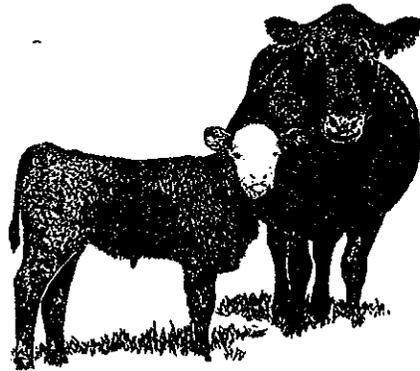


HAWAII CATTLE

January 1



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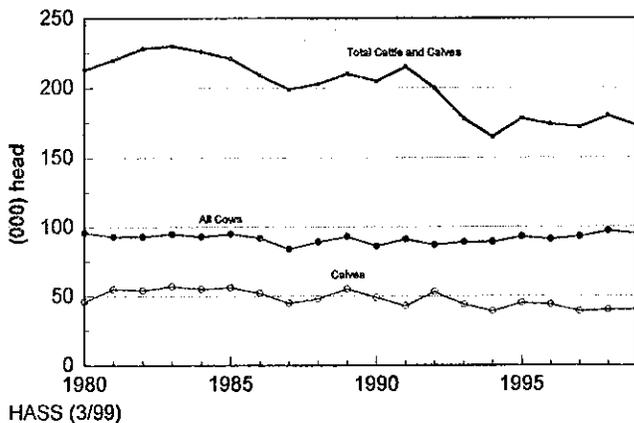
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INVENTORY DECLINE 4 PERCENT FROM YEAR AGO

According to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service*, the total number of cattle and calves on Hawaii's ranches on January 1, 1999 was 173,000 head, 7,000 below the revised number of a year earlier but 1,000 above the revised number of two years ago. Cattle inventory numbers were revised upward, each of the past 4 years, as a result of the 1997 Census of Agriculture. Changes in inventory from a year ago were reflected in only three of the class categories.

JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY State of Hawaii, 1980-99



Year-To-Year changes by class

- Beef cows - 86,000 head - down 2,000
- Milk cows - 9,000 head - unchanged
- Heifers 500 pounds and over
 - Beef replacements - 16,000 head - unchanged
 - Milk replacements - 4,000 head - unchanged
 - Other heifers - 5,000 head - down 3,000
- Steers - 8,000 head - down 2,000
- Bulls - 5,000 head - unchanged
- Calves - 40,000 head - unchanged

Inventory decline on all islands, except Oahu

The island of Hawaii, with around 69 percent of the State's inventory recorded a 5,100 head decline from a year earlier to 119,800 head on January 1, 1999. The county of Maui, islands of Maui/Molokai/Lanai, registered a drop in inventory of 1,500 head from January 1, 1998 to 29,200 head. The islands of Kauai/Niihau recorded an 800 head drop in inventory to 10,600 head. The island of Oahu was the only island to registered an increase in inventory, up 400 head from a year ago to 13,400 head.

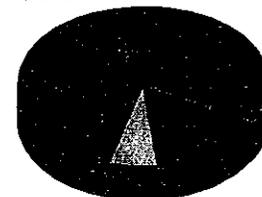
Total Marketings Higher

Cattle and calf marketings totaled 67,000 head

CATTLE INVENTORY BY ISLANDS

January 1, 1999

Hawaii 70.6%



Oahu 7.9%

Kauai 6.2%

Maui 15.3%

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during 1998 an increase of 9,000 head from the previous year. The bulk of marketings continued to be exports of cattle and calves to the west coast. Out-of-State shipments totaled 44,000 head during 1998 an increase of 5,000 from the previous year.

Below normal rainfall during 1998 left many pastures in the State dry and in need of forage. Cattle prices in 1998 were slightly below 1997

levels, but still above the low prices of 1996. This lack of pasture feed and slightly higher cattle prices from 1996, resulted in an increase in marketings to the west coast.

Calf Crop lower

The 1998 calf crop for Hawaii is estimated at 73,000 head, 4,000 and 1,000 below a year ago and two year's ago, respectively.

CATTLE AND CALVES: January 1 inventory by sex classes and weight, by island, 1995-99 ¹

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			
STATE ²											
1995	178	93	82	11	28	17	4	7	7	5	45
1996	174	91	81	10	27	15	4	8	7	5	44
1997	172	93	83	10	27	16	5	6	8	5	39
1998	180	97	88	9	28	16	4	8	10	5	40
1999	173	95	86	9	25	16	4	5	8	5	40
Hawaii											
1995	124.9	65.7	64.0	1.7	17.3	11.7	1.2	4.4	4.2	3.7	34.0
1996	121.2	63.4	61.7	1.7	17.0	11.2	1.0	4.8	4.5	3.6	32.7
1997	119.1	63.8	62.0	1.8	17.8	12.5	1.4	3.9	4.7	3.9	28.9
1998	124.9	67.6	65.4	2.2	18.2	11.6	.8	5.8	6.0	3.5	29.6
1999	119.8	65.8	63.9	1.9	16.1	11.8	1.1	3.2	5.1	3.5	29.3
Kauai/Niihau											
1995	10.5	4.7	4.1	.6	2.3	.8	.7	.8	.9	.3	2.3
1996	11.2	4.7	4.2	.5	2.3	.8	.8	.7	1.1	.4	2.7
1997	11.3	4.8	4.2	.6	2.5	.9	.7	.9	1.1	.3	2.6
1998	11.4	5.0	4.4	.6	2.2	.9	.4	.9	1.5	.4	2.3
1999	10.6	4.9	4.2	.7	1.8	.8	.3	.7	1.1	.3	2.5
Maui/Molokai/Lanai											
1995	28.9	13.6	12.6	1.0	6.4	4.0	.4	2.0	1.8	.6	6.0
1996	27.3	14.2	13.2	1.0	5.4	2.9	.4	2.1	1.4	.7	5.6
1997	28.5	16.7	15.8	.9	3.9	2.2	.5	1.2	1.8	.7	5.4
1998	30.7	17.6	16.6	1.0	4.1	2.4	.6	1.1	1.8	.8	6.4
1999	29.2	17.0	16.1	.9	4.2	2.4	.6	1.2	1.6	.7	5.7
Oahu											
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	13.0	7.0	2.0	5.0	3.4	.9	2.3	.2	.3	.2	2.1
1999	13.4	7.2	2.0	5.2	3.2	.8	2.1	.3	.3	.2	2.5

* = Less than 50. ¹ 1995-1998 Revised. ² State totals may not add due to rounding.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Inventory and disposition, State of Hawaii. 1994-98 ¹

Year	Inventory beginning January 1	Calf-crop	Inshipments	Marketings	Farm slaughter	Deaths	Inventory January 1 following year	
				1,000 head				
1994	165	74	1	58	1	3	178	
1995	178	74	*	66	1	11	174	
1996	174	74	*	62	1	13	172	
1997	172	77	*	58	1	10	180	
1998	180	73	*	67	1	12	173	

* = Less than 500. ¹ 1995-1998 Revised.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Exports, 1994-98

Year	Total Export	Cattle ¹	Calves ²	Steers	Heifers
		1,000 head			
1994	40	11	29	26	14
1995	50	2	48	35	15
1996	38	4	34	37	11
1997	39	5	34	25	14
1998	44	4	40	25	19

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, 1999, totaled 98.5 million head, 1 percent below the 99.7 million on January 1, 1998 and 3 percent below the 101.7 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.6 million, were 1 percent below the 43.1 million on January 1, 1998 and 3 percent below the 43.8 million two years ago.

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

Class	1997	1998	1999	1998 as % of 1999
		1,000 head		percent
Cattle and Calves	101,656	99,744	98,522	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	43,776	43,084	42,615	99
Beef Cows	34,458	33,885	33,472	99
Milk Cows	9,318	9,199	9,143	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	20,312	19,800	19,604	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	6,042	5,764	5,550	96
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,058	3,986	4,060	102
Other Heifers	10,212	10,051	9,994	99
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	17,392	17,189	16,836	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,350	2,270	2,276	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	17,826	17,401	17,190	99
	1996	1997	1998	1998 as % of 1997
Calf Crop	39,823	38,961	38,582	97

SOURCE: *Cattle*, January 29, 1999, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

U.S. CALF CROP DOWN 1 PERCENT

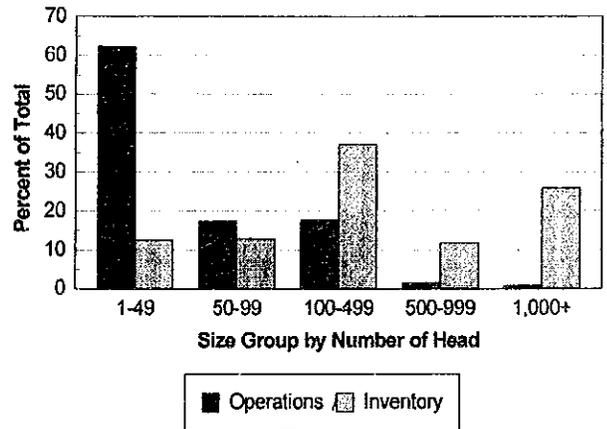
The 1998 calf crop was estimated at 38.6 million head, down 3 percent from 1996. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.4 million, down 1 percent from 1997 and down 3 percent from 1996.

U.S. CATTLE OPERATIONS DOWN 3 PERCENT

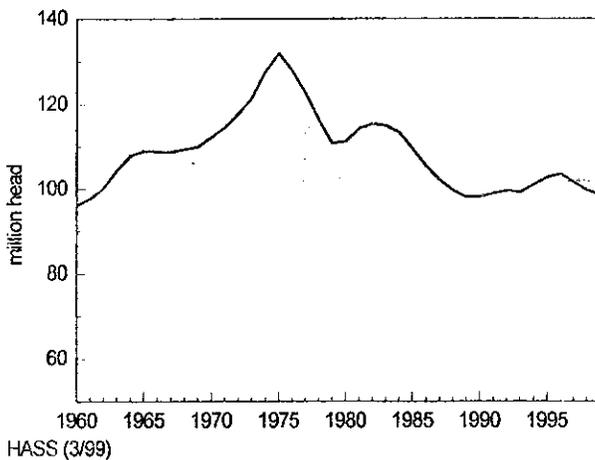
The number of operations with cattle totaled 1,115,650 during 1998, down 3 percent from 1997 and 5 percent below 1996. Beef cow operations in 1998 were down 2 percent from 1997 and 3 percent below 1996.

U.S. Size Group Comparison

Cattle Operations vs Cattle Inventory by Percent

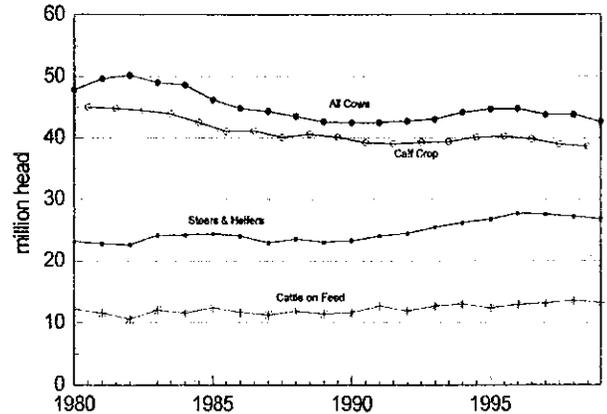


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U.S. Cattle

Comparison by category, 1980 - 1999



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