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This report contains the results from the **2017 January Cattle** and **Sheep and Goat Reports**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/la>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

**January 1 Louisiana All Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent from Last Year
Milk Cows and Milk Replacement Heifers at Record Lows for Louisiana**

Cattle: All cattle and calves in Louisiana as of January 1, 2017, totaled 780,000 head, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2016. The calf crop for the full year of 2016 was 350,000 head, up 1 percent from last year. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 460,000 head, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2016; beef cows, at 448,000 head, were up 1 percent; and milk cows, at 12,000 head, were down 8 percent and an all time record low. All heifers weighing 500 pounds and over were down 1 percent at 109,000 head. Steers were up 14 percent at 25,000 head; bulls were up 3 percent at 31,000 head, and calves weighing less than 500 pounds were up 1 percent at 155,000 head.

Goats: On January 1, 2017, Louisiana meat and other goat inventory totaled 18,000 head, down 5 percent from the revised previous year.

Cattle Inventory by Class: Louisiana and U.S., January 1, 2016-2017

Class ¹	Louisiana			United States		
	2016	2017	% Change	2016	2017	% Change
	1,000 Head		from '16	1,000 Head		from '16
All Cattle and Calves	770	780	+1	91,918.0	93,584.6	+ 2
All Cows and Heifers that have calved	455**	460	+1	39,476.2	40,559.2	+ 3
Beef Cows	442	448	+1	30,165.8	31,210.2	+ 3
Milk Cows	13	12**	- 8	9,310.4	9,349.0	-
All Heifers 500 pounds and over	110	109	- 1	19,907.3	20,052.0	+ 1
Beef Replacement Heifers	84	85	+1	6,340.2	6,419.2	+ 1
Milk Replacement Heifers	5	4**	-20	4,814.0	4,754.0	- 1
Other Heifers	21	20	- 5	8,753.1	8,878.8	+ 1
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	22	25	+14	16,315.4	16,353.5	-
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	30	31	+3	2,142.4	2,233.6	+ 4
Calves Under 500 Pounds	153	155	+1	14,076.7	14,386.3	+ 2
Cattle and Calves on Feed ²	(D)	(D)	-	13,157.0	13,067.0	- 1
Calf Crop	2015	2016	% Change	2015	2016	% Change
	1,000 Head		from '15	1,000 Head		from '15
Calf Crop During Year	345	350	+1	34,086.7	35,082.7	+ 3

** Record Low

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.

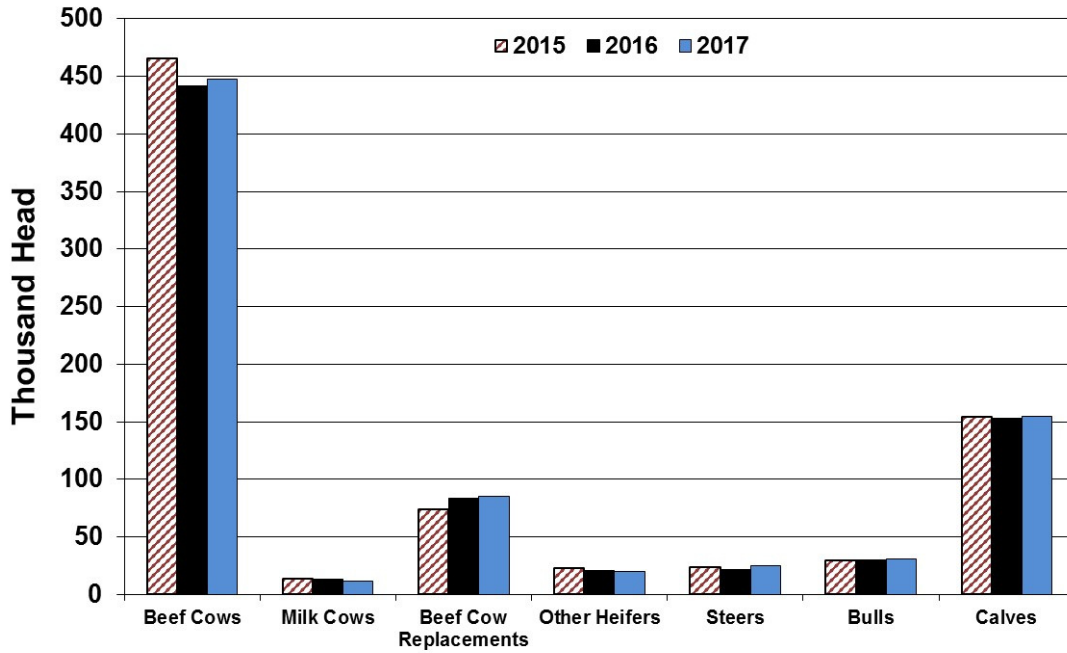
²Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

Goats and Sheep Inventory: Louisiana and U.S., January 1, 2016-2017

Animal & Class	Louisiana			United States		
	2016	2017	% Change	2016	2017	% Change
	1,000 Head		from '16	1,000 Head		from '16
All Goats	(D)	(D)	-	2,620	2,640	+ 1
Angora Goats	(D)	(D)	-	150	152	+ 1
Meat and Other Goats	19.0	18.0	- 5	2,097	2,115	+ 1
Milk Goats	(D)	(D)	-	373	373	-
Sheep	(D)	(D)	-	5,300	5,200	- 2

^(D)Data is not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Cattle Inventory by Class, Louisiana, January 1, 2015-2017



Cattle Inventory, Louisiana and U.S., January 1, 2008-2017

