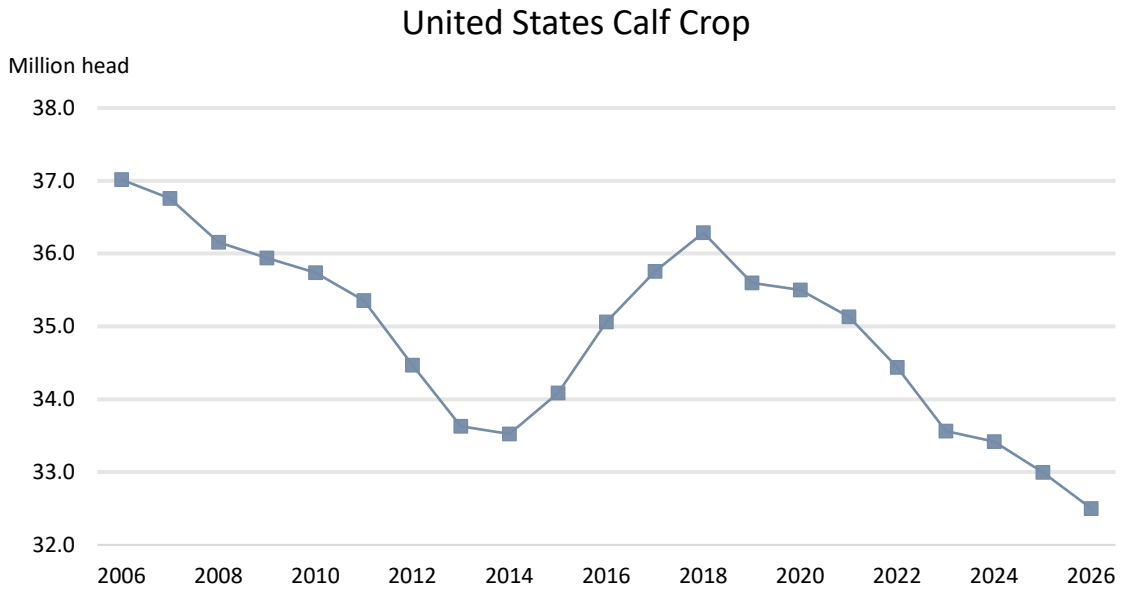
Calf Crop	2025 (1,000 head)	2026 (1,000 head)	% Change from Previous Year
January 1 – June 30	24,300.0	23,900.0	↓ 1.6
July 1 – December 31	8,695.6	8,600.0	↓ 1.1
Total	32,995.6	32,500.0	↓ 1.5



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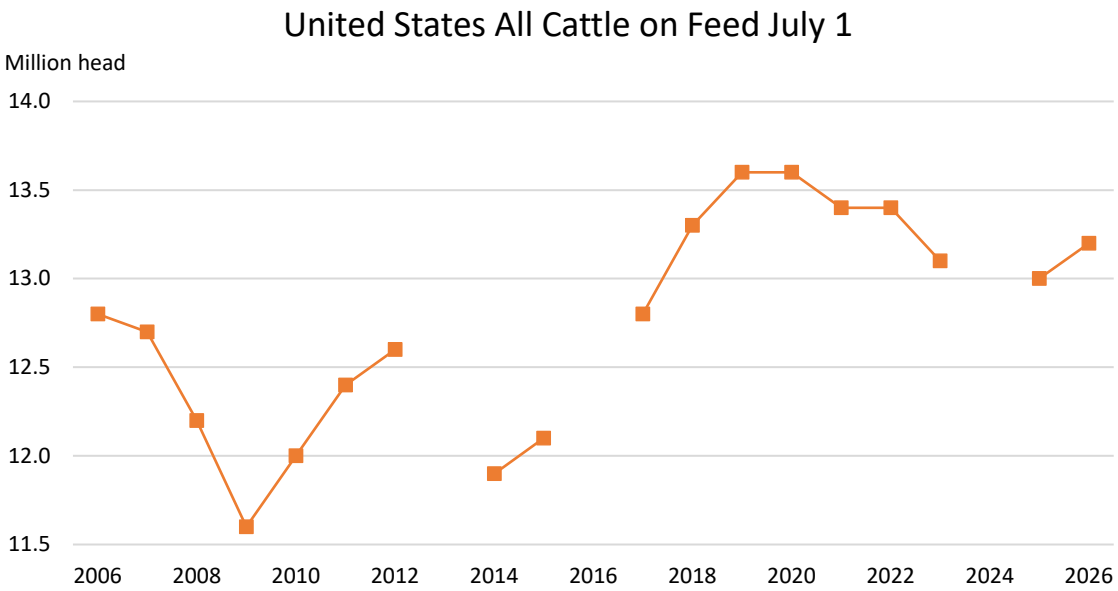
Cattle on Feed	2025		2026	
	(1,000 head)	Percent of Total	(1,000 head)	Percent of Total
Capacity of 1,000 head or more	11,124	85.6	11,370	86.1
Capacity of less than 1,000 head	1,876	14.4	1,830	13.9
All cattle on feed	13,000		13,200	



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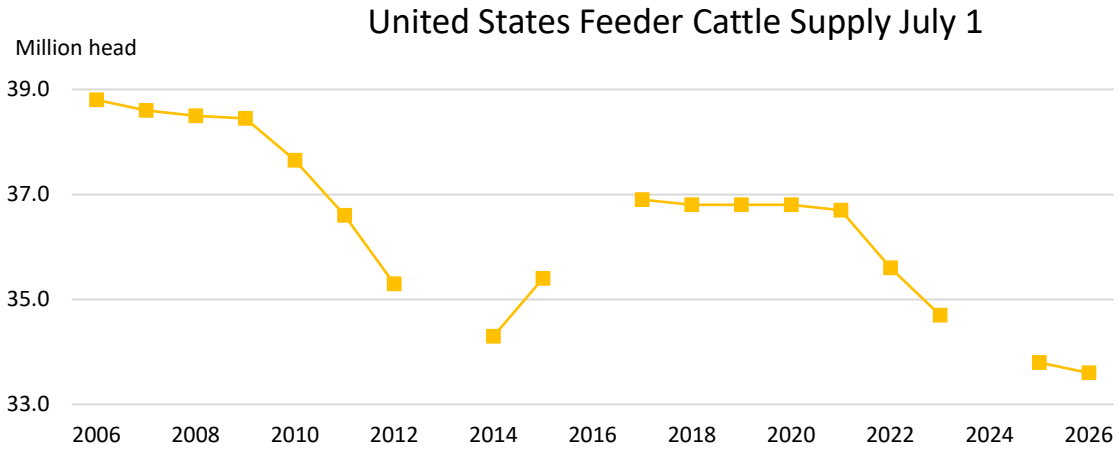
Feeder Cattle Supply	2025 (1,000 head)	2026 (1,000 head)	% Change from Previous Year	
Calves under 500 pounds	25,600	25,600	-	-
Steers and other heifers 500 pounds and over	21,200	21,200	-	-
Total supply	46,800	46,800	-	-
All cattle on feed	13,000	13,200	↑	1.5
Feeder cattle supply	33,800	33,600	↓	0.6



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