

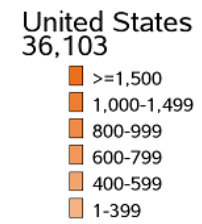
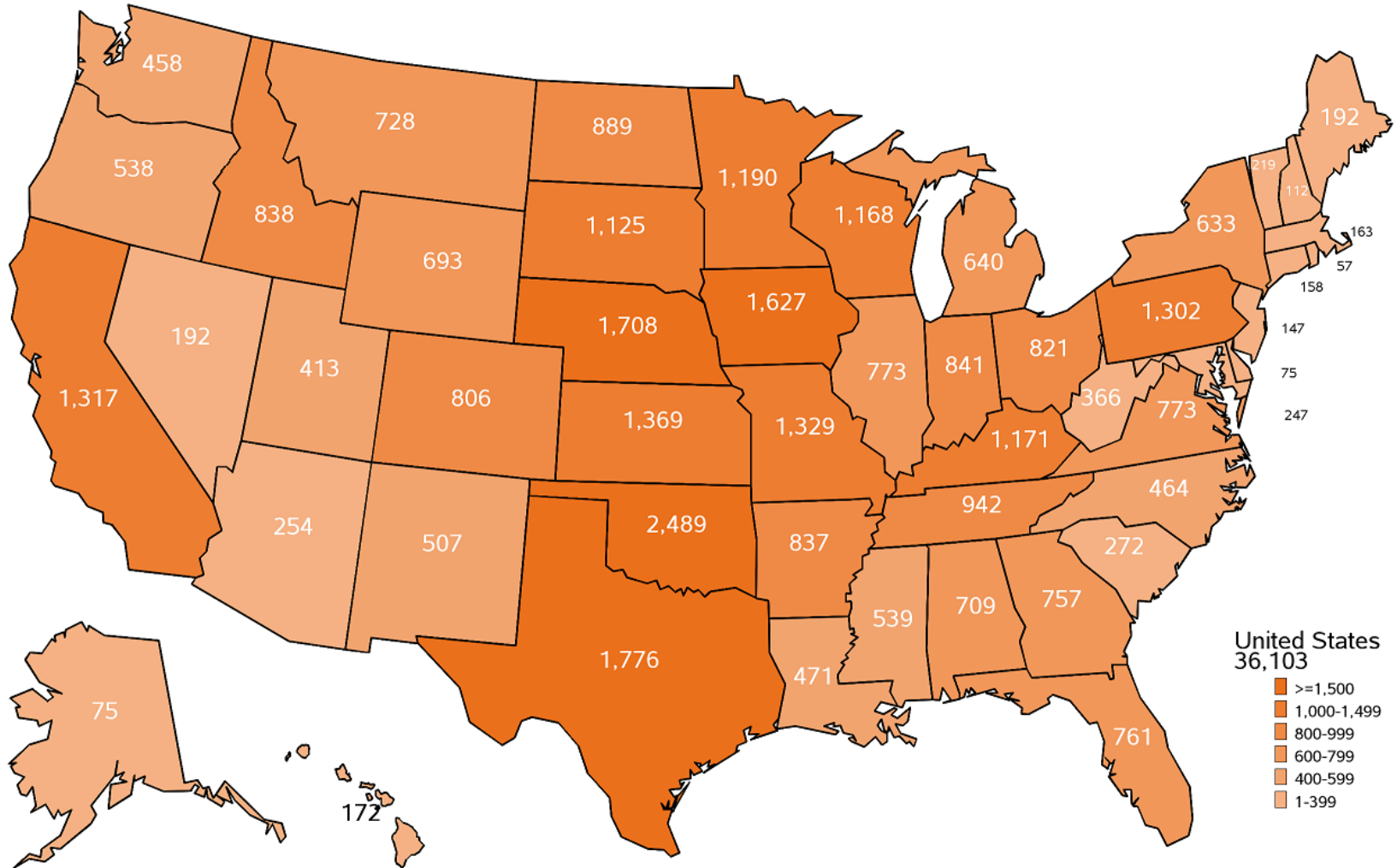


# **January Cattle and Sheep and Goats**

## **Agricultural Statistics Board Briefing**

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# January 2025 Cattle Survey Sample Size

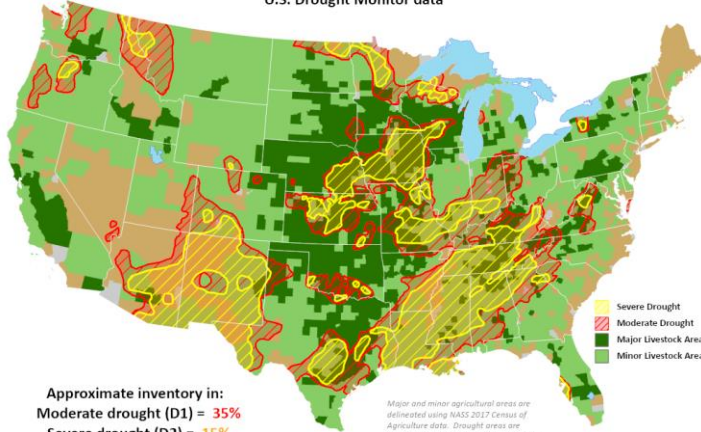


# January 2025 Cattle Survey Drought Maps

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## Cattle Areas in Drought

Reflects January 2, 2024  
U.S. Drought Monitor data



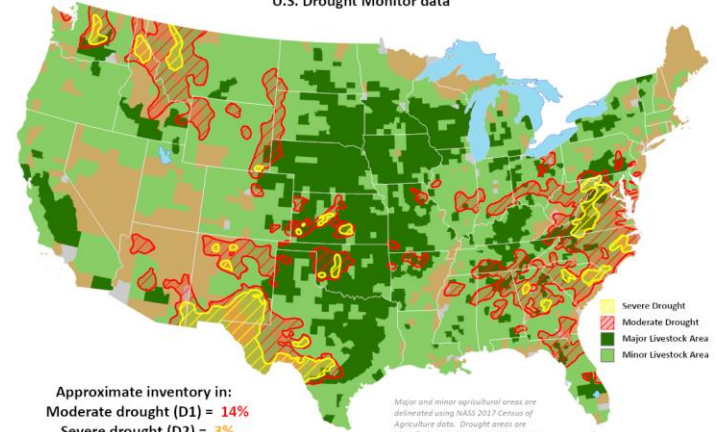
Approximate inventory in:  
Moderate drought (D1) = 35%  
Severe drought (D2) = 15%

Major and minor agricultural areas are delineated using NASS 2017 Census of Agriculture data. Drought areas are identified using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.

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## Cattle Areas in Drought

Reflects July 2, 2024  
U.S. Drought Monitor data



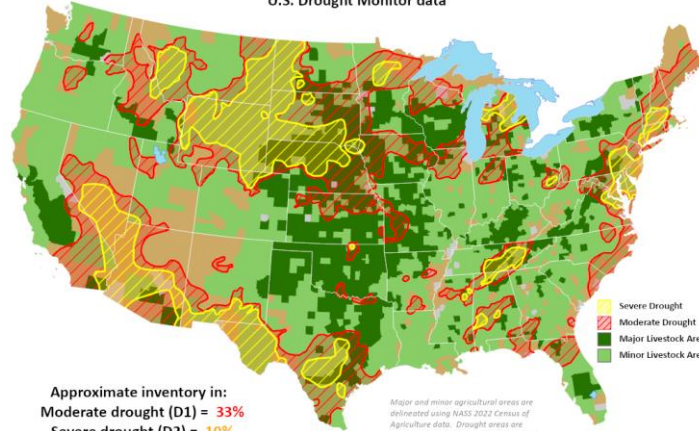
Approximate inventory in:  
Moderate drought (D1) = 14%  
Severe drought (D2) = 3%

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## Cattle Areas in Drought

Reflects December 31, 2024  
U.S. Drought Monitor data



Approximate inventory in:  
Moderate drought (D1) = 33%  
Severe drought (D2) = 10%

Major and minor agricultural areas are delineated using NASS 2022 Census of Agriculture data. Drought areas are identified using the U.S. Drought Monitor product.



# U.S. Cattle and Calves Revisions



Survey	Item	Initial Estimate (1,000 head)	Current Revision (1,000 head)	Net Revision (1,000 head)	Current Estimate (1,000 head)
July 1, 2023	Calf crop	33,800.0	-30.0	-237.0	33,563.0

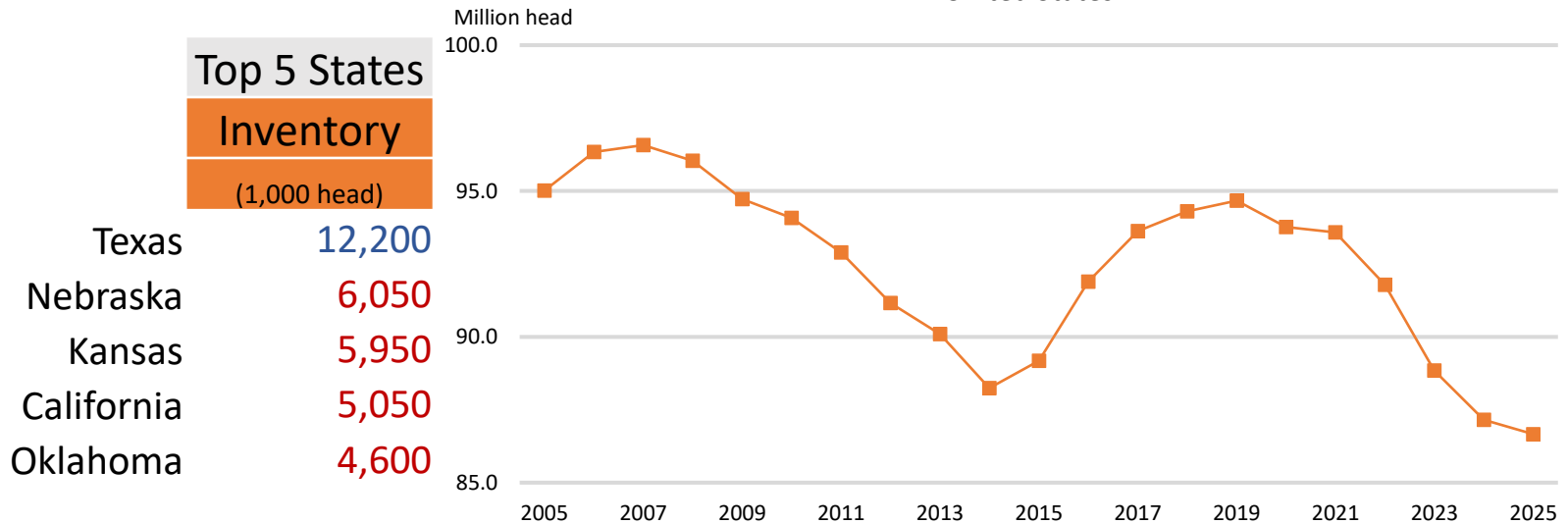


# January 1 Cattle and Calves



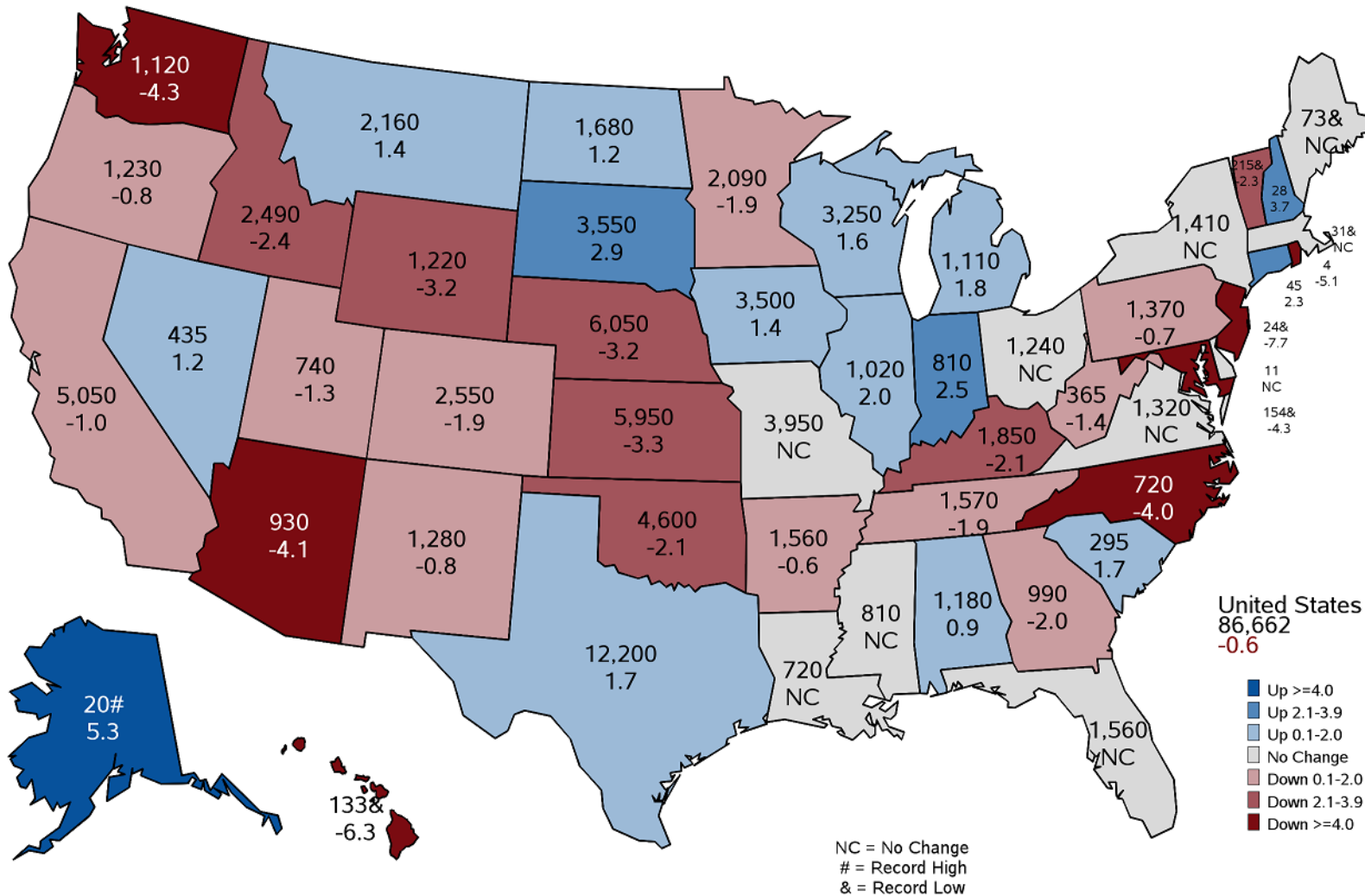
United States	2024 (1,000 head)	2025 (1,000 head)	% Change from Previous Year
All cattle and calves	87,157.4	86,662.2	↓ 0.6

January 1 All Cattle and Calves  
United States



# January 1, 2025 Cattle and Calves

## (1,000) Head and Percent Change from Previous Year





# January 1 Cows



## United States

2024	2025	% Change from Previous Year	
(1,000 head)			

All cows and heifers that have calved

37,359.8    37,212.8    ↓    0.4

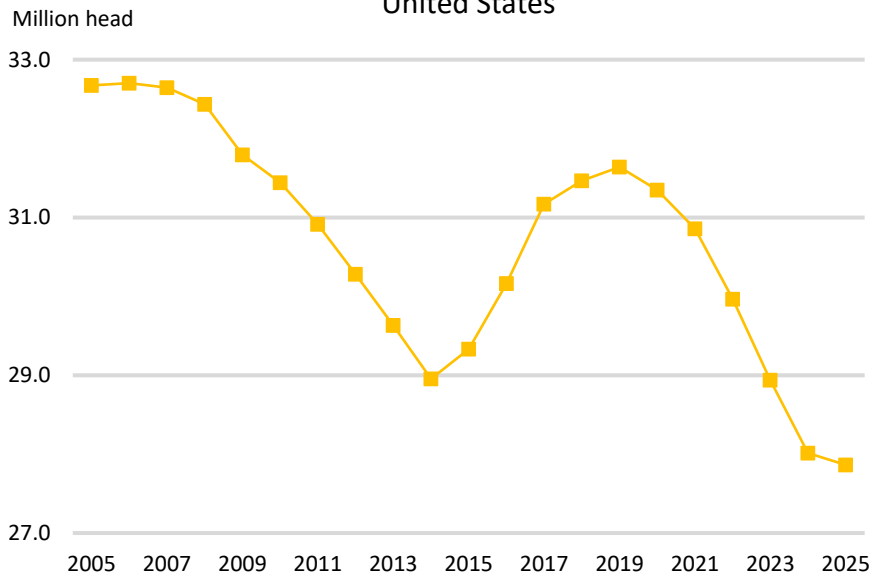
Beef cows

28,013.0    27,863.5    ↓    0.5

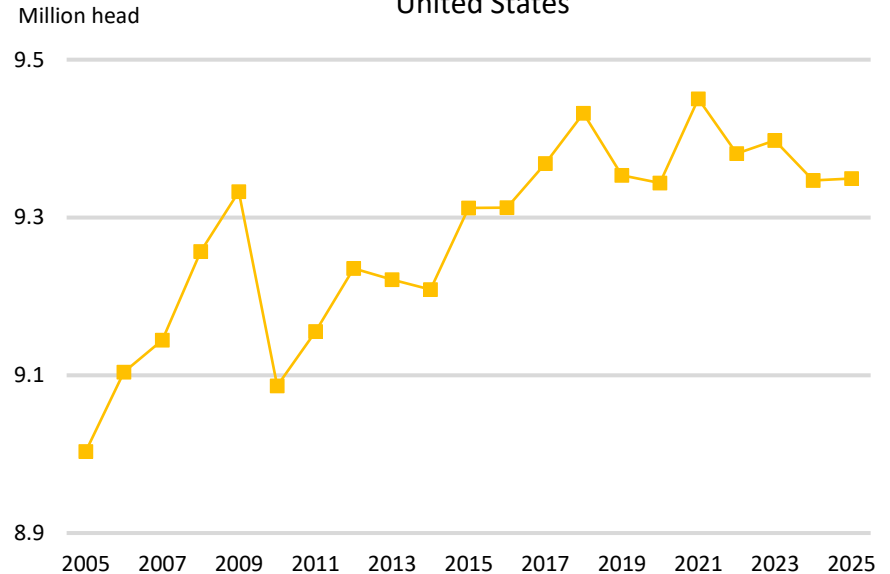
Milk cows

9,346.8    9,349.3    ↑    0.0

### January 1 Beef Cows United States



### January 1 Milk Cows United States





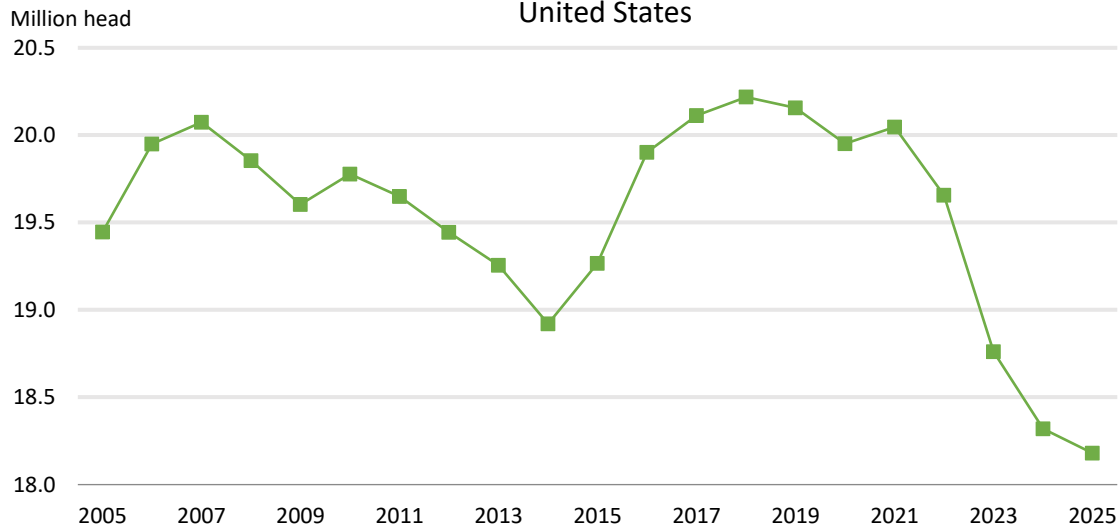


# January 1 Heifers



United States	2024	2025	% Change from Previous Year	
	(1,000 head)			
All heifers 500 pounds and over	18,320.0	18,179.9	↓	0.8
Beef cow replacement	4,718.3	4,672.4	↓	1.0
Milk cow replacement	3,951.2	3,914.3	↓	0.9
Other heifers	9,650.5	9,593.2	↓	0.6

January 1 All Heifers  
United States





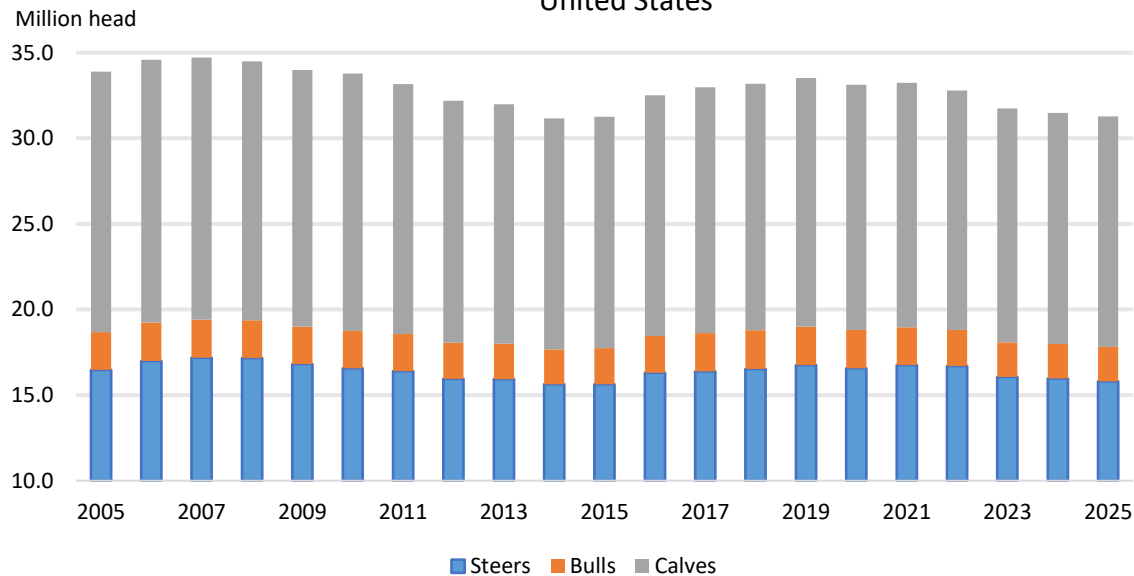


# January 1 Steers, Bulls, and Calves



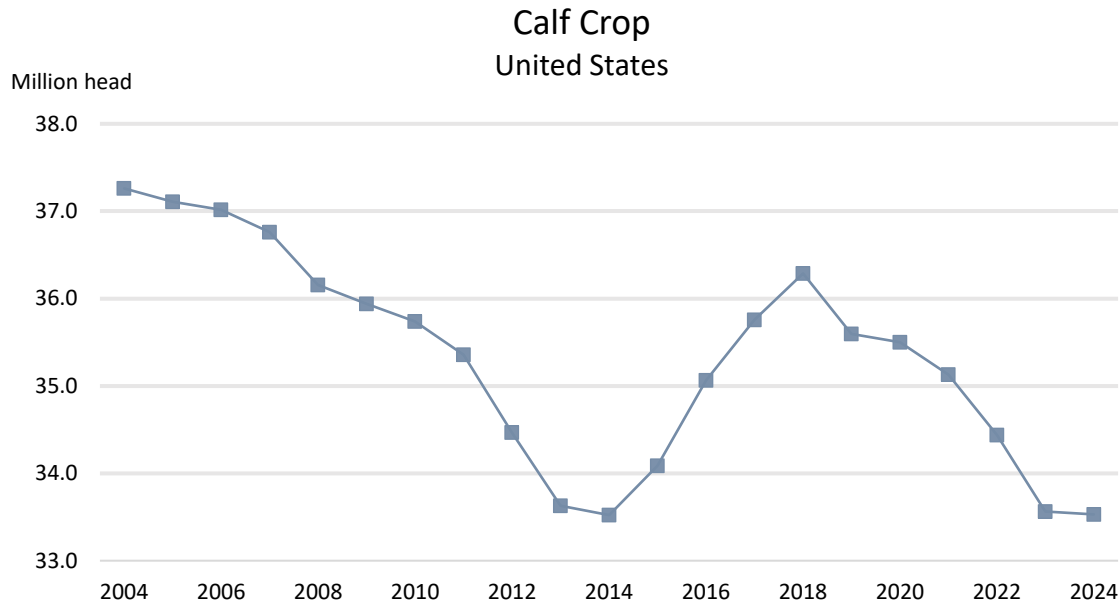
United States	2024 (1,000 head)	2025	% Change from Previous Year	
Steers 500 pounds and over	15,959.2	15,802.4	↓	1.0
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,030.7	2,009.0	↓	1.1
Calves under 500 pounds	13,487.7	13,458.1	↓	0.2

January 1 Steers, Bulls, and Calves  
United States



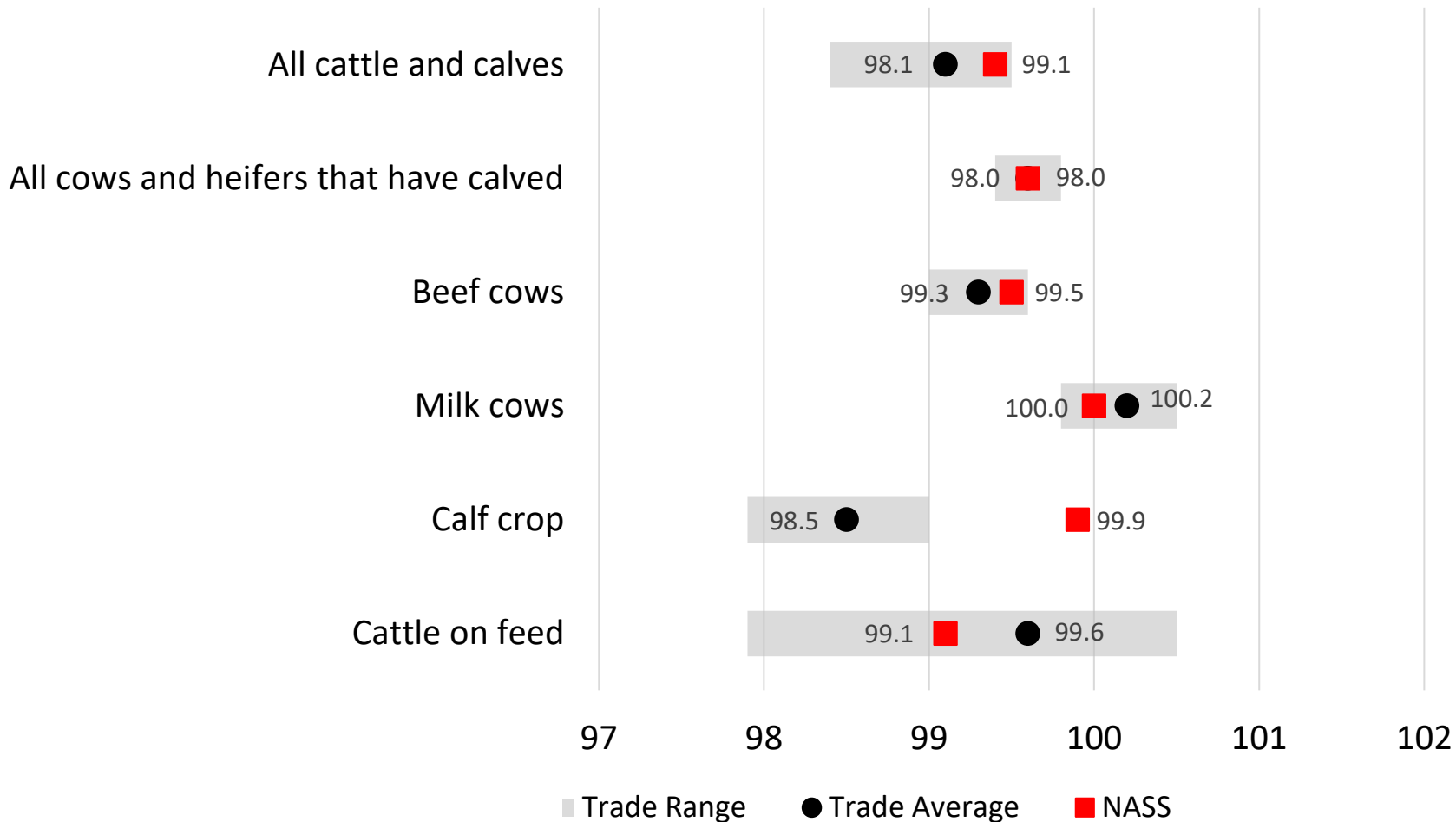
# Calf Crop

United States	2023	2024	% Change from Previous Year	
	(1,000 head)			
January 1 – June 30	24,700.0	24,600.0	↓	0.4
July 1 – December 31	8,863.0	8,929.5	↑	0.8
Total	33,563.0	33,529.5	↓	0.1



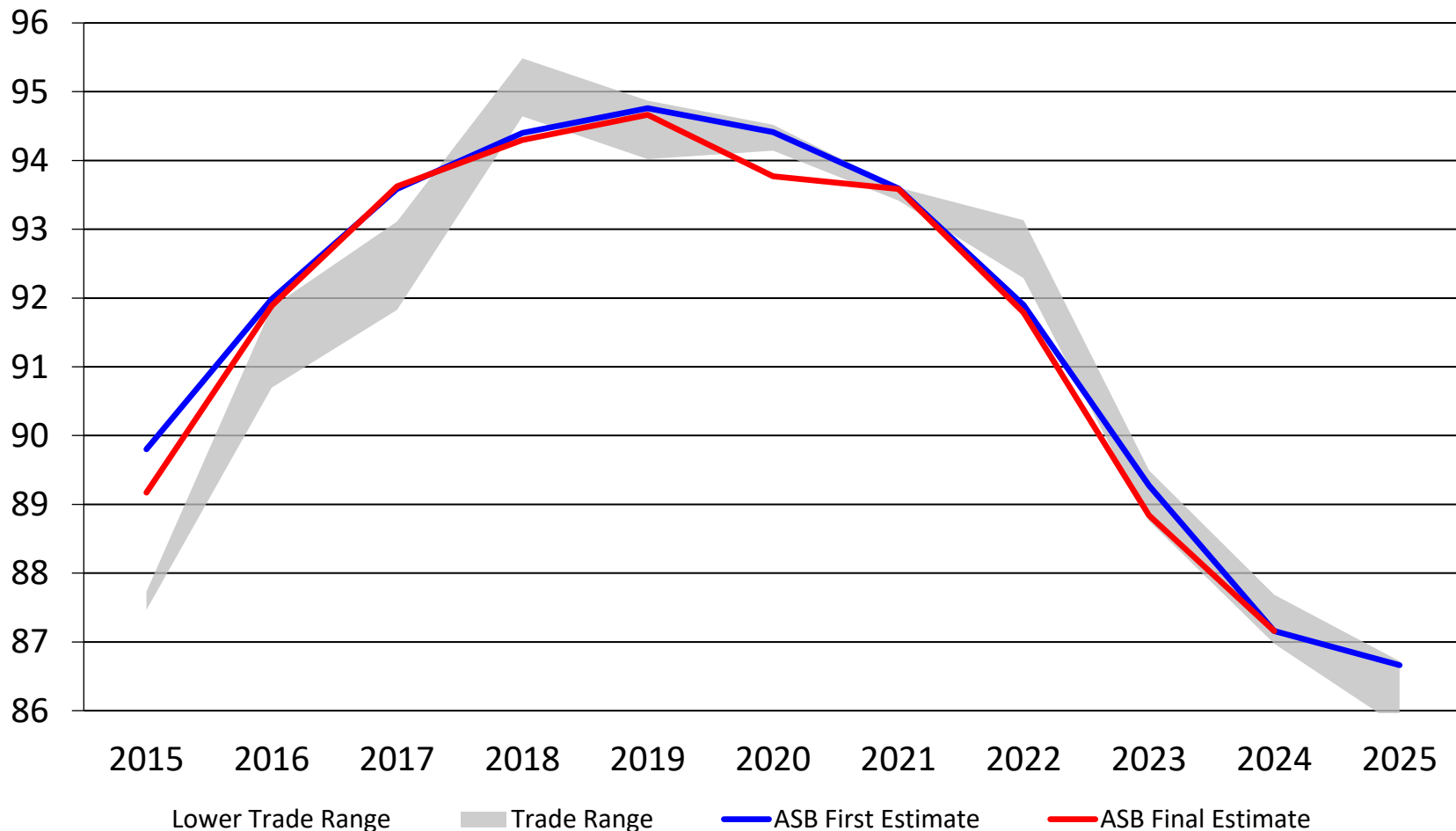


# Trade Expectations Compared to NASS Estimates Percent of Previous Year





# All Cattle and Calves First Estimate vs Final Estimate

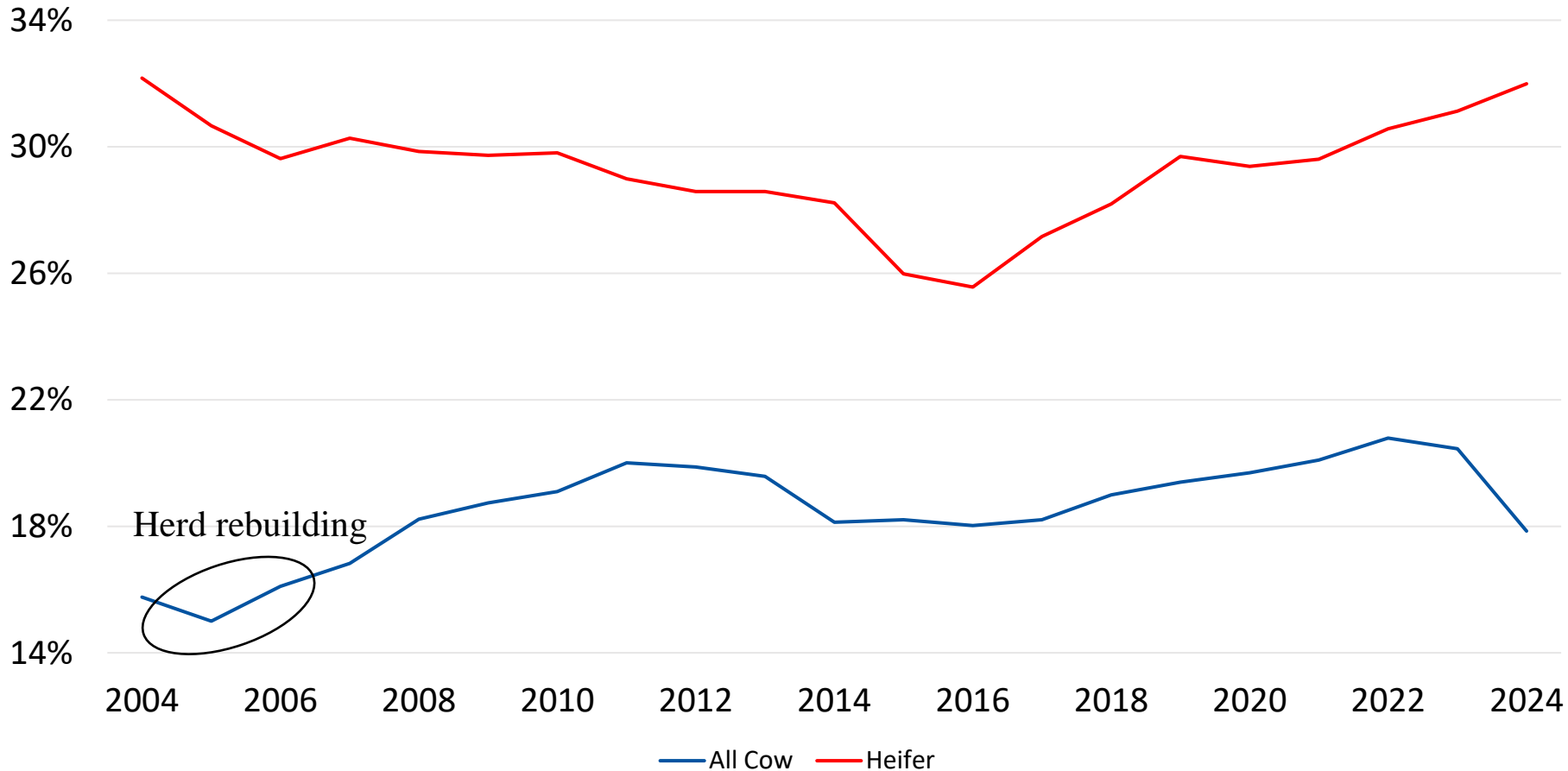




# All Cow and Heifer Slaughter as a Percent of Total Slaughter

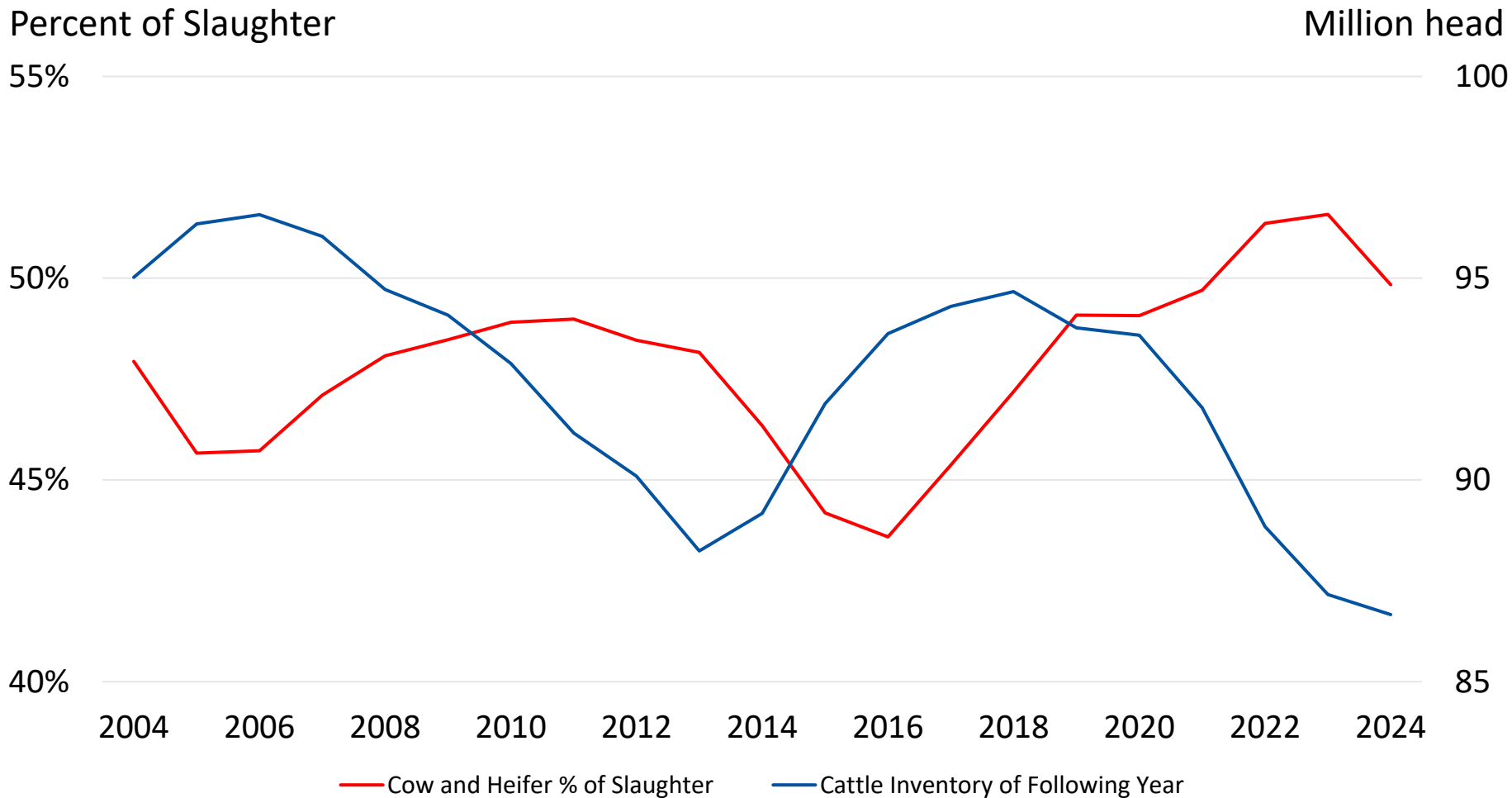


Percent of Slaughter





# Cattle Inventory vs Cow and Heifer Slaughter as a Percent of Slaughter



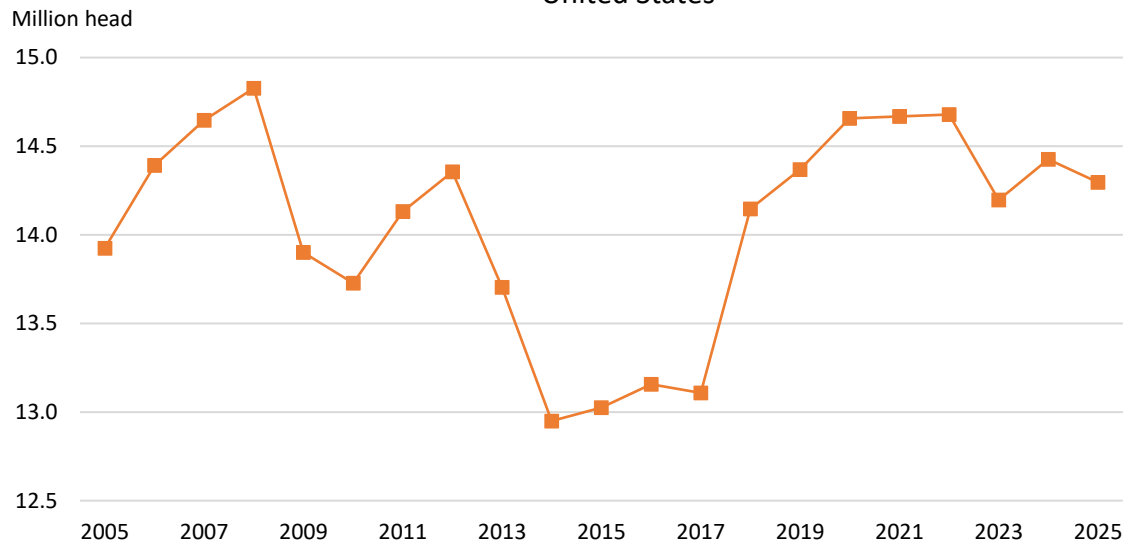


# January 1 Cattle on Feed



United States	2024		2025	
	(1,000 head)	Percent of Total	(1,000 head)	Percent of Total
Capacity of 1,000 head or more	11,930.0	82.7	11,823.0	82.7
Capacity of less than 1,000 head	2,496.3	17.3	2,473.7	17.3
<b>All cattle on feed</b>	<b>14,426.3</b>		<b>14,296.7</b>	

January 1 All Cattle on Feed  
United States



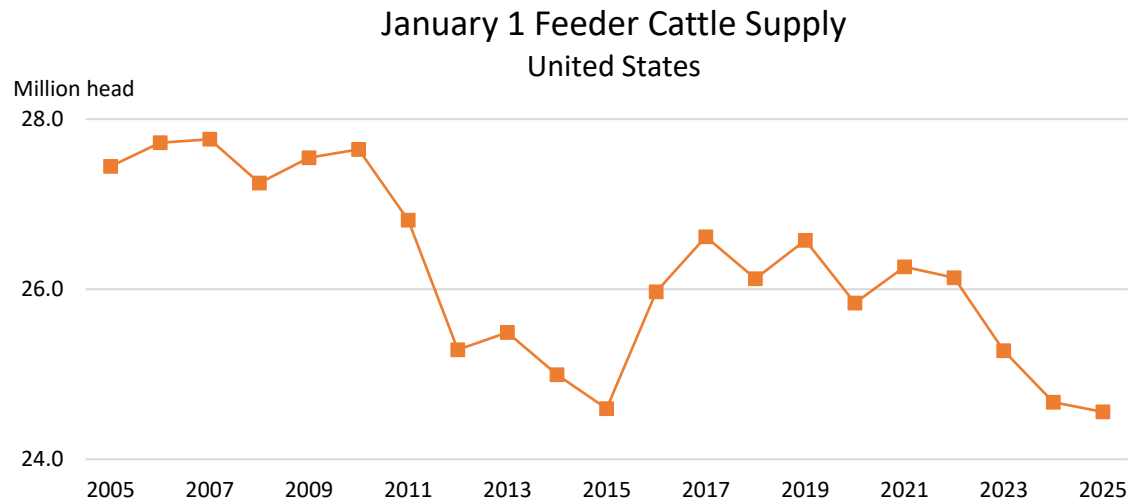




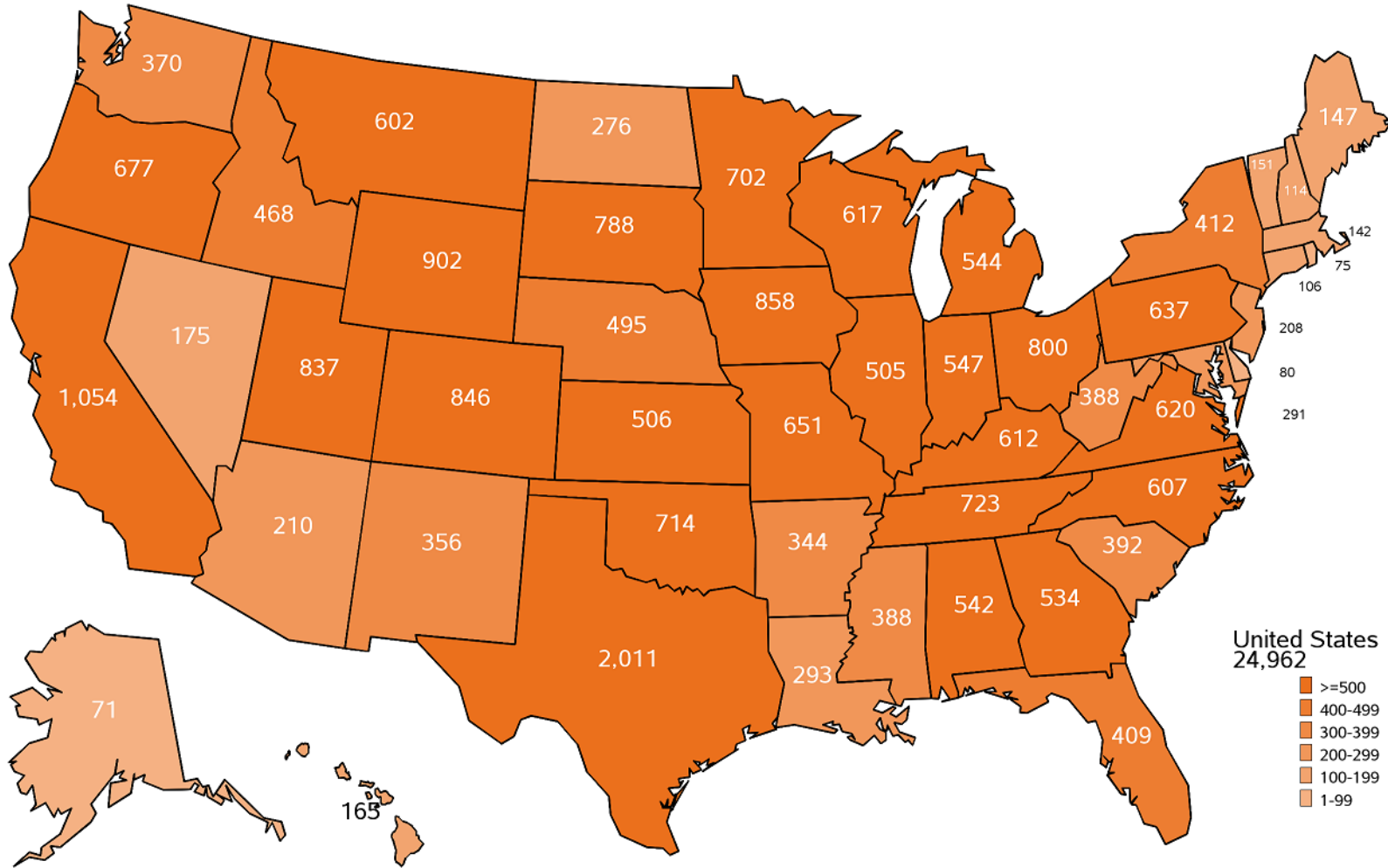
# January 1 Feeder Cattle Supply



United States	2024 (1,000 head)	2025	% Change from Previous Year	
Calves under 500 pounds	13,487.7	13,458.1	↓	0.2
Steers and other heifers 500 pounds and over	25,609.7	25,395.6	↓	0.8
Total supply	39,097.4	38,853.7	↓	0.6
All cattle on feed	14,426.3	14,296.7	↓	0.9
Feeder cattle supply	24,671.1	24,557.0	↓	0.5



# January 2025 Sheep and Goat Survey Sample Size





# January 1 Sheep and Lambs

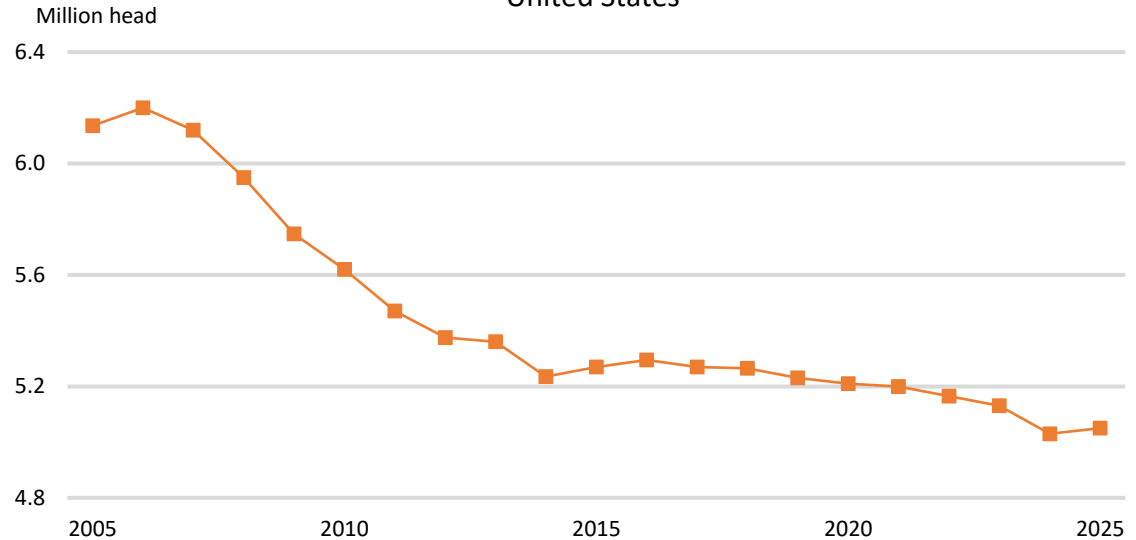


United States	2024	2025	% Change from Previous Year	
	(1,000 head)			
All sheep and lambs	5,030	5,050	↑	0.3
Market	1,360	1,370	↑	0.7
Breeding	3,670	3,680	↑	0.3

**Top 5 States Inventory**  
(1,000 head)

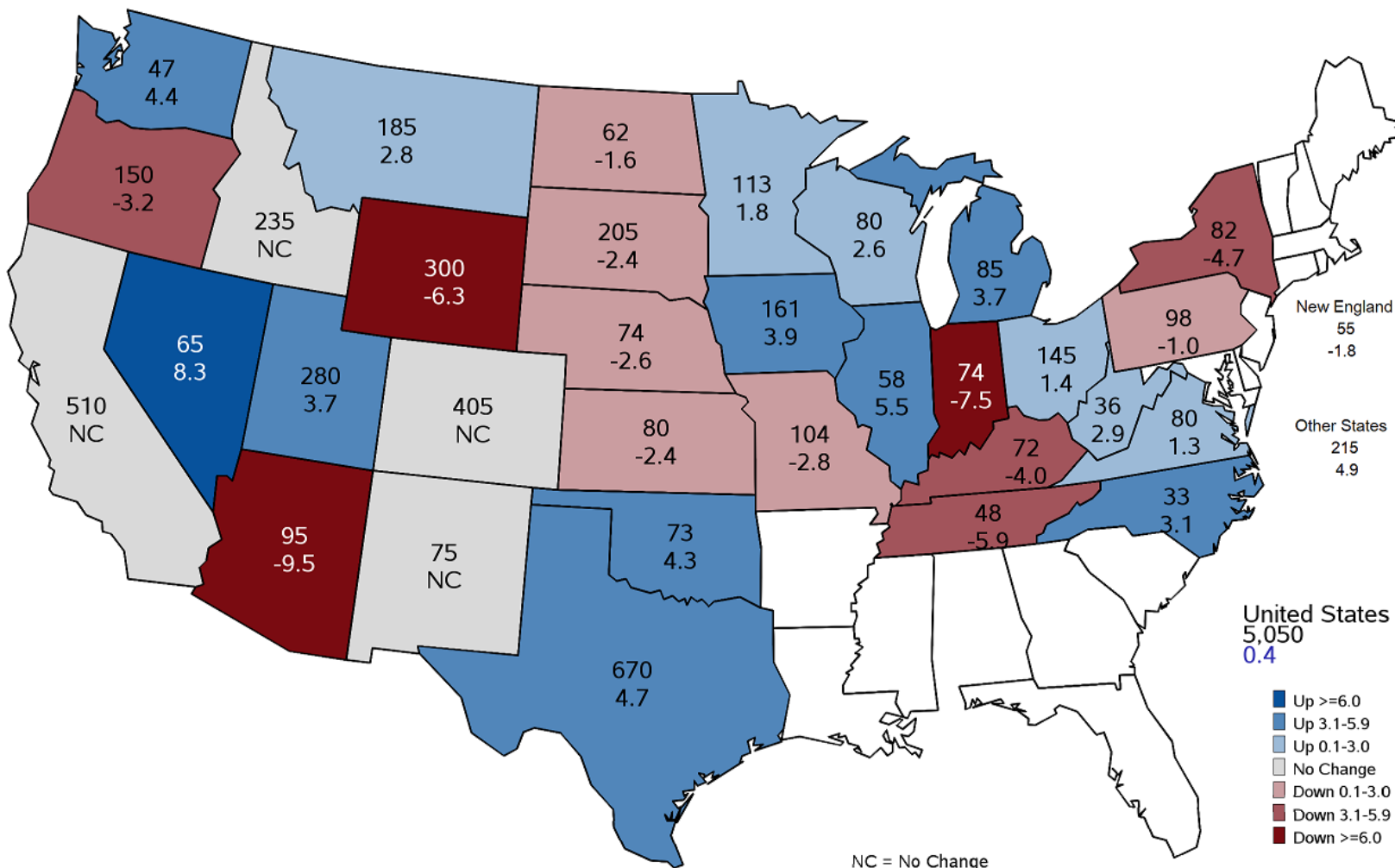
Texas	670
California	510
Colorado	405
Wyoming	300
Utah	280

January 1 All Sheep and Lambs United States





# January 1, 2025 Sheep and Lambs (1,000) Head and Percent Change from Previous Year



NC = No Change  
# = Record High  
& = Record Low

- Up >=6.0
- Up 3.1-5.9
- Up 0.1-3.0
- No Change
- Down 0.1-3.0
- Down 3.1-5.9
- Down >=6.0

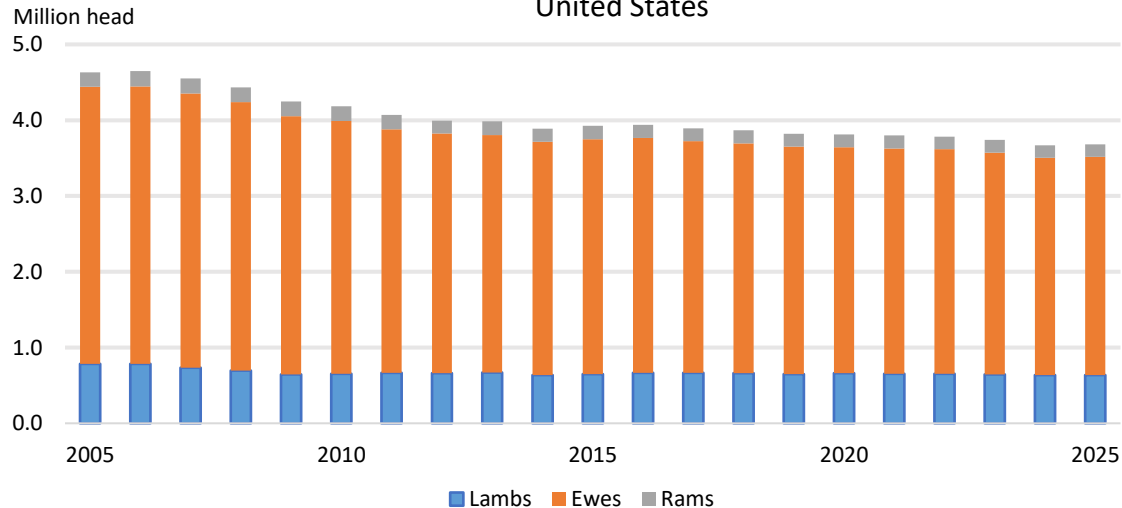


# January 1 Breeding Sheep and Lambs



United States	2024 (1,000 head)	2025	% Change from Previous Year	
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,670	3,680	↑	0.3
Replacement lambs under one year old	635	635		NC
Ewes one year and older	2,870	2,880	↑	0.3
Rams one year old and older	165	165		NC

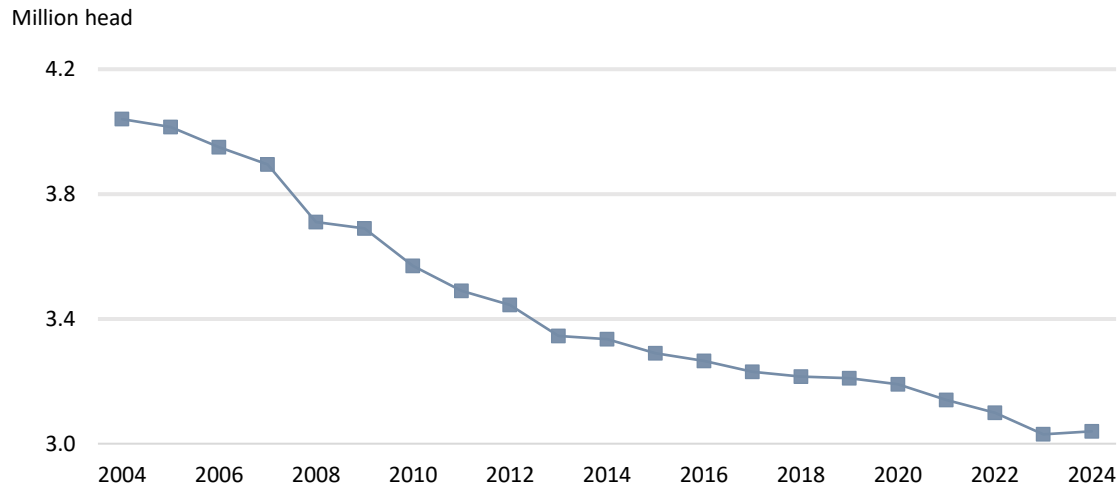
January 1 Lambs, Ewes, and Rams  
United States



# Lamb Crop

United States	2023	2024	% Change from Previous Year	
	(1,000 head)			
Lamb crop	3,030	3,040	↑	0.3

Lamb Crop  
United States



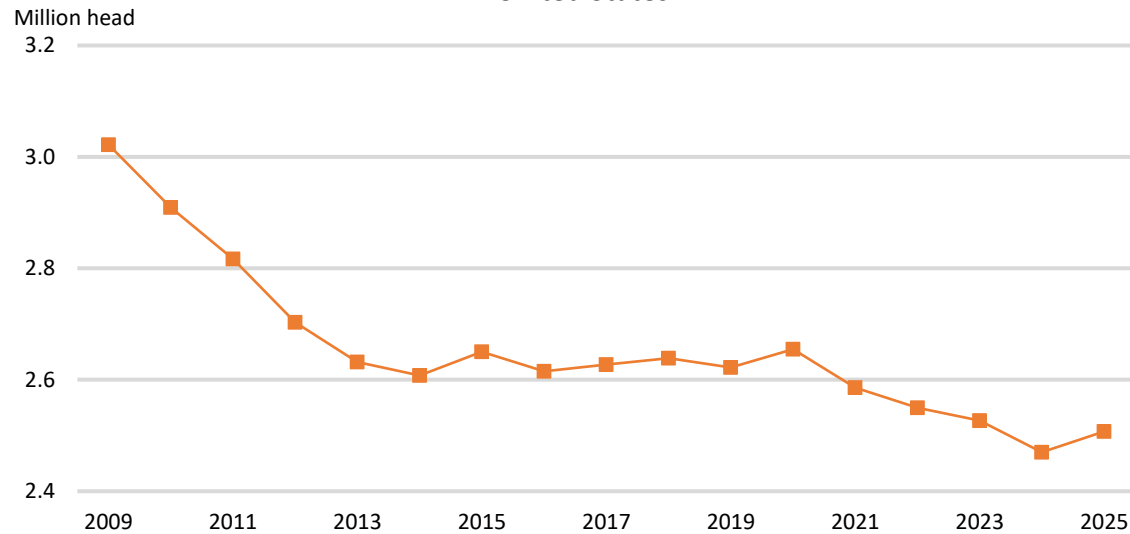


# January 1 Goats and Kids



United States	2024 (1,000 head)	2025	% Change from Previous Year	
All goats and kids	2,470	2,507	↑	1.5
Market	435	442	↑	1.6
Breeding	2,035	2,065	↑	1.5

January 1 All Goats and Kids  
United States





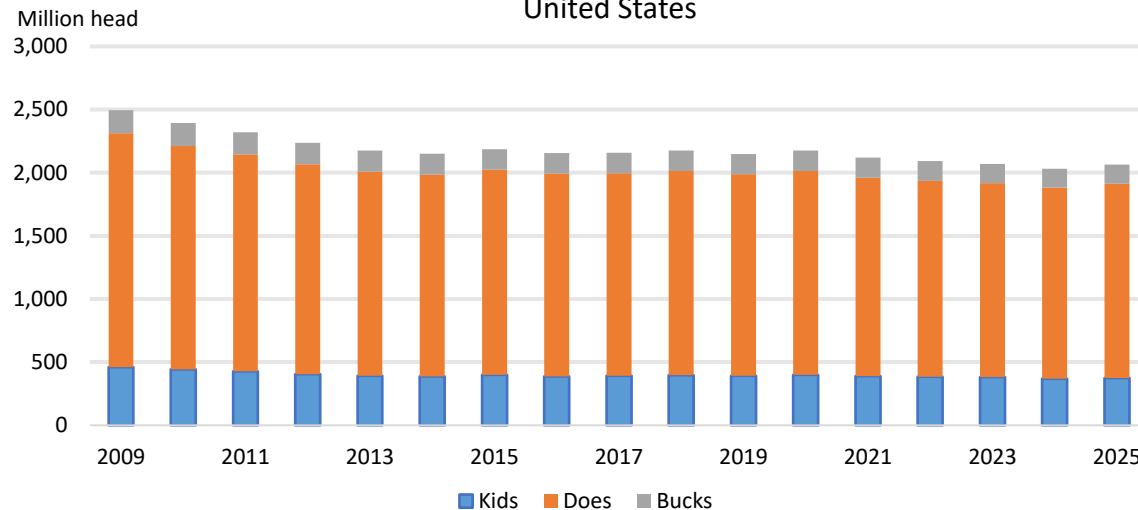


# January 1 Breeding Goats and Kids



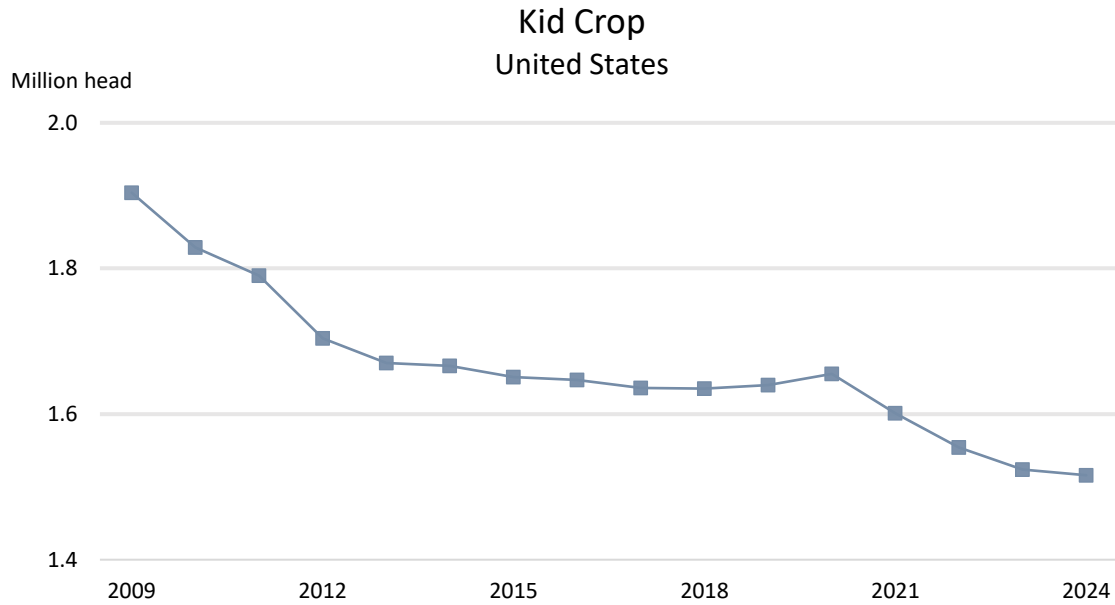
United States	2024 (1,000 head)	2025	% Change from Previous Year	
Breeding goats and kids	2,035	2,065	↑	1.5
Replacement kids under one year old	374	374		NC
Does one year old and older	1,511	1,539	↑	1.9
Bucks one year old and older	150	152	↑	1.3

January 1 Kids, Does, and Bucks  
United States



# Kid Crop

United States	2023 (1,000 head)	2024	% Change from Previous Year
Kid crop	1,524	1,516	↓ 0.5





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