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This report contains the results from the *2018 January Cattle* and *Sheep and Goat Reports*. The data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/la>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

**Louisiana January 1 All Cattle Inventory Up 5 Percent from Last Year
All Milk Cows Unchanged from Last Year**

Cattle: All cattle and calves in Louisiana as of January 1, 2018, totaled 820,000 head, were up 5 percent from January 1, 2017. The calf crop for the full year of 2017 was 370,000 head, up 6 percent from last year. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 485,000 head, were up 5 percent from January 1, 2017; beef cows, at 473,000 head, were up 6 percent; and milk cows, at 12,000 head, were unchanged from 2017. All heifers weighing 500 pounds and over were up 5 percent at 114,000 head. Steers were down 8 percent at 23,000 head; bulls were unchanged at 31,000 head, and calves weighing less than 500 pounds were up 8 percent at 167,000 head.

Goats: On January 1, 2018, Louisiana meat and other goat inventory totaled 16,000 head, down 11 percent from the previous year.

Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop - Louisiana and United States: January 1, 2017 and 2018

Class ¹	Louisiana			United States		
	2017	2018	Percent of previous year	2017	2018	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All Cattle and Calves	780.0	820.0	105	93,704.6	94,399.0	101
All Cows and Heifers that have calved	460.0	485.0	105	40,559.2	41,122.6	101
Beef Cows	448.0	473.0	106	31,213.2	31,723.0	102
Milk Cows	12.0	12.0	100	9,346.0	9,399.6	101
All Heifers 500 pounds and over	109.0	114.0	105	20,132.0	20,244.8	101
Beef Replacement Heifers	85.0	90.0	106	6,368.2	6,131.2	96
Milk Replacement Heifers	4.0	4.0	100	4,754.0	4,781.3	101
Other Heifers	20.0	20.0	100	9,009.8	9,332.3	104
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	25.0	23.0	92	16,383.5	16,352.2	100
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	31.0	31.0	100	2,243.6	2,252.2	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	155.0	167.0	108	14,386.3	14,427.2	100
Cattle and Calves on Feed ²	(D)	(D)	(X)	13,067.0	14,006.4	107
	2016	2017	Percent of previous year	2016	2017	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Calf Crop During Year	350.0	370.0	106	35,092.7	35,808.2	102

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Cattle and calves on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay, and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

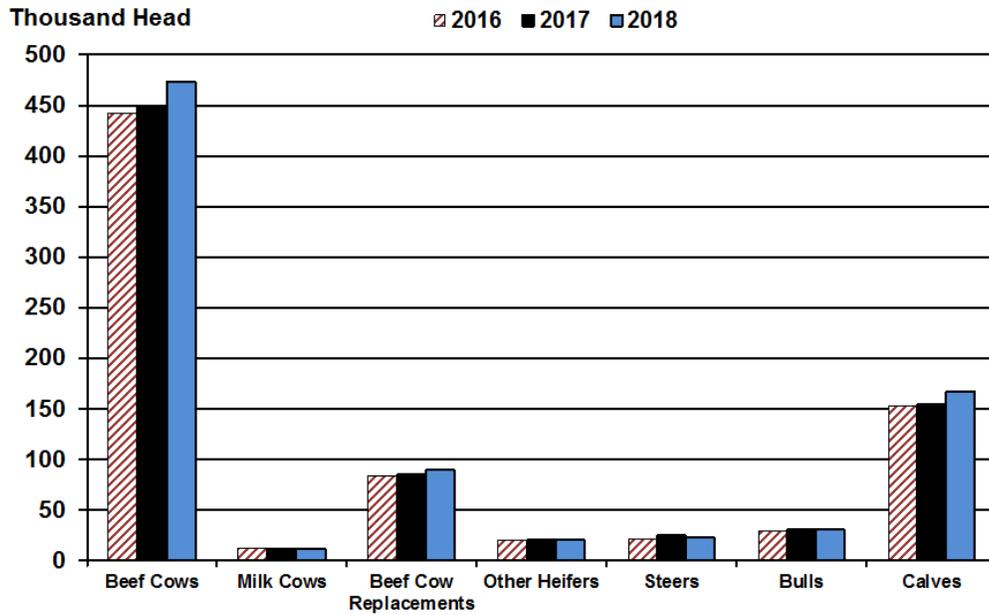
Goats and Sheep Inventory - Louisiana and United States: January 1, 2017 and 2018

Animal & Class	Louisiana			United States		
	2017	2018	Percent of previous year	2017	2018	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All Goats	(D)	(D)	(X)	2,640.0	2,620.0	99
Angora Goats	(D)	(D)	(X)	152.0	142.0	93
Meat and Other Goats	18.0	16.0	89	2,115.0	2,098.0	99
Milk Goats	(D)	(D)	(X)	373.0	380.0	102
Sheep	(D)	(D)	(X)	5,250.0	5,230.0	100

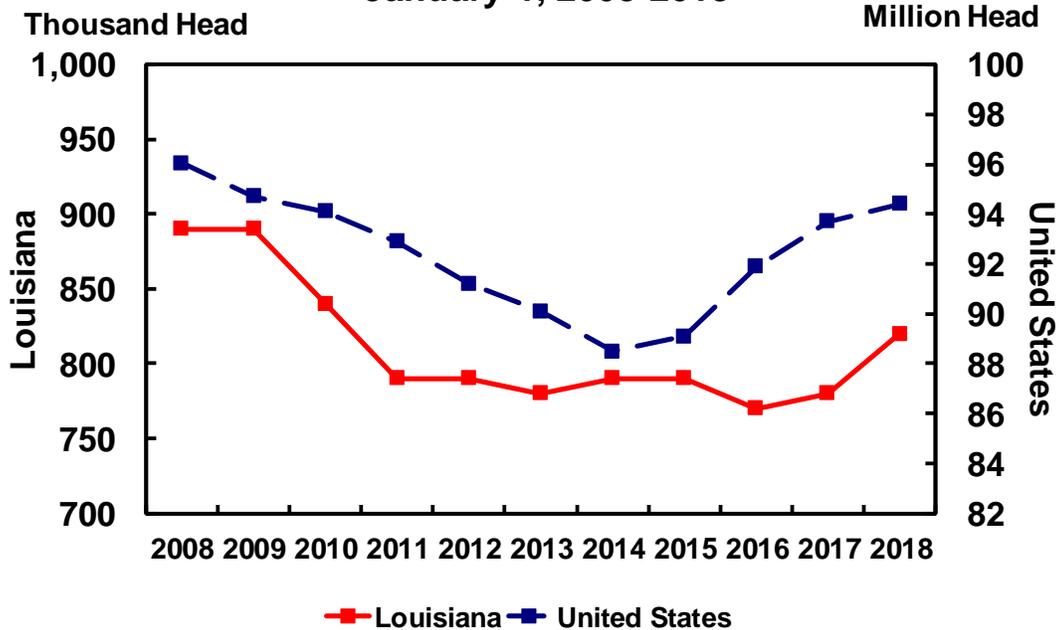
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Cattle Inventory by Class - Louisiana: January 1, 2016-2018



Cattle Inventory - Louisiana and United States: January 1, 2008-2018



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