



# ANNUAL CATTLE REVIEW

## TEXAS AND U.S. INVENTORY

Data Source: USDA-NASS *January Cattle Report*

Texas' January 1, 2019 inventory of all cattle and calves, at 13.0 million head, was up 500 thousand from the January 1, 2018 inventory. All cows and heifers that calved, at 5.20 million head, were up 3 percent. Bulls, at 340 thousand head, were unchanged from January 1, 2018. All heifers over 500 pounds, at 2.69 million head, were up 7 percent from last year. Steers over 500 pounds, at 2.72 million head, were up 4 percent from January 1, 2018. The 2018 annual calf crop for Texas, at 4.75 million head, was up 8 percent from the previous year.

The United States all cattle and calves inventory went up slightly; totaling 94.8 million head on January 1, 2019. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.1 million head, were up 1 percent from the 40.9 million head on January 1, 2018. The 2018 annual calf crop for the United States was estimated at 36.4 million head, up 2 percent from the previous year.

### Cattle and Calves: Inventory by Class and Calf Crop, Texas and United States, January 1, 2018-2019

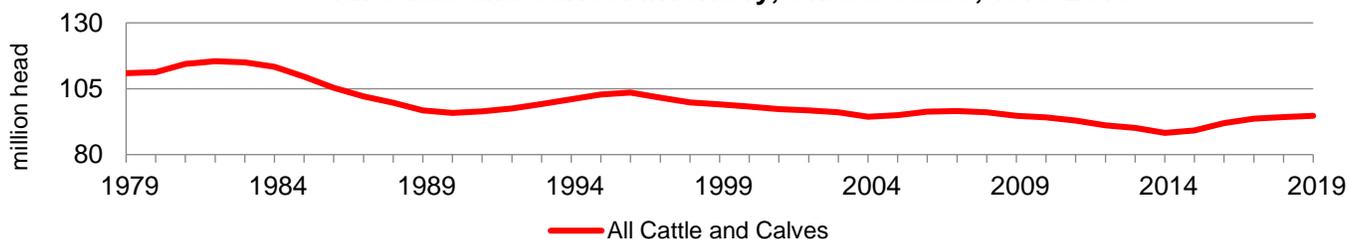
Class	Texas			United States <sup>1</sup>		
	2018	2019	Percent of Previous Year	2018	2019	Percent of Previous Year
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
<b>All Cattle and Calves</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>94,298</b>	<b>94,760</b>	<b>100</b>
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	5,050	5,200	103	40,898	41,119	101
Beef Cows	4,520	4,655	103	31,466	31,766	101
Milk Cows	530	545	103	9,432	9,353	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	2,520	2,690	107	20,218	20,230	100
Beef Cow Replacements	800	740	93	6,108	5,925	97
Milk Cow Replacements	250	260	104	4,768	4,702	99
Other Heifers	1,470	1,690	115	9,341	9,604	103
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	2,620	2,720	104	16,528	16,633	101
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	340	340	100	2,252	2,263	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	1,970	2,050	107	14,401	14,515	101
<b>Cattle on Feed</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>14,146</b>	<b>14,371</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Calf Crop <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>35,758</b>	<b>36,403</b>	<b>102</b>
Born January 1 - June 30	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	25,950	26,600	103
Born July 1 - December 31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,808	9,803	100

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>2</sup> Calf crop refers to calves born during the previous year.

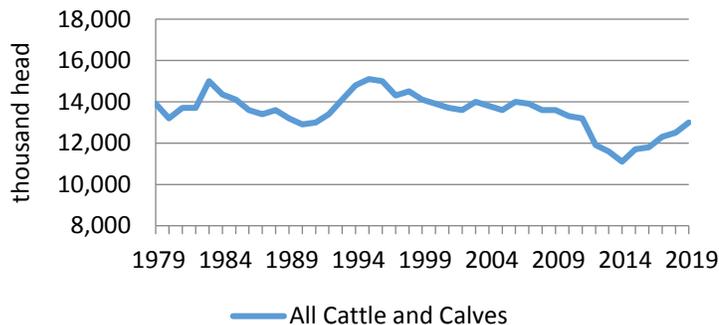
### All Cattle and Calves: Inventory, United States, 1979-2019



# TEXAS AND U. S. INVENTORY (CONTINUED)

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**All Cattle and Calves: Texas, January 1, 1979-2019**



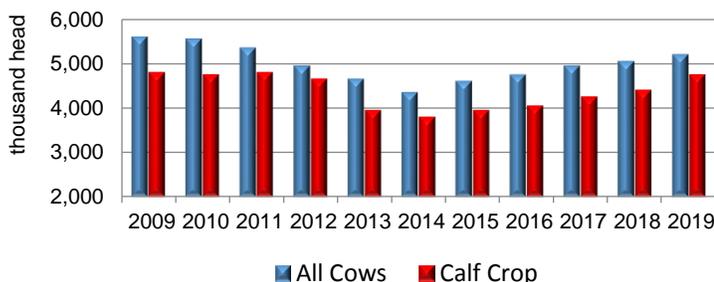
Texas' January 1, 2019 inventory of all cattle and calves, at 13.0 million head, was up 4 percent from the previous year. This marks the fourth consecutive year of increased total cattle inventory in Texas.

Texas continues to rank highest in inventory of all cattle and calves. The top five states as of January 1, 2019 inventory levels are as follows: Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and California.

**Top 5 States Cattle Inventory January 1, 2018 and 2019**

Rank	State	2018	2019	Percent of previous year
1	Texas	12,500	13,000	104
2	Nebraska	6,800	6,800	100
3	Kansas	6,300	6,350	101
4	Oklahoma	5,100	5,300	104
5	California	5,200	5,150	99

**All Cows and Calf Crop: Texas, January 1, 2009-2019**



Cows as of January 1st, Calf crop refers to calves born during the previous calendar year

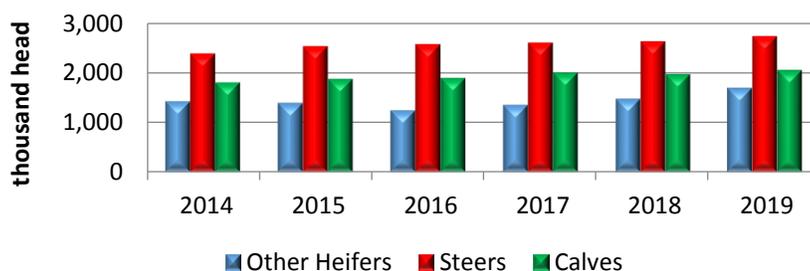
# TEXAS FEEDER SUPPLY AND PASTURE CONDITION

Data Source: USDA-NASS *January Cattle and Weekly Crop Progress Reports*

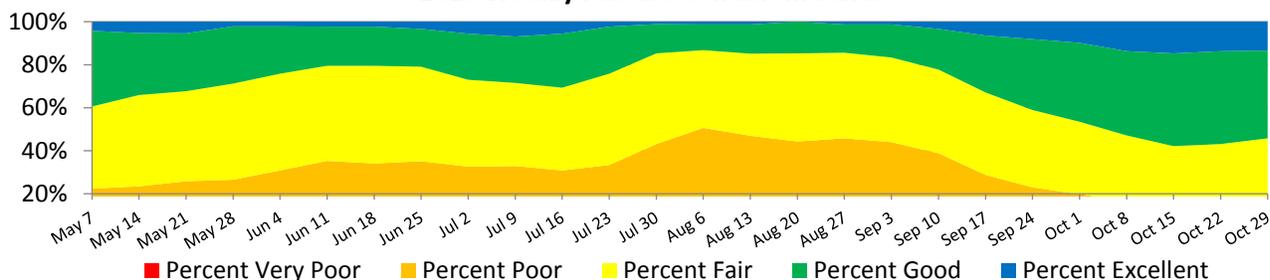
Total Texas feeder cattle supply, consisting of other heifers, steers, and calves, is up 7 percent from one year ago.

Other heifers over 500 pounds, at 1,690 thousand head, were up 15 percent from last year. Steers over 500 pounds, at 2.72 million head, were up 4 percent from January 1, 2018. Calves less than 500 pounds, at 2.05 million head, were up 7 percent from a year ago.

**Feeder Cattle Supply: Texas, January 1, 2014-2019**



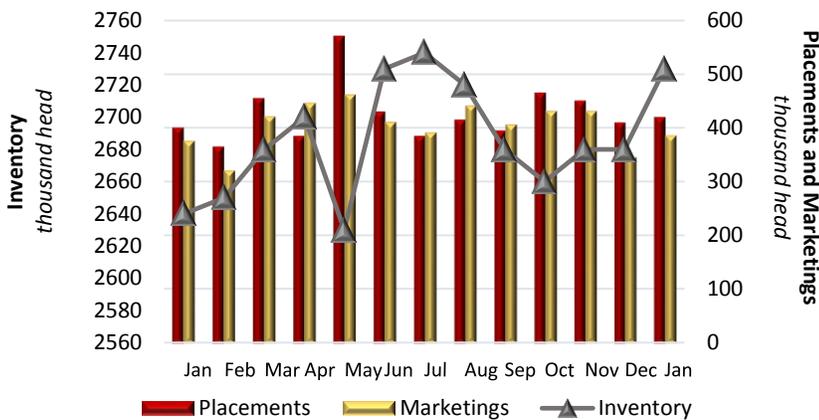
**2018 Weekly Pasture Condition: Texas**



# TEXAS CATTLE ON FEED

Data Source: USDA-NASS monthly *Cattle on Feed Report*

**Cattle on Feed: Inventory, Placements, Marketings, 1000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Texas, 2018-2019**



January 1, 2019 cattle on feed inventory for Texas totaled 2,730 thousand head in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, up 2 percent from the previous month and up 3 percent from January 1, 2018.

Cumulative placements of cattle in Texas during 2018 totaled 5.13 million head, down 3 percent from the prior year. Cattle marketed for slaughter from Texas during 2018 totaled 4.87 million, down slightly from 2017.

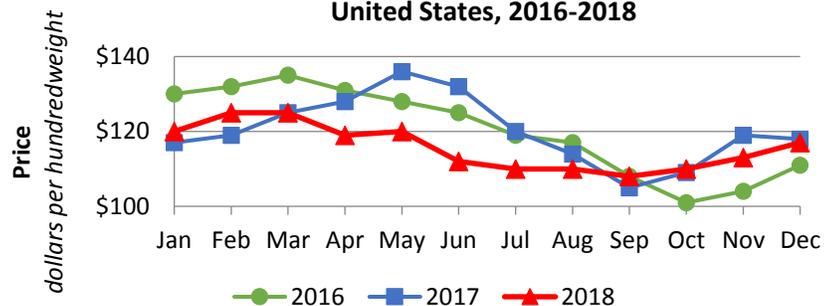
# U.S. MONTHLY CATTLE PRICES

Data Source: USDA-NASS monthly *Agricultural Prices Report*

Nationally, prices started January, 2018 at \$120 per hundredweight, \$3.00 higher than January 2017, closing out the year at \$117 per hundredweight.

Prices peaked during February and March 2018 at \$125 but then struggled to stay above the \$110 level until the end of the year when prices ended the year at \$117.

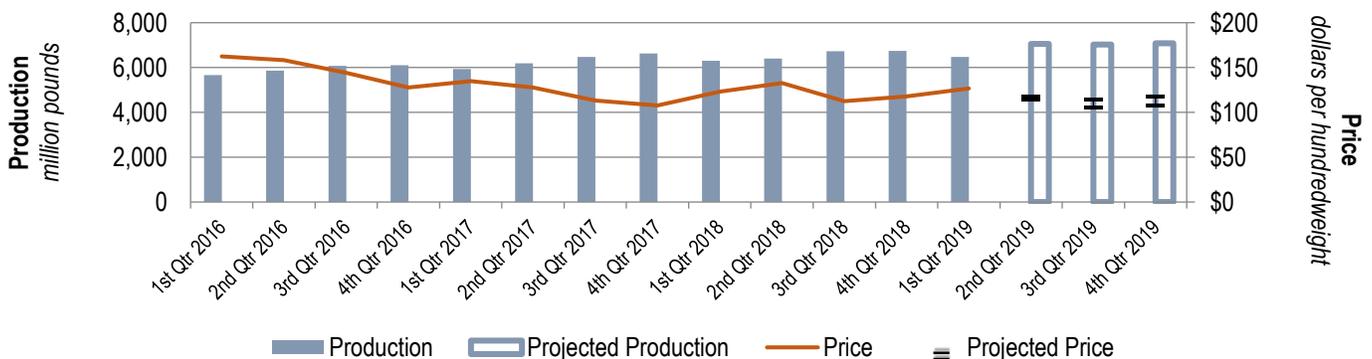
**Cattle 500+ Pounds: Monthly Prices Received, United States, 2016-2018**



# U.S. PRODUCTION AND PRICE OUTLOOK

Data Source: USDA-WAOB *World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates Report*

**Beef Production and Price by Quarter: United States, 2016-2018, Projected 2019**



Welcome to the January 2019 issue of the Annual Cattle Review! Thanks to all participants in the cattle industry for their continued support and cooperation – especially the producers who provide data for the bi-annual Cattle and monthly Cattle on Feed surveys. Without their commitment and participation, this report would not be possible. A random sample of United States cattle producers was surveyed in early January. Survey procedures ensured that all cattle producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey.

Though many of the statistics in this publication can be accessed through our website on a regular basis ([www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications)), this review will be issued annually following the release of the USDA-NASS Annual Meat Animals Production, Disposition and Income Annual Summary each April.

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