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SOUTH DAKOTA JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY

SIoux FALLS, S.D. January 31, 2024 - All cattle and calves in South Dakota as of January 1, 2024 totaled 3.45 million head, down 1% from January 1, 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

All cows and heifers that had calved totaled 1.71 million head, down 1% from last year.

Beef cows totaled 1.50 million head, down 2% from last year.

Milk cows totaled 208,000 head, up 11% from January 1, 2023.

All heifers 500 pounds and over totaled 730,000 head, down 6% from last year.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 690,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 100,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Calves under 500 pounds totaled 220,000 head, up 5% from January 1, 2023.

All cattle on feed fed for slaughter in South Dakota feedlots totaled 420,000 head, down 2% from the previous year.

The **2023 calf crop** totaled 1.65 million head, down 2% from 2022.

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