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.