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Arkansas Livestock Records



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**Livestock Records for Inventory Numbers**

[Record estimates are for most current year and may have been equaled in previous years]

Species	Series began	Unit	Record high		Record low	
			Inventory number	Year	Inventory number	Year
Catfish, water acres .....	1989	acres	38,000	2002	3,400	2023
Cattle and calves .....	1867	head	2,680,000	1975	371,000	1867
Cows and heifers that have calved:						
Beef cows <sup>1</sup> .....	1920	head	1,259,000	1975	30,000	1928
Milk cows <sup>1</sup> .....	1867	head	536,000	1943	4,000	2023
Chickens <sup>2</sup> .....	1924	chicks	27,450,000	1980	4,488,000	1958
Commercial broilers <sup>3</sup> .....	1934	chicks	1,296,727,000	2004	1,500,000	1934
Goats						
Meat and other .....	2005	head	50,000	2010	27,000	2005
Milk .....	2005	head	5,100	2008	3,800	2013
Hogs .....	1866	head	1,640,000	1895	107,000	2011
Honey						
Honey producing colonies .....	1987	colonies	55,000	1995	17,000	2021
Yield per colony .....	1987	pounds	98	2001	49	2020
Production .....	1987	pounds	4,900,000	2001	850,000	2021

<sup>1</sup> Prior to January 1, 1980, definition was beef cows and milk cows two years old and over.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes broilers.

<sup>3</sup> Number placed during year.