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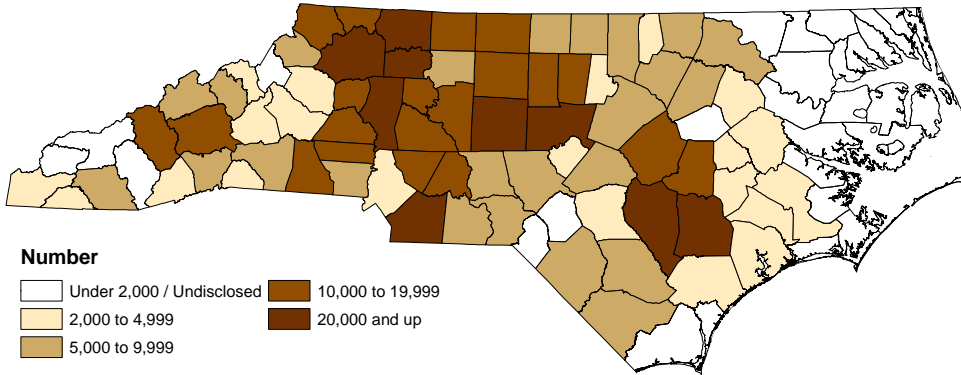
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Quick Facts

- ❖ As of January 1, 2009, North Carolina cattle inventory was 850,000 head, up 2% from 830,000 head the year before.
- ❖ Beef cows, at 385,000 head, were up 3%. Milk cows, at 45,000 head were down 6 % from last year.
- ❖ The record high number of cattle reported on North Carolina farms was at 1.175 million head in 1985.
- ❖ The value of production during 2008 in North Carolina was \$204,135,000.

January 1, 2009 Inventory by County

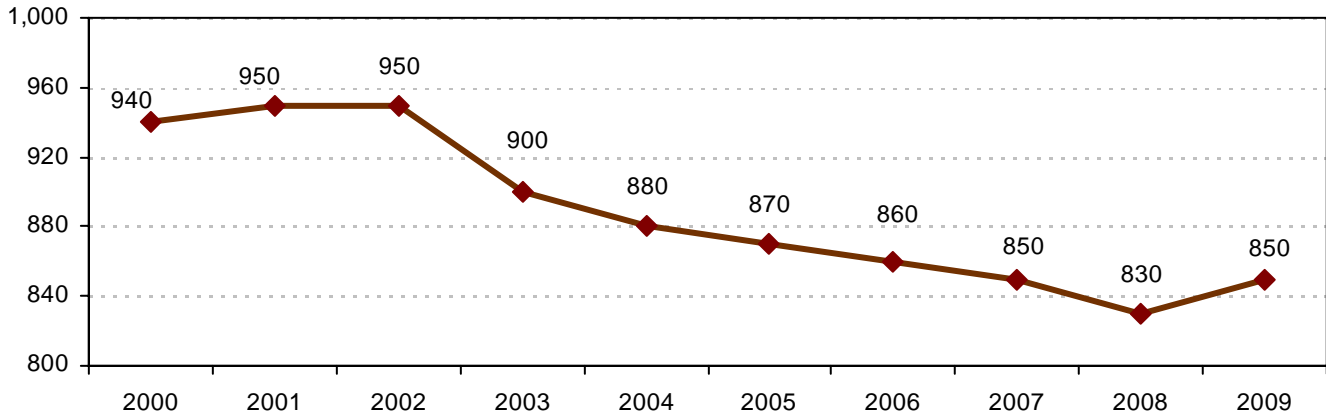


January 1, 2009 Inventory

Leading Counties ¹	Number
Iredell	42,500
Randolph	40,500
Chatham	37,000
Wilkes	32,000
Yadkin	27,000
Duplin	26,500
Sampson	25,000
Union	23,000
Surry	20,000
Cleveland	19,500

¹Ranking of Published Counties Only

January 1 Inventory
 (Thousand Head)



January 1 Cattle Inventory by Class¹

Class	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
(Thousand Head)										
All Cattle and Calves	940	950	950	900	880	870	860	850	830	850
Cows That Have Calved	510	505	500	475	460	455	436	440	420	430
Beef Cows	438	436	434	412	402	400	384	392	372	385
Milk Cows	72	69	66	63	58	55	52	48	48	45
Heifers 500 lbs. and Over	106	121	123	120	120	120	120	123	118	119
For Beef Cow Replacement	60	75	73	73	72	75	72	72	69	69
For Milk Cow Replacement	29	30	30	28	27	25	22	26	23	20
Other Heifers	17	16	20	19	21	20	26	25	26	30
Steers 500 lbs. and Over	30	40	43	43	40	41	45	32	33	30
Bulls 500 lbs. and Over	34	34	34	32	30	29	29	30	29	31
Calves Under 500 lbs.	260	250	250	230	230	225	230	225	230	240

¹Totals may not add due to rounding.