



# News Release

## Ohio Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in Ohio as of January 1, 2024 were 1.24 million head, with no change from last year, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Ohio highlights from the January 1 report follow:

- Beef cow numbers increased 2 percent to 285,000 head. Beef replacement heifers remained unchanged at 55,000 head.
- Milk cows increased 2 percent to 255,000 head. Heifers for milk cow replacement increased 10 percent to 110,000 head.
- The 2023 calf crop was 480,000 head, up 1 percent from 2022.

Nationally, all cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2024 totaled 87.2 million head, 2 percent below the 88.8 million head on January 1, 2023. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 37.6 million head, were 2 percent below the 38.3 million head on January 1, 2023. Beef cows, at 28.2 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.36 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2024 totaled 18.5 million head, 1 percent below the 18.8 million head on January 1, 2023. Beef replacement heifers, at 4.86 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.06 million head, were down slightly from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.57 million head, were 2 percent below a year earlier.

### Cattle Inventory by Class – Ohio and United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

Class	Ohio		United States	
	2023 <i>(1,000 head)</i>	2024 <i>(1,000 head)</i>	2023 <i>(1,000 head)</i>	2024 <i>(1,000 head)</i>
All cattle and calves .....	1,240	1,240	88,841	87,157
Cows .....	530	540	38,337	37,580
Beef .....	280	285	28,939	28,223
Milk .....	250	255	9,398	9,357
Replacement heifers .....	225	230	18,761	18,483
Beef .....	55	55	4,930	4,858
Milk .....	100	110	4,074	4,059
Other .....	70	65	9,758	9,566
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	220	210	16,057	15,789
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	25	25	2,029	2,021
Calves under 500 pounds .....	240	235	13,658	13,285
Cattle on feed .....	140	140	14,196	14,423

Totals may not add due to rounding.

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