

## Economic Contributions of Beef and Dairy Cattle and Allied Industries in Florida in 2017

### Fact Sheet

- **5.4 million** acres of pasture and range land used for cattle grazing (2012), **15.6%** of state land area
- **1.68 million** inventory of cattle and calves in January 2019
- **18,433** beef cattle operations, **425** dairy operations, **213** processing-manufacturing firms, plus supporting services, feed manufacturers, veterinarians, wholesale and retail distributors of beef and dairy products
- **\$502 million** value of cattle produced; **300 million** gallons of milk produced worth **\$537 million**
- **\$6.40 billion** retail sales of beef and dairy products, representing 16.9% of food store sales in Florida
- **\$1.03 billion** international exports of meat and dairy products
- **118,191** fulltime and part-time jobs generated (including indirect and induced regional multiplier effects), represents **1.02%** of state workforce supported
- **\$16.80 billion** industry output or business revenue contribution
- **\$7.65 billion** value added contribution to Gross State Product
- **\$4.64 billion** labor income contribution to employee wages, salaries, benefits
- **\$712 million** generated to state-local tax revenues, **\$1.16 billion** federal tax revenues
- **10%+** of total economic activity attributed to the cattle industry in Lafayette, Okeechobee, Gilchrist, Madison, and Hardee Counties
- **\$4.61 billion** annual value of non-marketed ecosystem services provided by Florida pastures and rangelands for wildlife habitat, biodiversity, water storage and treatment, carbon capture, outdoor recreation.

