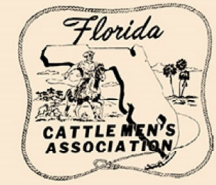


Florida is Cattle Country

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FLORIDA has a long and colorful history of cattle ranching. The state has supported cattle grazing since the arrival of Spanish explorers almost 500 years ago, and many ranching families are into their 6th and 7th generations. Native American culture in Florida is tightly linked to the cattle industry, with the regional Seminole and Miccosukee tribes managing large ranches.

Until the 1930's many Florida cattle were descended from the early Spanish herds. Known as cracker cattle, they are now preserved as a rare breed. Today, the breeds that dominate Florida beef production have both European and Indian heritage.

5.4+ million acres of Florida land are used for pasture and rangeland. That's **15.6%** of the state's total land area.

In January 2018, Florida had **1.63 million** cattle and calves, including **886,000** beef cows.

Feeding the World

Florida's cattle produce over **231 million** pounds of beef per year, providing **334 million** meals to consumers.¹

Cattle by-products are used in millions of everyday things such as **cosmetics, crayons, bandages, sheetrock and leather goods.**

They also provide important medicines and supplements such as **insulin, heparin and vitamin B12.**²

Driving the Economy

In CY 2017, the Florida cattle industry and allied industries supported **118,191** full-time and part-time jobs.

\$4.64 billion in labor income (wages, salaries, benefits, business-owner income).

\$16.8 billion in output or revenues.

\$712 million in state and local tax revenues.

\$7.65 billion in value added or Gross State Product.

\$1.16 billion in federal tax revenues.

Pastures and rangelands also support recreational activities such as **fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing.**