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US Cattle Inventory Down 3 Percent

Inventory of all cattle and calves in the United States, as of January 1, 2023, totaled 89.3 million head, down 3 percent from the 92.1 million head on January 1, 2022. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 38.3 million head, were 3 percent below the 39.4 million head on January 1, 2022. Beef cows, at 28.9 million head, were down 4 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.40 million head, were up slightly from the previous year. Alabama all cattle and calves totaled 1.25 million head; 1 percent lower than January 1, 2022. Florida all cattle and calves inventory decreased 1 percent from the previous year to 1.62 million head. All cattle and calves in Georgia totaled 1.03 million head, down 2 percent from 2022. South Carolina all cattle and calves inventory, at 315,000 head, was up 2 percent from the previous year.

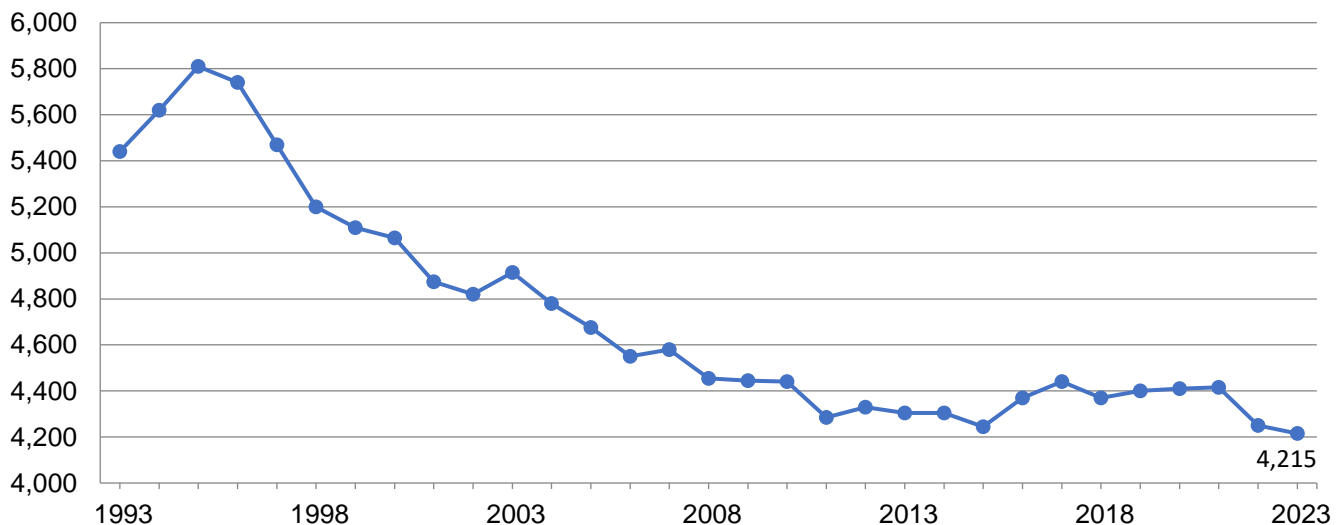
Cattle and Calves – States and United States: January 1, 2022 and 2023

State	Cattle and calves		
	2022	2023	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama	1,260.0	1,250.0	99
Florida	1,630.0	1,620.0	99
Georgia.....	1,050.0	1,030.0	98
South Carolina.....	310.0	315.0	102
United States	92,076.6	89,274.1	97

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2023

Southern Region All Cattle Inventory: 1993-2023

Thousand Head



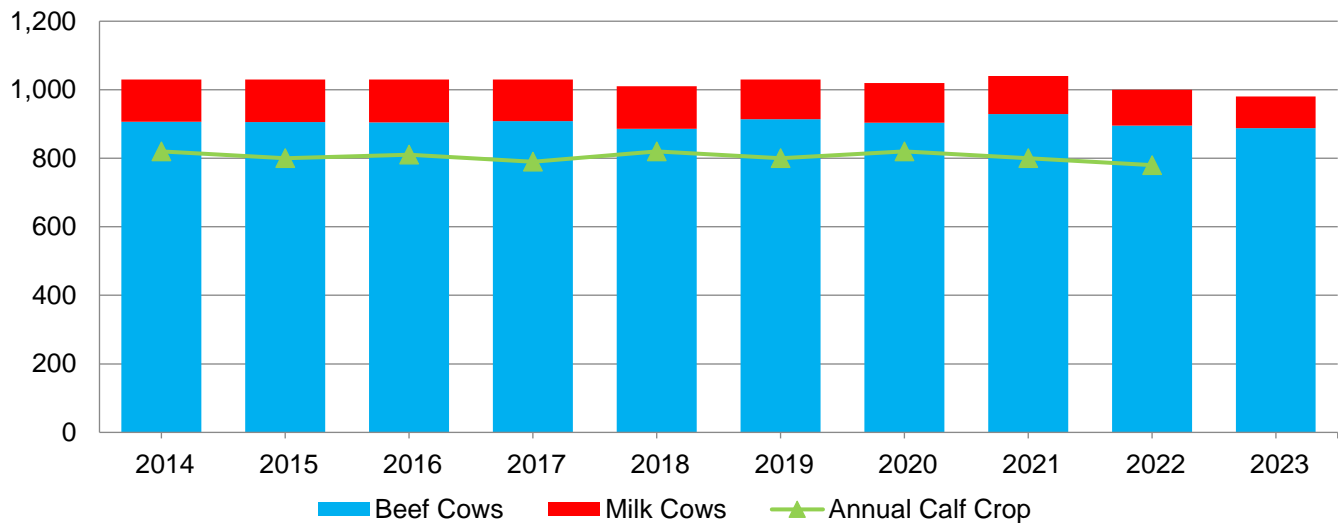
All Cows That Have Calved by Type – States and United States: January 1, 2022 and 2023

State	All cows			Beef cows			Milk cows		
	2022	2023	Percent of previous year	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)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama.....	675.0	680.0	101	672.0	678.0	101	3.0	2.0	67
Florida.....	1,000.0	980.0	98	895.0	888.0	99	105.0	92.0	88
Georgia.....	570.0	570.0	100	487.0	478.0	98	83.0	92.0	111
South Carolina ...	167.0	168.0	101	158.0	159.0	101	9.0	9.0	100
United States	39,360.1	38,320.4	97	29,983.1	28,917.9	96	9,377.0	9,402.5	100

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2023

Florida Cow Inventory and Calf Crop

Thousand Head



Heifers 500 Pounds and Over by Type – States and United States: January 1, 2022 and 2023

State	Beef replacements			Milk replacements			Other heifers		
	2022	2023	Percent of previous year	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)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama.....	108.0	107.0	99	2.0	2.0	100	50.0	46.0	92
Florida.....	125.0	125.0	100	30.0	30.0	100	25.0	20.0	80
Georgia.....	100.0	90.0	90	25.0	20.0	80	25.0	28.0	112
South Carolina ...	29.0	30.0	103	5.0	4.0	80	9.0	10.0	111
United States	5,481.5	5,163.7	94	4,440.6	4,337.2	98	9,993.9	9,671.6	97

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2023

Steers, Bulls, and Calves – States and United States: January 1, 2022 and 2023

State	Steers 500 pounds and over			Bulls 500 pounds and over			Calves under 500 pounds		
	2022	2023	Percent of previous year	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)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama.....	47.0	46.0	98	43.0	44.0	102	335.0	325.0	97
Florida.....	25.0	25.0	100	55.0	50.0	91	370.0	390.0	105
Georgia.....	40.0	37.0	93	30.0	30.0	100	260.0	255.0	98
South Carolina ...	11.0	12.0	109	12.0	11.0	92	77.0	80.0	104
United States	16,704.7	16,131.6	97	2,109.6	2,029.0	96	13,986.2	13,620.6	97

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2023