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HAWAII CATTLE

January 1 Inventory and Calf Crop

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Low prices, dry weather continue inventory decline

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Cattle and calves on Hawaii's ranches on January 1, 1997 totaled **166,000** head, according to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service*, a 3 percent and 5 percent decrease from January 1, 1996 and January 1, 1995, respectively. This year's inventory was the lowest since 165,000 head on January 1, 1994. The decline in inventory can be attributed to low cattle prices and dry weather. After several years of drier than normal weather in major grazing areas, the supply of forage feed was reduced, forcing ranchers to cut back herd sizes. An increase in death losses, along with a smaller calf crop, also contributed to the lower inventory.

YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGES BY CLASS

- Beef Cows- 81,000 head - up 1,000 head
- Milk Cows- 10,000 head - unchanged
- Heifers 500 lbs and over
 - Beef Replacement - 16,000 head- up 2,000
 - Milk Replacement - 5,000 head- up 1,000
 - Other heifers - 6,000 head- down 2,000
- Steers 500 lbs and over - 8,000 head- unchanged
- Bulls-5,000 head - unchanged
- Calves under 500 lbs. - 35,000 head- down 7,000

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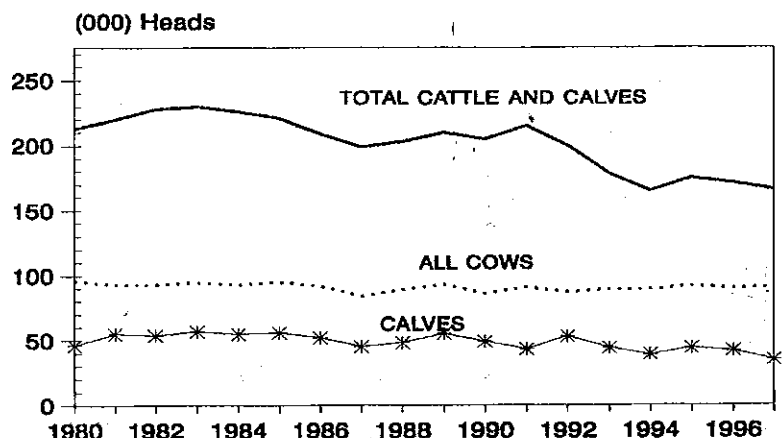
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JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY State of Hawaii, 1980-1997

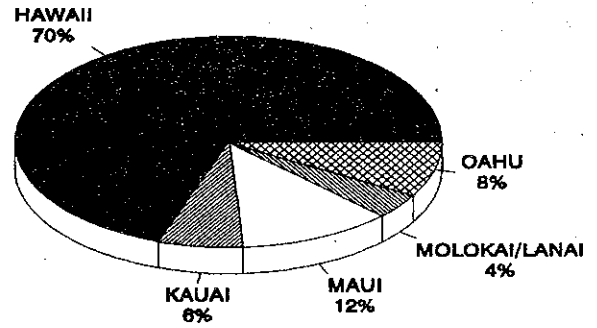


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CATTLE INVENTORY BY ISLANDS
January 1, 1997

Only two islands with high inventory

The island of Hawaii, with 70 percent of the State's inventory, had 114,800 head on hand January 1, 1997, a decrease of 4,500 from the previous year. The islands of Molokai/Lanai and Oahu also record declines in inventory numbers. Molokai and Lanai, combined, had 500 fewer than a year earlier, and Oahu was down 1,200 head. Maui island had 20,800 head, 800 more on hand than the previous year, reversing six years of decline. Kauai/Niihau, with 11,200 head, was up 400 from the previous year.



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CATTLE AND CALVES: January 1 inventory by sex classes and weight, by islands, 1993-97

Year	All cattle and calves	All cows and heifers that have calved			Heifers 500 pounds and over				Steers 500 lbs. and over	Bulls 500 lbs. and over	Steers, heifers, and bulls under 500 lbs.	
		Total	Beef cows	Milk cows	Total	Beef cow replacements	Milk cow replacements	Other				
1,000 head												
STATE ¹												
1993	178	89	78	11	28	12	4	12	12	5	44	
1994	165	89	78	11	24	11	4	9	8	5	39	
1995	175	92	81	11	27	16	4	7	7	5	44	
1996	171	90	80	10	26	14	4	8	8	5	42	
1997	166	91	81	10	27	16	5	6	8	5	35	
HAWAII												
1993	117.0	59.7	58.0	1.7	17.1	8.0	1.1	8.0	6.9	3.5	29.8	
1994	110.0	61.7	60.0	1.7	14.9	7.9	.9	6.1	4.5	3.6	25.3	
1995	122.4	64.9	63.2	1.7	16.3	10.7	1.2	4.4	4.2	3.6	33.4	
1996	119.3	63.1	61.4	1.7	16.1	10.3	1.0	4.8	4.9	3.6	31.6	
1997	114.8	62.3	60.5	1.8	17.8	12.5	1.4	3.9	4.7	3.9	26.1	
KAUAI/NIIHAU												
1993	11.0	4.5	4.0	.5	2.5	.7	.8	1.0	1.2	.4	2.4	
1994	10.5	4.2	3.7	.5	2.4	.7	.8	.9	1.2	.4	2.3	
1995	10.5	4.7	4.1	.6	2.3	.8	.7	.8	.9	.3	2.3	
1996	10.8	4.4	3.9	.5	2.3	.8	.8	.7	1.3	.4	2.4	
1997	11.2	4.7	4.1	.6	2.5	.9	.7	.9	1.1	.3	2.6	
MAUI												
1993	26.0	12.7	11.8	.9	4.3	2.5	.4	1.4	1.4	.8	6.8	
1994	22.5	11.3	10.3	1.0	3.3	1.4	.4	1.5	2.0	.7	5.2	
1995	22.0	11.0	10.0	1.0	4.3	2.8	.4	1.1	1.2	.5	5.0	
1996	20.0	10.4	9.4	1.0	3.5	1.8	.4	1.3	1.0	.5	4.6	
1997	20.8	11.9	11.0	.9	3.1	1.7	.5	.9	1.5	.5	3.8	
MOLOKAI/LANAI												
1993	8.5	2.6	2.6	0	1.8	.7	0	1.1	2.1	.1	1.9	
1994	7.0	2.9	2.9	*	1.0	.8	*	.2	.4	.1	2.6	
1995	6.4	2.6	2.6	0	2.1	1.2	0	.9	.6	.1	1.0	
1996	6.6	3.6	3.6	0	1.7	.9	0	.8	.4	.2	.7	
1997	6.1	4.4	4.4	0	.8	.5	0	.3	.3	.2	.4	
OAHU												
1993	15.5	9.1	1.4	7.7	2.4	.3	1.6	.5	.8	.2	3.0	
1994	15.0	8.9	1.4	7.5	2.6	.4	2.1	.1	.2	.2	3.1	
1995	13.7	8.7	1.5	7.2	2.1	.3	1.7	.1	.2	.2	2.5	
1996	14.3	8.5	1.8	6.7	2.6	.3	2.0	.3	.3	.2	2.7	
1997	13.1	7.7	1.4	6.3	2.7	.3	2.3	.1	.2	.2	2.3	

* = Less than 50. ¹ State totals may not add due to rounding.

Total Marketings Decline

Cattle and calf marketings for 1996 totaled 58,000 head, 4,000 below the previous year. The bulk of the marketings continued to be exports of calves averaging about 410 pounds per head. Out-of-State shipments totaled 38,000 head, 8,000 less than in 1995. Local commercial slaughter increased to 17,000 head, reversing six years of decline.

Calf Crop at 10-Year Low

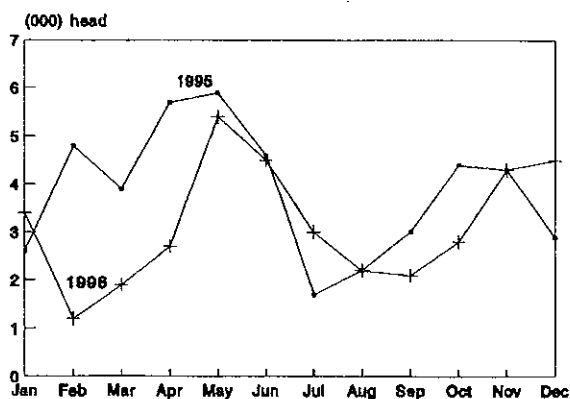
The 1996 calf crop is estimated at 65,000 head, 2,000 below 1995 and 11,000 less than 1994. This was the lowest calf crop since the 1986 total of 64,000 calves.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Inventory and disposition, State of Hawaii, 1992-96

Year	Inventory beginning January 1	Calf crop	Inshipments	Marketings	Farm slaughter	Deaths	Inventory January 1 following year
				1,000 head			
1992	200	71	*	84	1	8	178
1993	178	71	*	75	1	8	165
1994	165	76	1	62	1	4	175
1995	175	67	*	62	1	8	171
1996	171	65	*	58	1	11	166

* = Less than 500.

Cattle & Calf Export State of Hawaii, 1995-96



CATTLE AND CALF: Exports, 1992-1996

Year	Total Export	Cattle ¹	Calves ²	Steers	Heifers
		1,000 head			
1992	46	20	26	NA	NA
1993	54	12	42	NA	NA
1994	44	12	32	29	15
1995	46	2	44	32	14
1996	38	4	34	37	11

¹ Over 500 pounds.

² Under 500 pounds.

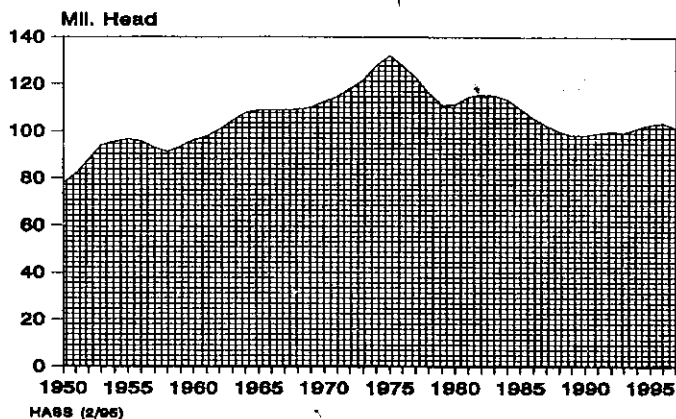
U.S. INVENTORY SECTION

U.S. Inventory Down 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States, as of January 1, 1997, totaled 101.2 million head, 2 percent below the 103.5 million on January 1, 1996, and 2 percent below the 102.8 million two years ago.

The 1996 calf crop was estimated at 39.6 million, down 2 percent from 1995 and down 1 percent from 1994. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 29.2 million, down, 1 percent from 1995 and slightly below 1994.

JANUARY 1 U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY

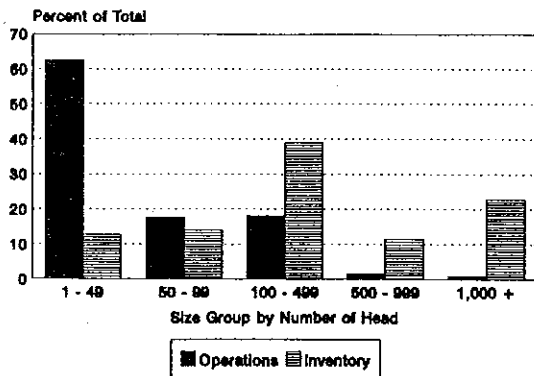


Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States January 1, 1995-97

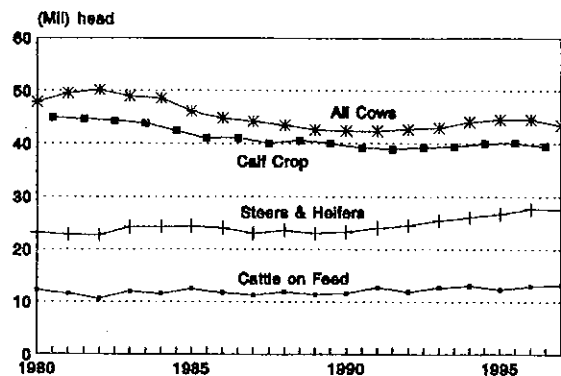
Class	1995	1996	1997	1996/1995
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	102,755	103,487	101,209	98
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	44,643	44,644	43,561	98
Beef Cows	35,156	35,228	34,280	97
Milk Cows	9,487	9,416	9,281	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,891	20,232	20,306	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	6,475	6,179	6,051	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,141	4,104	4,037	98
Other Heifers	9,275	9,949	10,219	103
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	17,463	17,732	17,315	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,390	2,392	2,339	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	18,369	18,488	17,688	96
	1994	1995	1996	1996/1995
Calf Crop	40,059	40,211	39,586	98

SOURCE: U.S. cattle inventory estimates and comments from January 31, 1997 issue of *Cattle*, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

U.S. Size Group Comparison
Cattle Operations vs Cattle Inventory
by Percent



U.S. CATTLE
Comparison by category
1980 - 1997



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