

CATTLE AND CALVES

Although most land in Illinois is utilized for the production of grain, cattle herds of various sizes are scattered throughout the state. The largest concentration of cattle is in the northern portion of the state, where rolling pastureland is more suitable for cattle production.

During 2002, there were 23,000 cattle operations in Illinois, down 1,000 from 2001. On January 1, 2003, the all cattle inventory totaled 1.36 million head, down five percent from the beginning inventory for 2002, with a value of \$966 million. The number of cattle and calves marketed during 2002 totaled 672,000 head. This was an increase of two percent from the 2001 level of 659,000 head marketed. The 2002 calf crop decreased from 2001 to 490,000 born.

The number of beef cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2003 totaled 426,000, down four percent from the previous year. Operations with beef cows during 2002 totaled 15,800, down four percent from the previous year. The number of milk cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2003 was 114,000, down one percent from a year earlier. There were 1,800 operations with milk cows in 2002.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Number & value of January 1 inventory, number on feed and number by class, 1994-2003

Year	All cattle			Number on feed	Cows and heifers that have calved	
	Number	Value			For milk	For beef
		Per head	Total			
	Thousand head	Dollars	Thousand dollars		Thousand head	
1994	1,740	645	1,122,300	330	160	510
1995	1,650	610	1,006,500	280	155	475
1996	1,590	525	834,750	290	145	445
1997	1,550	570	883,500	265	135	445
1998	1,510	610	921,100	250	130	440
1999	1,510	600	906,000	240	125	465
2000	1,510	690	1,041,900	230	120	480
2001	1,470	710	1,043,700	215	118	452
2002	1,430	700	1,001,000	200	115	445
2003	1,360	710	965,600	190	114	426

CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by class and calf crop, 1994-2003

Year	Heifers 500 lbs. and over			Steers 500 lbs. and over	Bulls 500 lbs. and over	Heifer, steer, and bull calves under 500 lbs.	Calves born
	For milk replacements	For beef replacements	Other				
	Thousand head						
1994	75	60	265	335	30	305	560
1995	75	60	245	320	30	290	530
1996	75	65	240	305	30	285	520
1997	65	65	225	300	30	285	520
1998	65	60	210	300	30	275	540
1999	60	55	210	305	30	260	550
2000	60	55	200	295	30	270	530
2001	60	65	185	295	30	265	510
2002	50	65	190	285	25	255	490
2003	50	60	160	280	25	245	1/

1/ Not available.