Florida Cattle Industry
2017 Economic Contributions

Did You Know?
Florida ranchlands provide many environmental services including:
- water storage
- outdoor recreation
- mitigation of droughts and floods
- wildlife habitat
- carbon storage

5.4 Million Acres
of improved pasture, rangeland, and dairy cattle production representing 15.6% of the state’s land area

Top 5 FL Counties
for beef and dairy cow inventory
1. Okeechobee (110,000)
2. Highlands (75,500)
3. Polk (60,600)
4. Osceola (60,000)
5. Hardee (48,100)

FL exported over $1 Billion
worth of cattle, meat, and dairy products to international markets

Direct Contributions

Beef Cattle Farming
Employment: 8,174 Jobs
Revenues: $640 Million

Meat Processing
Employment: 3,045 Jobs
Revenues: $1.566 Billion

Dairy Farming
Employment: 1,924 Jobs
Revenues: $621 Million

Dairy Product Manufacturing
Employment: 2,293 Jobs
Revenues: $1.504 Billion

Livestock, Dairy Product, and Meat Wholesalers
Employment: 4,191 Jobs
Revenues: $984 Million

Retail Sales of Beef and Dairy Products
Employment: 34,713 Jobs
Revenues: $2.296 Billion

Allied Services
Employment: 3,193 Jobs
Revenues: $480 Million

Multiplier Effect

For every $1 of direct output in the beef and dairy cattle industry...
... A total of $2 of output is contributed to Florida’s economy

Over $700 Million
in State and Local Tax Contributions

For every 1 direct job in the beef and dairy cattle industry
A total of 2 jobs are supported throughout Florida’s economy

Total Contributions

Beef and dairy cattle industry activities also generate additional economic activity through Florida’s economy!

Industry Output
$16.798 Billion
49% Direct Effects

Labor Income
$4.639 Billion
43% Direct Effects

Employment
118,191 Jobs

Gross State Product
$7.653 Billion
40% Direct Effects

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