

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 2003, there were 20,000 cattle operations in Illinois, down 3,000 from 2002. On January 1, 2004, the all cattle inventory totaled 1.31 million head, down four percent from the beginning inventory for 2003, with a value of \$1.1 billion. The number of cattle and calves marketed during 2003 totaled 659,000 head. This was a decrease of two percent from the 2002 level of 672,000 head marketed. The 2003 calf crop decreased from 2002 to 480,000 born.

The number of beef cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2004 totaled 432,000, up one percent from the previous year. Operations with beef cows during 2003 totaled 14,500, down eight percent from the previous year. The number of milk cows on Illinois farms on January 1, 2004 was 108,000, down five percent from a year earlier. There were 1,600 operations with milk cows in 2003.

CATTLE AND CALVES: Number & value of January 1 inventory, number on feed and number by class, 1995-2004

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	
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	250	125	465
2000	1,510	690	1,041,900	240	120	480
2001	1,470	710	1,043,700	225	118	452
2002	1,430	700	1,001,000	225	115	445
2003	1,360	710	965,600	215	114	426
2004	1,310	850	1,113,500	200	108	432

CATTLE AND CALVES: Number by class and calf crop, 1995-2004

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						
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	480
2004	52	61	132	270	25	230	1/

1/ Not available.