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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/ar> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys.

**Arkansas January 1 All Cattle Inventory Down 2 Percent**

All cattle and calves in Arkansas as of January 1, 2024, totaled 1.57 million head, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2023. The calf crop for the full year of 2023 was 740,000 head, down 3 percent from last year. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 850,000 head, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2023; beef cows, at 847,000 head, were down 2 percent; and milk cows, at 3,000 head, were down 25 percent from 2023. All heifers weighing 500 pounds and over were unchanged at 185,000 head. Steers were down 9 percent at 105,000 head; bulls were unchanged at 55,000 head; and calves weighing less than 500 pounds were down 3 percent at 375,000 head.

Meat and other goat inventory in Arkansas, on January 1, 2024, totaled 32,000 head, up 3 percent from the previous year. The January 1, 2024, Arkansas milk goat inventory totaled 4,200 head, down 300 head from 2023.

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

Class	Arkansas			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 .....	1,610.0	1,570.0	98	88,841.0	87,157.4	98
All cows and heifers that have calved .....	870.0	850.0	98	38,336.8	37,579.8	98
Beef cows .....	866.0	847.0	98	28,939.3	28,223.0	98
Milk cows .....	4.0	3.0	75	9,397.5	9,356.8	100
All heifers 500 pounds and over .....	185.0	185.0	100	18,760.7	18,483.0	99
Beef replacement heifers .....	110.0	105.0	95	4,929.6	4,858.3	99
Milk replacement heifers .....	3.0	2.0	67	4,073.6	4,059.2	100
Other heifers .....	72.0	78.0	108	9,757.5	9,565.5	98
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	115.0	105.0	91	16,056.5	15,789.2	98
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	55.0	55.0	100	2,029.0	2,020.7	100
Calves under 500 pounds .....	385.0	375.0	97	13,658.0	13,284.7	97
All cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> .....	(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 .....	760.0	740.0	97	34,439.5	33,593.0	98

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

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> 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 - Arkansas and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024**

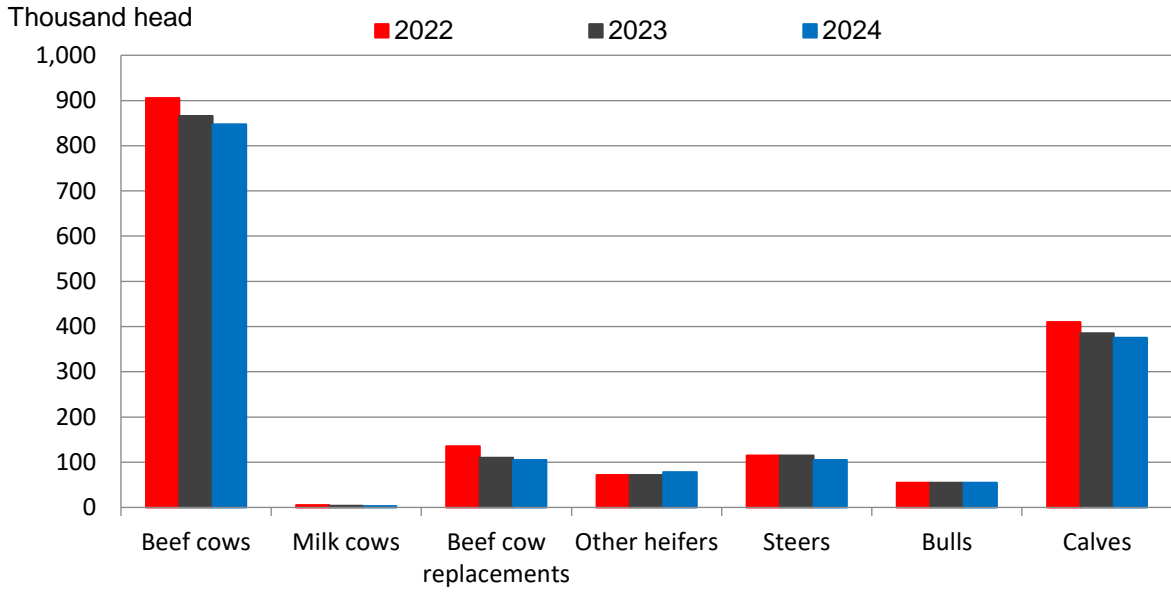
Animal and class	Arkansas			United States		
	2023	2024	Percent of previous year	2023	2024	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All goats .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	2,527.0	2,470.0	98
Angora goats .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	107.0	105.0	98
Meat and other goats .....	31.0	32.0	103	2,010.0	1,950.0	97
Milk goats .....	4.5	4.2	93	410.0	415.0	101
Sheep .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	5,130.0	5,030.0	98

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

(X) Not applicable.



### Cattle Inventory by Class - Arkansas: January 1, 2022 - 2024



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

