

# United States and Canadian Cattle

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## *July Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent*

**SIoux FALLS, August 17, 2005** – **All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada** combined totaled 121.8 million head on July 1, 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 49.4 million head, was also up 1 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves** in the United States as of July 1, 2005 totaled 104.5 million head, 1 percent above the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004 and 1 percent above the 103.9 million two years ago.

**All cattle and calves in Canada** as of July 1, 2005, totaled 17.3 million head, up 3 percent from the 16.8 million on July 1, 2004, and 10 percent above the 15.7 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 6.6 million, was up 2 percent from the 6.4 million on July 1, 2004, and 10 percent above the 6.0 million from two years ago.

This data is a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service to release the number of cattle and calves by class and calf crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the U.S. cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on July 22, 2005.

*The complete report can be accessed at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/)  
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