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Cattle and Calves Statistics State of Hawaii, 2023

Hawaii started 2023 with 148,000 head of cattle, a four (4) percent gain (6,000 more animals) from the previous year, raising the five-year average to 142,800 head, and surpassing the pre-COVID-19 level of 142,000. However, the calf crop fell by 1,000 to 62,000 head, reducing the five-year average to 61,400 but staying above the pre-COVID-19 level of 60,000 calves. Cattle marketing improved by 13 percent to 18,300 head, and calf marketing grew by 25 percent to 45,000 head. On-farm harvest for local consumption declined by a third to 200 head.

Table 2 shows that a six (6) percent production decrease between 2022 and 2023 was offset by an 18 percent increase in marketing, and reaching 42 million pounds in 2023. Ranchers generated \$82 million in gross income, a 53 percent increase over 2022 and nearly double the pre-COVID-19 figures. The value of home consumption was below one (1) percent of gross income in 2023. The five-year average gross income is \$53.1 million, well above the pre-COVID-19 gross income of \$43.2 million.

Table 1: Cattle and Calves Inventory, Supply and Disposition, 2019-2023

Year	Inventory at start of year	Calf crop	Marketings ¹		Farm	Losses	Inventory at
			Cattle	Calves	harvest ²	Losses	end of year
	head	head	head	head	head	head	head
2019	142,000	60,000	15,600	42,200	200	4,000	140,000
2020	140,000	60,000	15,100	38,200	200	4,500	142,000
2021	142,000	62,000	15,700	39,600	200	4,500	144,000
2022	142,000	63,000	16,200	36,000	300	4,500	148,000
2023	148,000	62,000	18,300	45,000	200	4,500	142,000
Mean	142,800	61,400	16,180	40,200	220	4,400	143,200
Change (%) ³	4.2	-1.6	13.0	25.0	-33.0	0.0	-4.1

Sources: USDA-NASS, Pacific Region Meat Animals Production, Disposition, and Income. Tables on Cattle and Calves. Released in various years.

¹ Includes custom harvest for the use of the farms where produced and state out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the state.

² Excludes custom harvest for farmers at commercial establishments.

³ Percent change from 2022 to 2023.

Table 2: Cattle and Calves Production and Income, 2019-2023

Year	Production ¹	Marketing ²	Value of production	Cash receipts ³	Value of home consumption	Gross income
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
2019	35,037	36,363	41,387	42,752	448	43,200
2020	36,087	34,138	42,283	40,317	458	40,775
2021	37,424	35,464	47,848	45,667	519	46,186
2022	40,737	35,700	59,501	52,771	776	53,547
2023	38,231	42,193	74,512	81,103	755	81,858
Mean	37,503	36,772	53,106	52,522	591	53,113
Change (%) ⁴	-6.2	18.2	25.2	53.7	-2.7	52.9

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Chart 1: Cattle and Calves Production: Volume and Value, 2019-2023



Source: USDA-NASS.

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¹ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for shipments.

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³ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm harvest.

⁴ Percent change from 2022 to 2023.