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US Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

Inventory of all cattle and calves in the United States, as of January 1, 2021, totaled 93.6 million head, down slightly from the 93.8 million head on January 1, 2020. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million head, were slightly below the 40.7 million head on January 1, 2020. Beef cows, at 31.2 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.44 million head, were up 1 percent from the previous year. Alabama all cattle and calves totaled 1.29 million head, a 1 percent decrease from January 1, 2020. Florida inventory was up 1 percent from the previous year at 1.69 million head. All cattle and calves in Georgia totaled 1.09 million, unchanged from 2020. South Carolina inventory, at 330,000 head, was down 3 percent from the previous year.

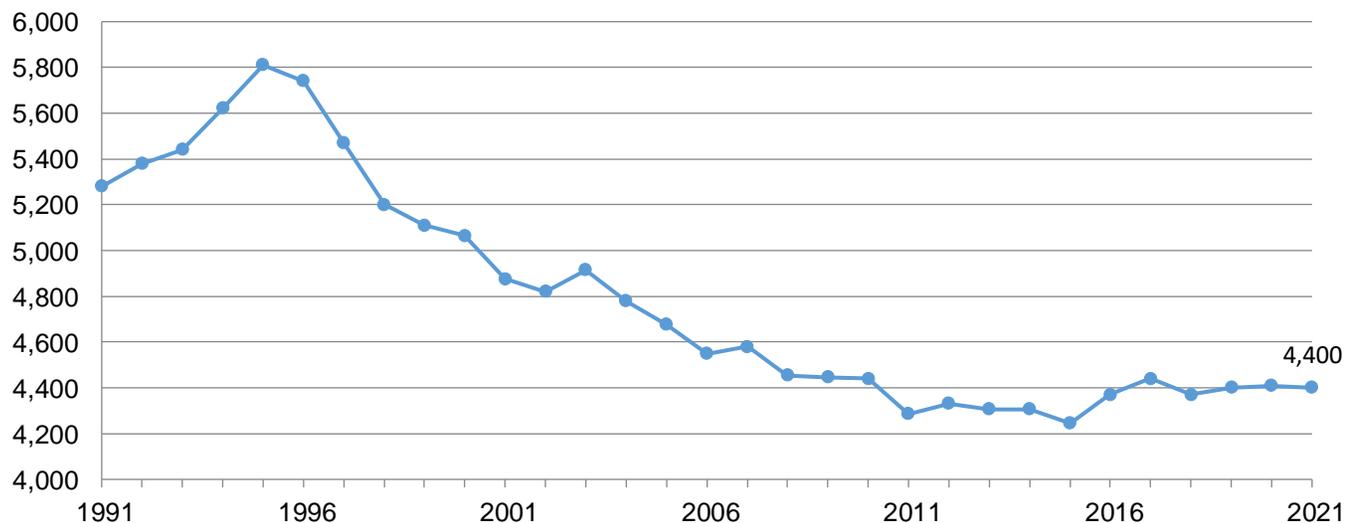
Cattle and Calves – States and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

State	Cattle and calves		
	2020	2021	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama	1,300.0	1,290.0	99
Florida.....	1,680.0	1,690.0	101
Georgia.....	1,090.0	1,090.0	100
South Carolina	340.0	330.0	97
United States.....	93,793.3	93,594.5	100

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2021

Southern Region All Cattle Inventory: 1991-2021

Thousand Head



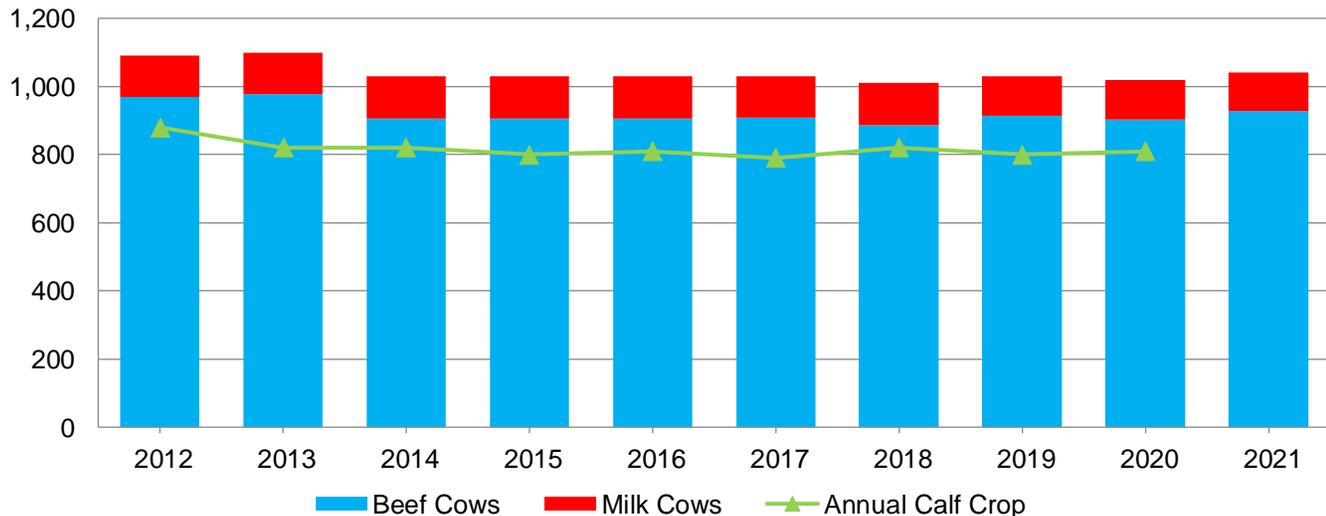
All Cows by Type – States and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

State	All cows			Beef cows			Milk cows		
	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama.....	700.0	700.0	100	696.0	697.0	100	4.0	3.0	75
Florida.....	1,020.0	1,040.0	102	904.0	929.0	103	116.0	111.0	96
Georgia.....	600.0	590.0	98	519.0	509.0	98	81.0	81.0	100
South Carolina....	190.0	178.0	94	179.0	168.0	94	11.0	10.0	91
United States.....	40,681.3	40,598.0	100	31,338.7	31,157.6	99	9,342.6	9,440.4	101

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2021

Florida Cow Inventory and Calf Crop

Thousand Head



Heifers 500 Pounds and Over by Type – States and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

State	Beef replacements			Milk replacements			Other heifers		
	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama.....	119.0	103.0	87	2.0	2.0	100	44.0	45.0	102
Florida.....	130.0	130.0	100	35.0	30.0	86	25.0	25.0	100
Georgia.....	90.0	100.0	111	30.0	30.0	100	30.0	25.0	83
South Carolina....	26.0	32.0	123	4.0	6.0	150	11.0	9.0	82
United States.....	5,808.9	5,812.1	100	4,684.0	4,604.5	98	9,531.5	9,583.5	101

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2021

Steers, Bulls, and Calves – States and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

State	Steers 500 pounds and over			Bulls 500 pounds and over			Calves under 500 pounds		
	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Alabama.....	45.0	50.0	111	50.0	45.0	90	340.0	345.0	101
Florida.....	25.0	25.0	100	60.0	55.0	92	385.0	385.0	100
Georgia.....	43.0	43.0	100	32.0	32.0	100	265.0	270.0	102
South Carolina....	12.0	13.0	108	13.0	13.0	100	84.0	79.0	94
United States.....	16,541.2	16,597.8	100	2,237.4	2,210.5	99	14,309.0	14,188.1	99

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Cattle](#), January 2021