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## CATTLE INVENTORY JANUARY 1, 2024

### ARIZONA

The January 1, 2024, inventory of all cattle and calves in Arizona totaled 970,000 head, down 1 percent, or 10,000 head from the January 1, 2023, inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cow inventory totaled 176,000 head, up 1,000 head, or less than 1 percent, from the previous year. Milk cow inventory totaled 199,000 head, up 4,000 head, or 2 percent, from the previous year. Arizona's 2023 calf crop, at 295,000 head, increased 5,000 head, or 2 percent from 2022.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2024, and percent changes from 2023 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 6 percent, at 31,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 125,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 11 percent to 24,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 4 percent to 275,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 20,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, unchanged, at 120,000 head. There was 267,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down less than 1 percent from last year.

### COLORADO

The January 1, 2024, inventory of all cattle and calves in Colorado totaled 2.61 million head, down 2 percent, or 40,000 head from the January 1, 2023, inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cow inventory totaled 643,000 head, down 5,000 head, or less than 1 percent, from the previous year. Milk cow inventory totaled 197,000 head, down 5,000 head, or 2 percent, from the previous year. Colorado's 2023 calf crop, at 780,000 head, was unchanged from 2022.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2024, and percent changes from 2023 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 4 percent, at 130,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 4 percent, at 125,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 590,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 4 percent, at 760,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 45,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, unchanged, at 120,000 head. There was 1.05 million head of cattle and calves on feed, down 2 percent from last year.

### MONTANA

The January 1, 2024, inventory of all cattle and calves in Montana totaled 2.12 million head, down 2 percent, or 40,000 head from the January 1, 2023, inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cow inventory totaled 1.25 million head, down 20,000 head, or 2 percent, from the previous year. Milk cow inventory totaled 9,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Montana's 2023 calf crop, at 1.25 million head, decreased 20,000 head, or 2 percent from 2022.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2024, and percent changes from 2023 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 2 percent, at 305,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 4,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 186,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 9 percent, at 200,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, down 5 percent, at 90,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, unchanged, at 75,000 head. There was 38,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, unchanged from last year.

### NEW MEXICO

The January 1, 2024, inventory of all cattle and calves in New Mexico totaled 1.29 million head, down 3 percent, or 40,000 head from the January 1, 2023, inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cow inventory totaled 450,000 head, down 4,000 head, or less than 1 percent, from the previous year. Milk cow inventory totaled 250,000 head, down 31,000 head, or 11 percent, from the previous year. New Mexico's 2023 calf crop, at 570,000 head, decreased 10,000 head, or 2 percent from 2022.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2024, and percent changes from 2023 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 7 percent, at 70,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 105,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 8 percent, at 70,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, down 4 percent, at 110,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 20 percent, at 30,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 2 percent, at 205,000 head.

### UTAH

The January 1, 2024, inventory of all cattle and calves in Utah totaled 750,000 head, up 1 percent, or 10,000 head from the January 1, 2023, inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cow inventory totaled 335,000 head, up 12,000 head, or 4 percent, from the previous year. Milk cow inventory totaled 90,000 head, down 2,000 head, or 2 percent, from the previous year. Utah's 2023 calf crop, at 365,000 head, was unchanged from 2022.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2024, and percent changes from 2023 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 60,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 50,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 50,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 80,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 5 percent,

at 23,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 2 percent, at 62,000 head. There was 16,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 11 percent from last year.

## WYOMING

The January 1, 2024, inventory of all cattle and calves in Wyoming totaled 1.26 million head, unchanged from the January 1, 2023, inventory, according to the January 1 Cattle Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Beef cow inventory totaled 671,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Milk cow inventory totaled 9,000 head, also unchanged from the previous year. Wyoming's 2023 calf crop, at 640,000 head, was unchanged from 2022.

Other class estimates as of January 1, 2024, and percent changes from 2023 were as follows: Beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, down 4 percent, at 130,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 6,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 7 percent, at 144,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 175,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged, at 35,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 5 percent, at 90,000 head. There was 71,000 head of cattle and calves on feed, down 1 percent from last year.

## UNITED STATES

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.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2024 totaled 15.8 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2023.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2024 totaled 2.02 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2023.

Calves under 500 pounds as of January 1, 2024 totaled 13.3 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2023.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.4 million head on January 1, 2024. The inventory is up 2 percent from the January 1, 2023 total of 14.2 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 82.7 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2024, up slightly from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots), at 24.2 million head, was 4 percent below January 1, 2023.

The 2023 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 33.6 million head, down 2 percent from the previous year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2023 were estimated at 24.7 million head, down 2 percent from the first half of 2022. Calves born during the second half of 2023 were estimated at 8.89 million head, 26 percent of the total 2023 calf crop.

All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2022, January 1, 2023, and July 1, 2023 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, July 1, 2022 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.3 percent. January 1, 2023 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.5 percent and 2022 calf crop decreased by 0.1 percent. July 1, 2023 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.5 percent and 2023 calf crop decreased by 0.6 percent. State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

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