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HAWAII CATTLE

January 1 Inventory and Calf Crop

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Inventory declines for third year, Marketings level off

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Cattle and calves on Hawaii's ranches on January 1, 1998 totaled **164,000** head, according to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service*, a 1 percent and 4 percent decrease from January 1, 1997 and January 1, 1996, respectively. This year's inventory was the lowest since records began in 1956. Although 1997 was a near-normal year for weather, the decline in inventory can be attributed to several years of drier-than-normal weather prior to 1997; as well as the lower cattle prices during 1996 and early 1997. With the decline in forage feed supplies and lower returns to ranchers, a number of ranches were sold or closed during 1997. Half of the decline can be attributed to a decrease in the number of dairy cows used for milk production.

YEAR-TO-YEAR CHANGES BY CLASS

- Beef Cows- 80,000 head - down 1,000
- Milk Cows- 9,000 head - down 1,000
- Heifers 500 lbs and over
 - Beef Replacement - 15,000 head- down 1,000
 - Milk Replacement - 4,000 head- down 1,000
 - Other heifers - 11,000 head- up 5,000
- Steers 500 lbs and over - 10,000 head- up 2,000
- Bulls-5,000 head - unchanged
- Calves under 500 lbs. - 30,000 head- down 5,000

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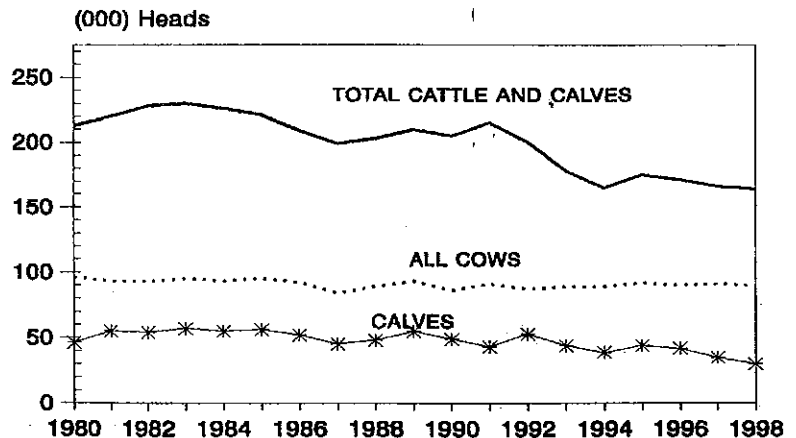
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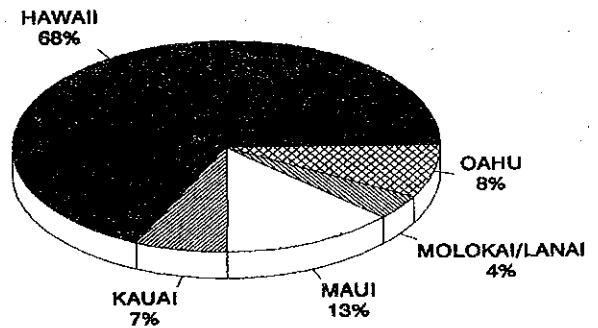
JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY State of Hawaii, 1980-1998



Inventory decline only on Hawaii Island

The island of Hawaii, with 68 percent of the State's inventory, had 111,800 head on hand on January 1, 1998, a 3,000-head decrease from the previous year. All of the State's decrease in inventory occurred on Hawaii island. All other islands recorded modest increases in inventory. The island of Maui showed the largest increase with 400 head to a total of 21,200 head. Molokai and Lanai, combined, for a 300-head increase from a year earlier to 6,400 head. The 200-head increase on Oahu brought the island's inventory up to

CATTLE INVENTORY BY ISLANDS January 1, 1998



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CATTLE AND CALVES: January 1 inventory by sex classes and weight, by islands, 1994-98

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											
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
1998	164	89	80	9	30	15	4	11	10	5	30
HAWAII											
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
1998	111.8	60.0	57.8	2.2	20.9	11.3	.8	8.8	6.0	3.5	21.4
KAUAI/NIIHAU											
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
1998	11.3	5.2	4.6	.6	2.3	.9	.4	1.0	1.5	.4	1.9
MAUI											
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
1998	21.2	11.9	10.9	1.0	3.2	1.9	.6	.7	1.4	.7	4.0
MOLOKAI/LANAI											
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
1998	6.4	4.4	4.4	0	.7	.3	0	.4	.4	.1	.8
OAHU											
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
1998	13.3	7.2	2.2	5.0	3.3	.9	2.3	.1	.3	.2	2.3

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

13,300 head. Kauai/Niihau recorded the smallest increase, up 100 from the previous year, to 11,300.

Total Marketings Decline

Cattle and calf marketings for 1997 totaled 58,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. The bulk of the marketings continued to be exports of calves averaging about 440 pounds per head. Out-of-State shipments totaled 39,000 head, 1,000 more than in

1996. Local commercial slaughter increased to 19,000 head.

Calf Crop up slightly

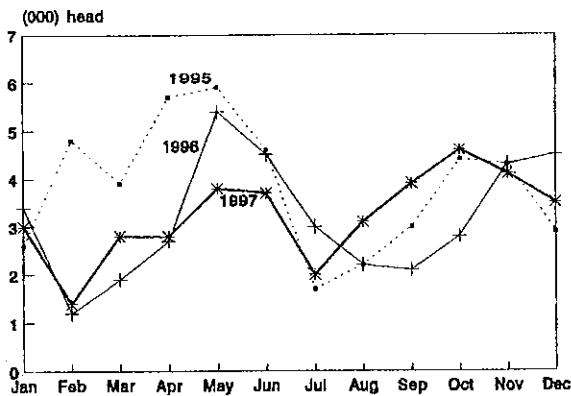
The 1997 calf crop is estimated at 67,000 head, 2,000 above 1996 and unchanged from 1995.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Inventory and disposition, State of Hawaii, 1993-97

Year	Inventory beginning January 1	Calf crop	Inshipments	Marketings	Farm slaughter	Deaths	Inventory January 1 following year
				1,000 head			
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
1997	166	67	*	58	1	10	164

* = Less than 500.

Cattle & Calf Export State of Hawaii, 1995-97



CATTLE AND CALF: Exports, 1993-97

Year	Total Export	Cattle ¹	Calves ²	Steers	Heifers
		1,000 head			
1993	54	12	42	NA	NA
1994	44	12	32	29	15
1995	46	2	44	32	14
1996	38	4	34	37	11
1997	39	5	34	25	14

¹ Over 500 pounds.

² Under 500 pounds.

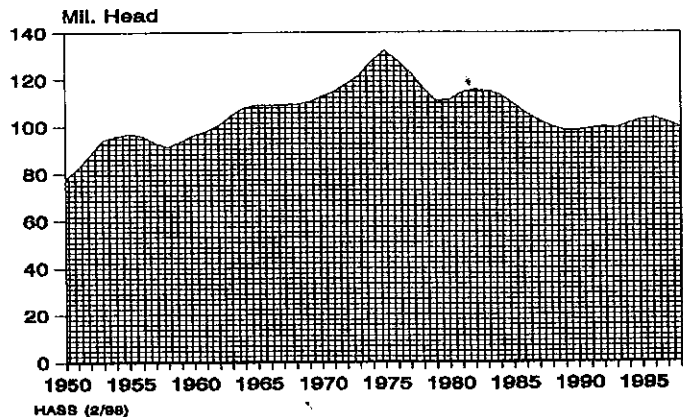
U.S. INVENTORY SECTION

U.S. Inventory Down 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 1998, totaled 99.5 million head, 2 percent below the 101.5 million on January 1, 1997 and 4 percent below the 103.5 million two years ago.

The 1997 calf crop was estimated at 38.7 million, down 3 percent from 1996 and down 4 percent from 1995. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.5 million, down 3 percent from both 1996 and 1995.

JANUARY 1 U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY

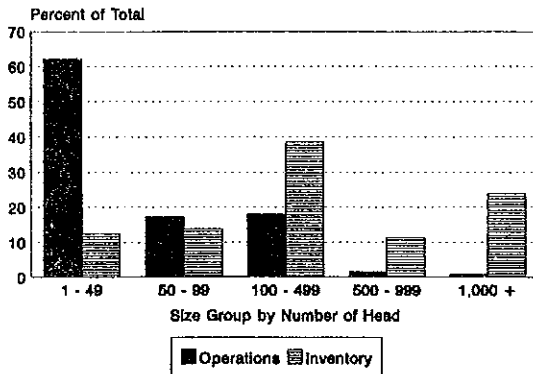


Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States January 1, 1996-98

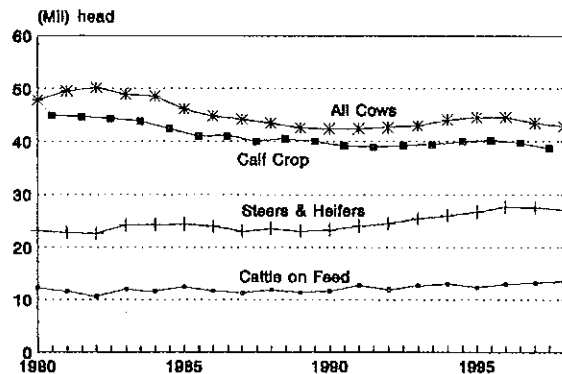
Class	1996	1997	1998	1997/1998
	<i>1,000 Head</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	103,487	101,460	99,501	98
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	44,644	43,580	42,874	98
Beef Cows	35,228	34,271	33,683	98
Milk Cows	9,416	9,309	9,191	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	20,232	20,311	19,746	97
For Beef Cow Replacement	6,179	6,056	5,745	95
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,104	4,057	3,982	98
Other Heifers	9,949	10,199	10,018	98
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	17,732	17,320	17,197	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,392	2,339	2,266	97
Calves Under 500 Pounds	18,488	17,909	17,418	97
	1995	1996	1997	1997/1996
Calf Crop	40,211	39,776	38,718	97

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 - 1998



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