

CATTLE



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ALL CATTLE

On July 1, 1973, the national farm and ranch inventory of cattle and calves totaled nearly 131 million head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This compares with the January 1 inventory number of 122 million head and reflects the seasonal increase because of calf crop and marketing patterns.

This report initiates annual mid-year cattle inventory estimates by classes. State estimates are provided for 28 major States which accounted for about 88 percent of the Nation's total cattle on January 1, 1973. Estimates for the remaining 22 States are shown as an aggregate to provide U. S. totals.

Mid-year cattle inventory estimates by classes are not available for earlier years, except for beef cows, milk cows and all cows which began with July 1, 1971.

COW INVENTORY

The number of all cows and heifers that have calved on hand this July 1 totaled 53.8 million head, up 4 percent from July 1 last year. Mid-year cow inventory statistics have been published since 1971. Beef cows at 42.4 million head are up 6 percent nationally but milk cows at 11.4 million head are down 2 percent from last year.

Texas, Missouri and Oklahoma, the top three States in cow inventory, had increases of 15, 8, and 4 percent, respectively, from July 1, 1972.

OTHER CLASSES

An estimated 18.3 million heifers weighing 500 pounds and over were on hand July 1 this year. Of this total 7.2 million head were beef replacement heifers, 3.9 million head were milk cow replacements and 7.2 million head were other heifers.

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Included in this group were 3.3 million head of heifers weighing 500 pounds and over in feedlots in 23 major feeding States on July 1.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 17.7 million head. This included nearly 8.5 million steers weighing 500 pounds and over on feed in the 23 major feeding States.

The July 1, 1973 inventory of all heifer, steer and bull calves weighing less than 500 pounds was 38.3 million head--most of these are from the 1973 calf crop.

CALF CROP

Preliminary estimates of 50 million calves born and expected to be born during calendar year 1973 on U. S. farms and ranches point to a record calf crop and represent an increase of 4 percent over 1972, the previous record year. Historic data on calves born show increases in 15 out of the last 20 years. Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska rank in that order in total calf crop expected among the 50 States. These 5 States account for about 31 percent of the total calves born and expected to be born during 1973 throughout the U. S.

Cattle and calves: Number on farms and ranches, by classes, United States,
July 1, 1971-73 1/

Class	1971	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head			Percent
Cattle and calves			130,655	
Cows and heifers that have calved	50,531	51,664	53,788	104
Beef cows	38,689	39,956	42,363	106
Milk cows	11,842	11,708	11,425	98
Heifers 500 pounds and over			18,304	
For beef cow replacements			7,173	
For milk cow replacements			3,904	
Other heifers			7,227	
Steers 500 pounds and over			17,669	
Bulls 500 pounds and over			2,632	
Heifers, steers and bulls under 500 pounds			38,262	
Calves born 2/	46,739	47,889	50,000	104

1/ Data not available for periods blank.

2/ Calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born after July 1.

All cattle and calves: Number on farms and ranches by States,
July 1, 1973

State	Number	State	Number	State	Number
	(000)		(000)		(000)
Alabama	2,220	Kansas	7,136	Ohio	2,051
Arkansas	2,307	Kentucky	3,270	Oklahoma	5,950
California	4,900	Minnesota	4,070	Pennsylvania	1,708
Colorado	4,000	Mississippi	2,758	South Dakota	5,539
Florida	2,570	Missouri	6,200	Tennessee	2,936
Georgia	2,080	Montana	4,070	Texas	16,400
Idaho	2,027	Nebraska	7,300	Wisconsin	4,260
Illinois	3,055	New Mexico	2,040	Wyoming	2,000
Indiana	2,025	New York	1,773	28 States	115,305
Iowa	7,700	North Dakota	2,960	22 Other Sts. 1/	15,350
				U. S. Total	130,655

1/ State estimate not available in July.

Cattle and calves: Number on farms and ranches, by class, by States,
July 1, 1971-73

State	All cows that have calved				Beef cows that have calved			
	1971	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972	1971	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent		1,000 head		Percent	
Alabama	1,060	1,100	1,135	103	940	980	1,020	104
Arkansas	1,046	1,088	1,132	104	949	992	1,038	105
California	1,680	1,691	1,720	102	917	913	938	103
Colorado	1,143	1,180	1,190	101	1,064	1,101	1,114	101
Florida	1,236	1,297	1,390	107	1,043	1,099	1,192	108
Georgia	1,002	1,026	1,064	104	856	881	928	105
Idaho	758	796	817	103	611	640	659	103
Illinois	1,108	1,112	1,100	99	819	829	825	100
Indiana	686	704	740	105	449	469	511	109
Iowa	2,200	2,240	2,200	98	1,726	1,783	1,760	99
Kansas	2,090	2,160	2,305	107	1,914	1,992	2,152	108
Kentucky	1,424	1,467	1,540	105	1,094	1,142	1,227	107
Minnesota	1,525	1,525	1,535	101	582	593	625	105
Mississippi	1,349	1,377	1,434	104	1,181	1,223	1,294	106
Missouri	2,360	2,500	2,700	108	2,031	2,177	2,383	109
Montana	1,680	1,710	1,749	102	1,644	1,677	1,719	103
Nebraska	2,210	2,280	2,330	102	2,039	2,112	2,167	103
New Mexico	689	720	750	104	658	690	720	104
New York	1,034	1,023	1,002	98	98	103	102	99
North Dakota	1,175	1,225	1,290	105	1,042	1,095	1,164	106
Ohio	819	827	800	97	378	391	379	97
Oklahoma	2,318	2,390	2,480	104	2,178	2,254	2,348	104
Pennsylvania	844	830	816	98	150	147	150	102
South Dakota	1,980	2,056	2,138	104	1,800	1,881	1,969	105
Tennessee	1,325	1,400	1,424	102	1,054	1,145	1,189	104
Texas	6,084	6,080	7,000	115	5,729	5,722	6,641	116
Wisconsin	2,130	2,162	2,127	98	308	330	313	95
Wyoming	769	788	830	105	753	773	816	106
28 States	43,724	44,754	46,738	105	34,007	35,134	37,343	106
22 Other Sts. 1/	6,807	6,910	7,050	98	4,682	4,822	5,020	104
U. S.	50,531	51,664	53,788	104	38,689	39,956	42,363	106

State	Milk cows that have calved				State	Milk cows that have calved			
	1971	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972		1971	1972	1973	1973 as % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent			1,000 head		Percent	
Alabama	120	120	115	96	Montana	36	33	30	91
Arkansas	97	96	94	98	Nebraska	171	168	163	97
California	763	778	782	101	New Mexico	31	30	30	100
Colorado	79	79	76	96	New York	936	920	900	98
Florida	193	198	198	100	North Dakota	133	130	126	97
Georgia	146	145	136	94	Ohio	441	436	421	97
Idaho	147	156	158	101	Oklahoma	140	136	132	97
Illinois	289	283	275	97	Pennsylvania	694	683	666	98
Indiana	237	235	229	97	South Dakota	180	175	169	97
Iowa	474	457	440	96	Tennessee	271	255	235	92
Kansas	176	168	153	91	Texas	355	358	359	100
Kentucky	530	525	513	96	Wisconsin	1,822	1,832	1,814	99
Minnesota	943	932	910	98	Wyoming	16	15	14	93
Mississippi	168	154	140	91	28 States	9,717	9,620	9,395	98
Missouri	329	323	317	98	22 Other Sts. 1/	2,125	2,088	2,030	97
					U. S.	11,842	11,708	11,425	98

1/ State estimate not available in July.

Cattle and Calves: Number on farms and ranches, by classes, by States,
July 1, 1973

State	Heifers 500 pounds and over		
	Beef cow replacement	Milk cow replacement	Others
	1973	1973	1973
		1,000 head	
Alabama	166	31	30
Arkansas	175	23	42
California	220	294	211
Colorado	242	33	516
Florida	206	36	41
Georgia	130	46	52
Idaho	101	71	80
Illinois	125	95	325
Indiana	91	77	168
Iowa	230	150	1,155
Kansas	300	64	542
Kentucky	196	77	65
Minnesota	135	335	310
Mississippi	218	41	33
Missouri	370	70	240
Montana	336	11	102
Nebraska	346	41	897
New Mexico	150	12	145
New York	34	320	34
North Dakota	214	38	65
Ohio	94	140	105
Oklahoma	333	39	250
Pennsylvania	37	212	60
South Dakota	415	61	277
Tennessee	206	85	38
Texas	1,050	115	787
Wisconsin	93	704	139
Wyoming	180	3	78
28 State	6,393	3,224	6,787
22 Other States	780	680	440
U. S. Total	7,173	3,904	7,227
	Steers	Bulls	Steers, heifers, and
	500 pounds and over	500 pounds and over	bulls under 500 pounds
	1973	1973	1973
		1,000 head	
Alabama	70	52	736
Arkansas	67	65	803
California	1,220	80	1,155
Colorado	912	67	1,040
Florida	90	75	732
Georgia	104	60	624
Idaho	295	43	620
Illinois	580	50	780
Indiana	306	30	613
Iowa	1,825	90	2,050
Kansas	1,834	114	1,977
Kentucky	203	77	1,112
Minnesota	659	49	1,047
Mississippi	33	80	919
Missouri	590	130	2,100
Montana	244	86	1,542
Nebraska	1,614	122	1,950
New Mexico	320	43	620
New York	35	24	324
North Dakota	148	65	1,140
Ohio	373	41	498
Oklahoma	800	110	1,938
Pennsylvania	210	40	333
South Dakota	665	105	1,878
Tennessee	117	68	998
Texas	2,198	410	4,840
Wisconsin	279	48	870
Wyoming	168	48	693
28 State	15,959	2,272	33,932
22 Other States	1,710	360	4,330
U. S. Total	17,669	2,632	38,262

Calves Born, 1971-73

State	1971	1972	1973 <u>1/</u>	1973 as % of 1972
		1,000 head		Percent
Alabama	942	980	1,033	105
Arkansas	959	1,007	1,030	102
California	1,539	1,532	1,580	103
Colorado	1,081	1,110	1,130	102
Florida	1,025	1,087	1,170	108
Georgia	893	911	940	103
Idaho	740	760	783	103
Illinois	1,014	1,020	1,035	101
Indiana	670	672	710	106
Iowa	2,150	2,190	2,160	99
Kansas	1,958	2,060	2,200	107
Kentucky	1,365	1,420	1,490	105
Minnesota	1,502	1,472	1,500	102
Mississippi	1,198	1,222	1,282	105
Missouri	2,240	2,375	2,565	108
Montana	1,582	1,640	1,680	102
Nebraska	2,118	2,160	2,193	102
New Mexico	615	619	670	108
New York	967	969	959	99
North Dakota	1,148	1,205	1,264	105
Ohio	762	762	754	99
Oklahoma	2,123	2,187	2,290	105
Pennsylvania	831	820	805	98
South Dakota	1,889	1,965	2,044	104
Tennessee	1,188	1,225	1,300	106
Texas	5,286	5,444	6,250	115
Wisconsin	2,082	2,100	2,089	99
Wyoming	710	729	764	105
28 States	40,577	41,643	43,670	105
22 Other States	6,162	6,246	6,330	101
U. S.	46,739	47,889	50,000	104

1/ Calves born before July 1 plus the number expected to be born after July 1.
