



News Release

Indiana Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Indiana as of January 1, 2024 were 790,000 head, unchanged percent from last year, according to Nathaniel Warenski, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. Indiana highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers increased 1 percent to 180,000 head. Beef replacement heifers increased 7 percent to 32,000 head.
- Milk cows increased 2 percent to 190,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement increased 6 percent to 55,000 head.
- The 2023 calf crop was 345,000 head, an increase of 5 percent from 2022.

Nationally, all cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2024 totaled 87.2 million head, 2 percent below the 88.8 million head on January 1, 2023. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 37.6 million head, were 2 percent below the 38.3 million head on January 1, 2023. Beef cows, at 28.2 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.36 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2024 totaled 18.5 million head, 1 percent below the 18.8 million head on January 1, 2023. Beef replacement heifers, at 4.86 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.06 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.57 million head, were 2 percent below a year earlier.

Cattle Inventory by Class – Indiana and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	Indiana		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All cattle and calves	790	790	88,841	87,157
Cows	365	370	38,337	37,580
Beef	178	180	28,939	28,223
Milk	187	190	9,398	9,357
Replacement heifers	139	142	18,761	18,483
Beef	30	32	4,930	4,858
Milk	52	55	4,074	4,059
Other	57	55	9,758	9,566
Steers 500 pounds and over	100	88	16,057	15,789
Bulls 500 pounds and over	14	14	2,029	2,021
Calves under 500 pounds	172	176	13,658	13,285
Cattle on feed	95	90	14,196	14,423

Totals may not add due to rounding.

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