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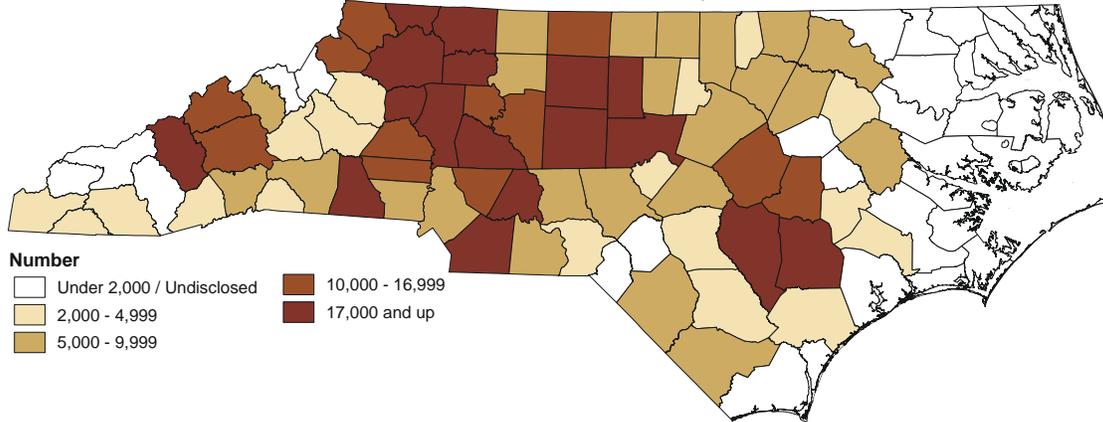
January 1, 2008

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Quick Facts

- ❖ North Carolina cattle inventory as of January 1, 2008 was 830,000 head, down 2% from the previous year and the lowest since 1988 at 825,000 head.
- ❖ During 2007, the number of North Carolina cattle operations totaled 19,000, a 5% decrease from 2006.
- ❖ The record high number of cattle reported on North Carolina farms was in 1985 at 1.175 million head.

Number of on Farms, January 1, 2008

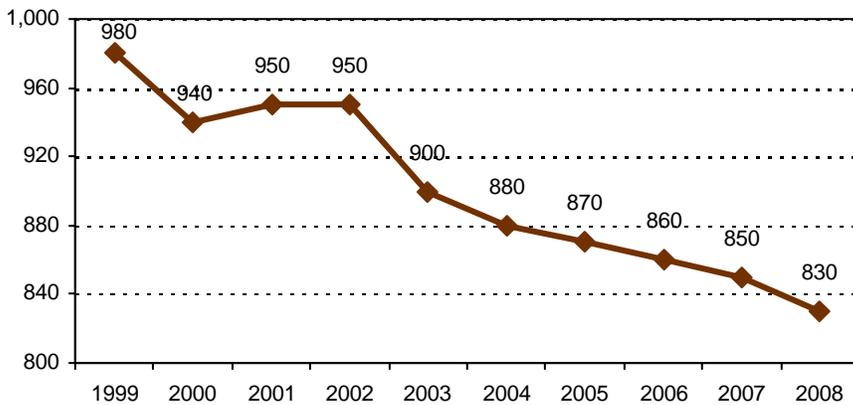


Leading Cattle Producing Counties

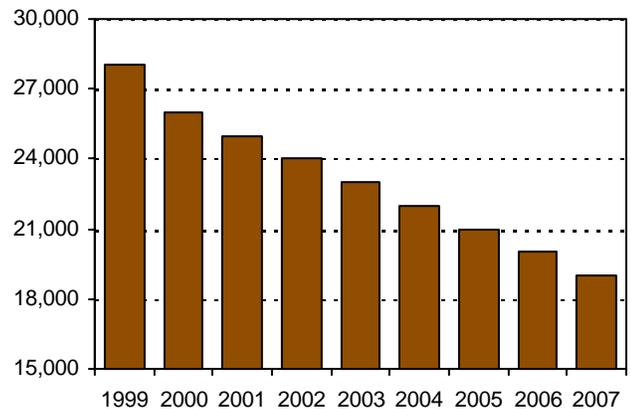
Leading Counties ¹	Number
Iredell	43,000
Randolph	37,300
Chatham	36,000
Wilkes	30,500
Yadkin	27,000
Duplin	25,500
Sampson	24,000
Cleveland	21,000
Alexander	20,000
Union	20,000

¹Ranking of Published Counties Only

All Cattle Inventory, January 1



Cattle Operations: All Size Groups



Cattle Inventory by Class, January 1¹

Class	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<i>Thousand Head</i>										
All Cattle and Calves	980	940	950	950	900	880	870	860	850	830
Cows That Have Calved	510	510	505	500	475	460	455	436	440	420
Beef Cows	437	438	436	434	412	402	400	384	392	372
Milk Cows	73	72	69	66	63	58	55	52	48	48
Heifers 500 lbs. and Over	119	106	121	123	120	120	120	120	123	118
For Beef Cow Replacement	70	60	75	73	73	72	75	72	72	69
For Milk Cow Replacement	30	29	30	30	28	27	25	22	26	23
Other Heifers	19	17	16	20	19	21	20	26	25	26
Steers 500 lbs. and Over	52	30	40	43	43	40	41	45	32	33
Bulls 500 lbs. and Over	34	34	34	34	32	30	29	29	30	29
Calves Under 500 lbs.	265	260	250	250	230	230	225	230	225	230

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.