



News Release

Michigan Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Michigan as of January 1, 2024 were 1.09 million head, down 3 percent from last year, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers remained unchanged at 101,000 head. Beef replacement heifers increased 5 percent to 23,000 head.
- Milk cows increased 1 percent to 439,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement decreased 1 percent to 126,000 head.
- The 2023 calf crop was 380,000 head, up 3 percent from 2022.

Nationally, 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.

Cattle Inventory by Class – Michigan and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	Michigan		United States	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All cattle and calves	1,120	1,090	88,841	87,157
Cows	535	540	38,337	37,580
Beef	101	101	28,939	28,223
Milk	434	439	9,398	9,357
Replacement heifers	190	185	18,761	18,483
Beef	22	23	4,930	4,858
Milk	127	126	4,074	4,059
Other	41	36	9,758	9,566
Steers 500 pounds and over	171	151	16,057	15,789
Bulls 500 pounds and over	14	14	2,029	2,021
Calves under 500 pounds	210	200	13,658	13,285
Cattle on feed	150	135	14,196	14,423

Totals may not add due to rounding.