

Cow-Heifer Numbers. The beef herd cow-heifer inventory of the nine states is expected to increase steadily during 1981-1985. These projections are shown in Table 7. Total numbers are expected to be up 14 per cent (1985 compared with 1981) with Texas accounting for 33 per cent of the expansion of the nine states. North Carolina numbers are expected to expand less than those of other states of the area.

Table 7. Projected Beef Herd Cow-Heifer Inventory,
Nine Southern U.S. States, 1981-1985 (1,000 head)

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>
Alabama	1,100	1,158	1,215	1,273	1,330
Florida	1,449	1,504	1,559	1,615	1,670
Georgia	970	1,025	1,080	1,135	1,190
Louisiana	901	937	972	1,008	1,043
Mississippi	1,230	1,319	1,407	1,496	1,584
N. Carolina	553	556	560	564	568
S. Carolina	325	334	344	354	364
Tennessee	1,343	1,385	1,427	1,468	1,510
Texas	6,547	6,720	6,893	7,067	7,240
Nine-State Total	14,418	14,938	15,457	15,980	16,499

Source: Southern Cattle Inventory 1945-1975 and Projected 1980-1985,
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The Bull Inventory. The number of beef herd bulls in the nine states should increase during the coming years as shown in Table 8. The largest increases are expected to occur in Texas and Mississippi. These states are expected to account for one-half of the increase in the bull inventory that will take place in the South.