

How Big is the U.S. Cattle Herd?

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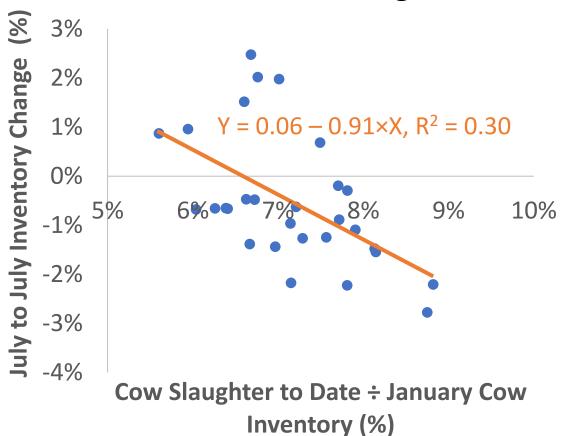
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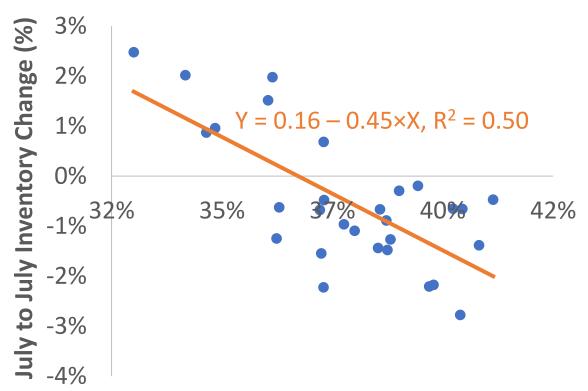


### **Estimating Total Inventory**

## July to July Inventory Change vs. Share of Cows Slaughtered

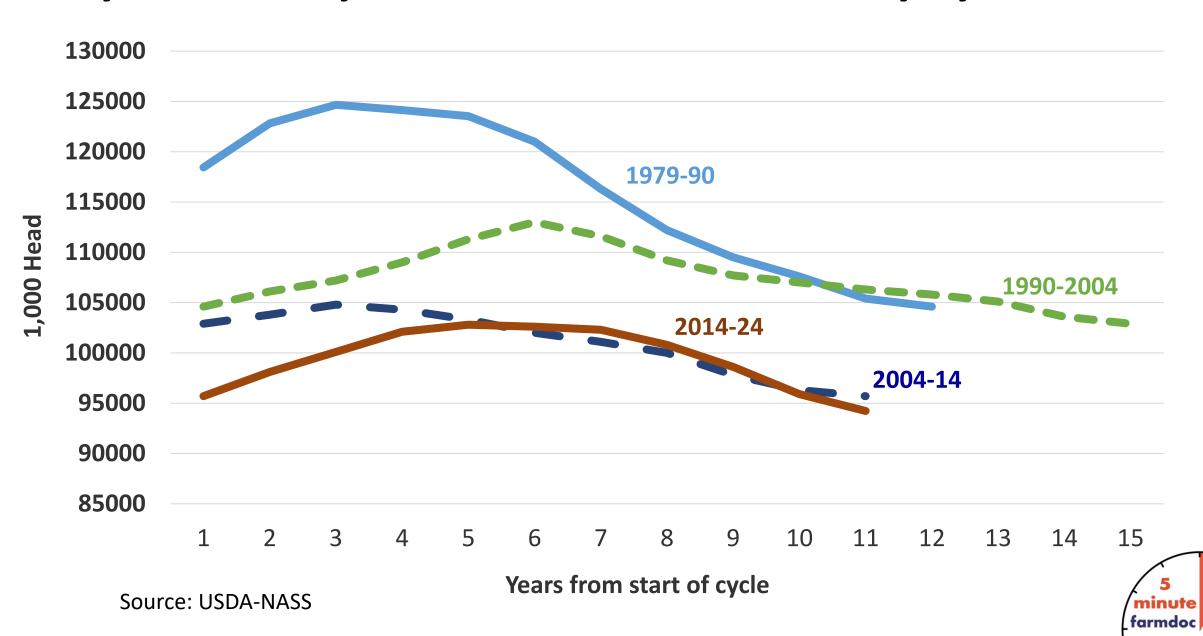


## July to July Inventory Change vs. Heifers' Share of Cattle on Feed

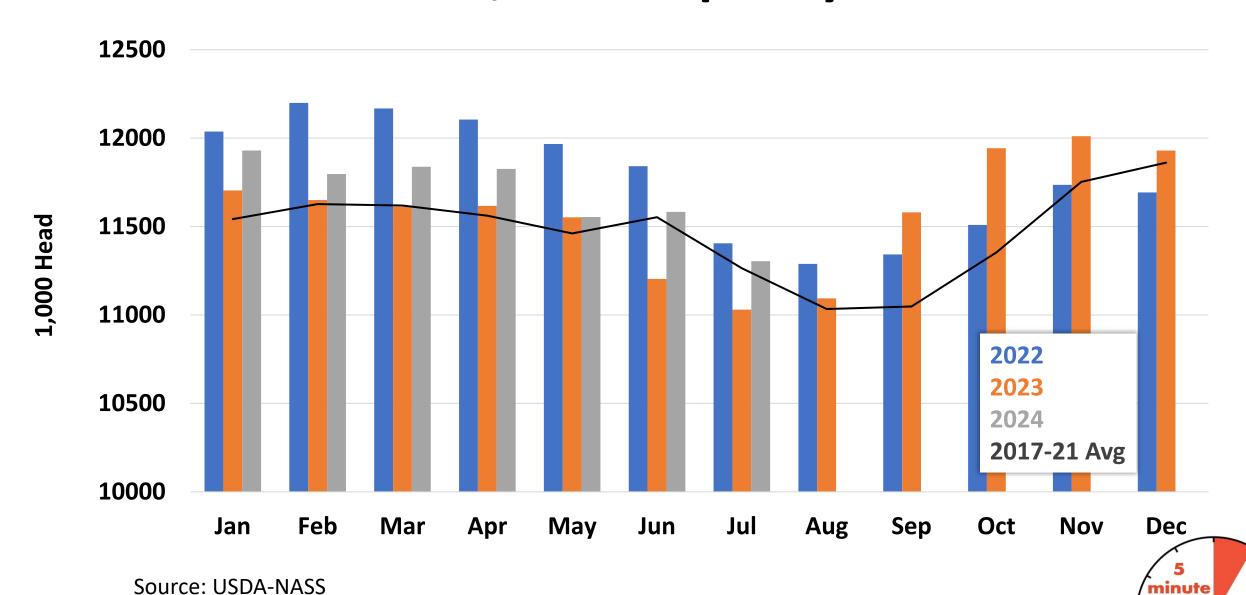


Heifers' Share of Cattle on Feed (%)

July 1 Inventory of Cattle & Calves in U.S. by Cycles

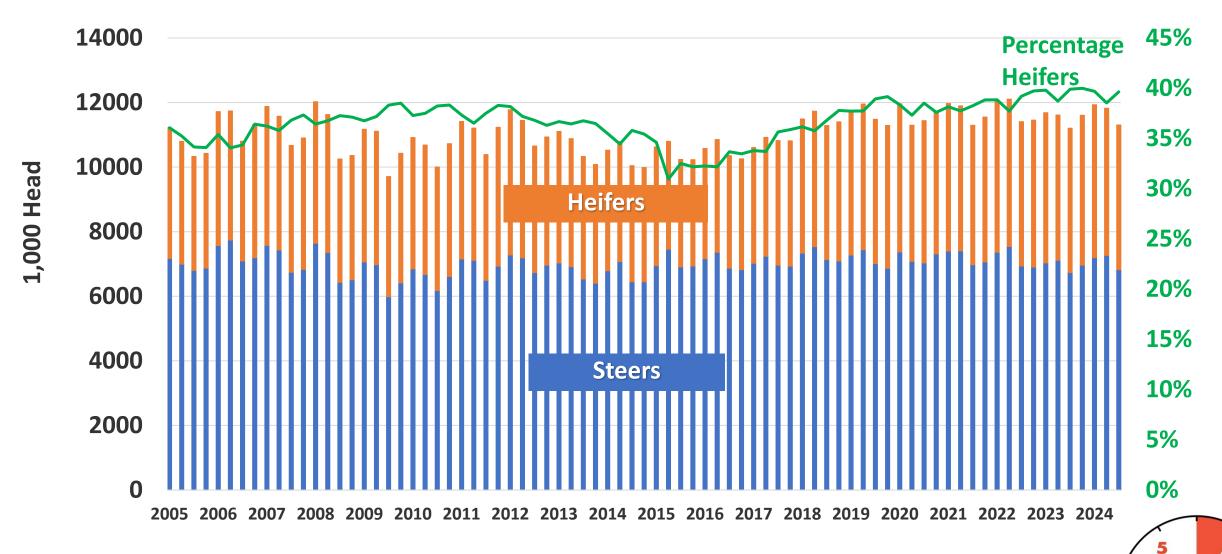


#### Cattle on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots



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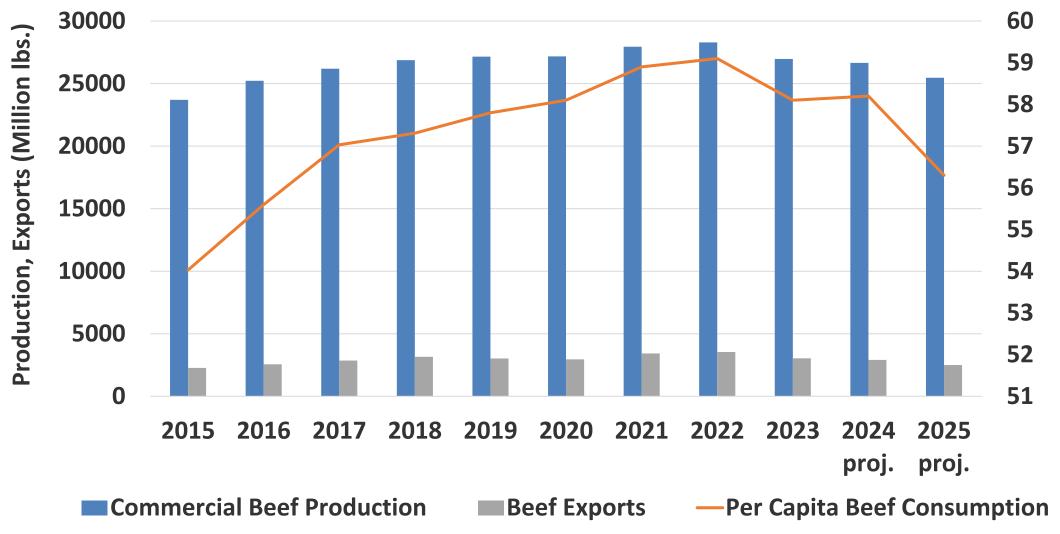


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Source: USDA-NASS

#### U.S. Beef Production & Disappearance

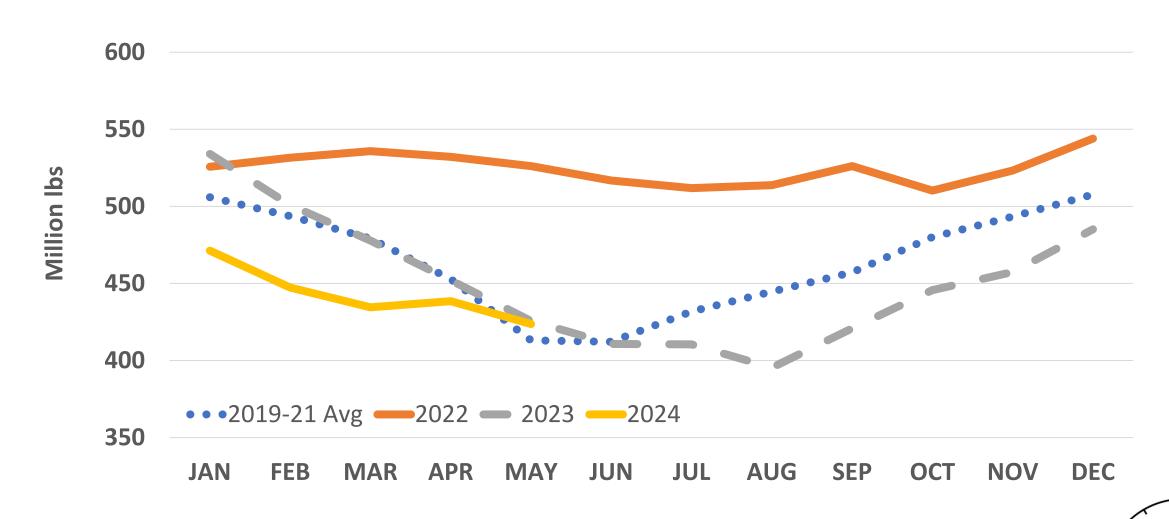
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Consumption (lb/year)

#### U.S. Frozen Stocks of Beef at End of Month



Source: USDA-NASS

### **Quarterly Average Slaughter Steer Price 5 Market Weighted Average**



Source: USDA-AMS

# **Quarterly Average Feeder Steer Price, 600-700 lb**Southern Plains

