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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 4 Percent**

All cattle and calves in Arkansas as of January 1, 2023, totaled 1.63 million head, were down 4 percent from January 1, 2022. The calf crop for the full year of 2022 was 760,000 head, down 1 percent from last year. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 870,000 head, were down 4 percent from January 1, 2022; beef cows, at 866,000 head, were down 4 percent; and milk cows, at 4,000 head, were down 20 percent from 2022. All heifers weighing 500 pounds and over were down 7 percent at 195,000 head. Steers were unchanged at 115,000 head; bulls were unchanged at 55,000 head; and calves weighing less than 500 pounds were down 4 percent at 395,000 head.

Meat and other goat inventory in Arkansas, on January 1, 2023, totaled 31,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. The January 1, 2023, Arkansas milk goat inventory totaled 4,500 head, up 500 head from 2022.

**Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop - Arkansas and United States: January 1, 2022 and 2023**

Class	Arkansas			United States		
	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)
All cattle and calves .....	1,700.0	1,630.0	96	92,076.6	89,274.1	97
All cows and heifers that have calved .....	910.0	870.0	96	39,360.1	38,320.4	97
Beef cows .....	905.0	866.0	96	29,983.1	28,917.9	96
Milk cows .....	5.0	4.0	80	9,377.0	9,402.5	100
All heifers 500 pounds and over .....	210.0	195.0	93	19,916.0	19,172.5	96
Beef replacement heifers .....	135.0	118.0	87	5,481.5	5,163.7	94
Milk replacement heifers .....	3.0	3.0	100	4,440.6	4,337.2	98
Other heifers .....	72.0	74.0	103	9,993.9	9,671.6	97
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	115.0	115.0	100	16,704.7	16,131.6	97
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	55.0	55.0	100	2,109.6	2,029.0	96
Calves under 500 pounds .....	410.0	395.0	96	13,986.2	13,620.6	97
All cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	14,694.6	14,157.3	96
	2021	2022	Percent of previous year	2021	2022	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Calf crop during year .....	770.0	760.0	99	35,165.9	34,464.5	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, 2022 and 2023**

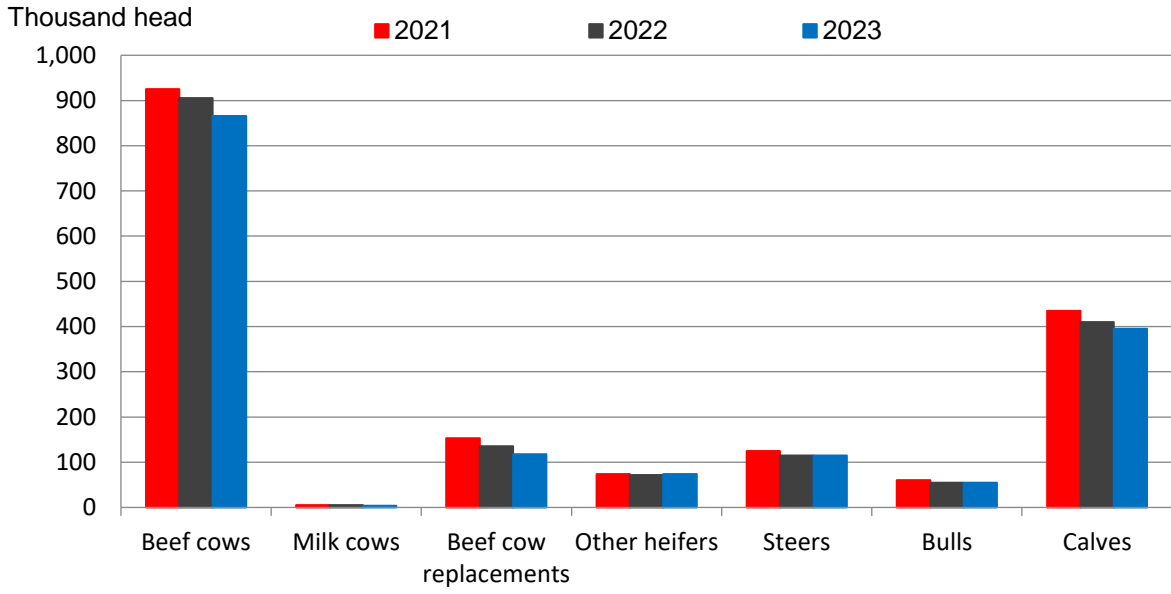
Animal and class	Arkansas			United States		
	2022	2023	Percent of previous year	2022	2023	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All goats .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	2,550.0	2,507.0	98
Angora goats .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	110.0	107.0	97
Meat and other goats .....	31.0	31.0	100	2,030.0	2,000.0	99
Milk goats .....	4.0	4.5	113	410.0	400.0	98
Sheep .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	5,065.0	5,020.0	99

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(X) Not applicable.



**Cattle Inventory by Class - Arkansas: January 1, 2021 - 2023**



**Cattle Inventory - Arkansas and United States: January 1, 2013 - 2023**

