



United States and Canadian Cattle

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 115 million head on July 1, 2019, down slightly from the 115 million head on July 1, 2018. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 46.3 million head, were down slightly from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2019, totaled 103 million head, unchanged from July 1, 2018. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.7 million head, were down slightly from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of July 1, 2019, totaled 12.3 million head, down 1 percent from the 12.4 million head on July 1, 2018. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.64 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: July 1, 2014-2017

Class	2014	2015	2016 ¹	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	108,720.0	110,715.0		114,635.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	43,803.0	44,354.2		46,227.8
Beef cows	33,598.2	34,106.4		35,871.1
Milk cows	10,204.8	10,247.8		10,356.7
All other cattle	64,917.0	66,360.8		68,407.2
Calf crop ²	38,017.5	38,284.4	39,334.6	40,106.5

¹ July 2016 United States *Cattle* report suspended due to budget constraints.

² January to December calf crop.

Sources: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: July 1, 2018 and 2019

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Class	2018	2019	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	115,415.0	115,255.0	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	46,503.7	46,339.5	100
Beef cows	36,134.0	36,070.8	100
Milk cows	10,369.7	10,268.7	99
All other cattle	68,911.3	68,915.5	100
Calf crop ¹	40,695.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December calf crop.

Sources: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2014-2017

Class	2014	2015	2016 ¹	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	95,700.0	98,100.0		102,100.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	39,000.0	39,700.0		41,500.0
Beef cows	29,750.0	30,400.0		32,100.0
Milk cows	9,250.0	9,300.0		9,400.0
Heifers 500 pounds and over	15,500.0	15,700.0		16,200.0
For beef cow replacement	4,500.0	4,800.0		4,700.0
For milk cow replacement	4,100.0	4,200.0		4,200.0
Other heifers	6,900.0	6,700.0		7,300.0
Steers 500 pounds and over	13,500.0	14,100.0		14,500.0
Bulls 500 pounds and over	1,900.0	1,900.0		2,000.0
Calves under 500 pounds	25,800.0	26,700.0		27,900.0
Calf crop ²	33,522.0	34,086.7	35,062.7	35,758.2

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² January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2018 and 2019

Class	2018	2019	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	103,000.0	103,000.0	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	41,800.0	41,700.0	100
Beef Cows	32,400.0	32,400.0	100
Milk Cows	9,400.0	9,300.0	99
Heifers 500 pounds and over	16,300.0	16,400.0	101
For beef cow replacement	4,600.0	4,400.0	96
For milk cow replacement	4,200.0	4,100.0	98
Other heifers	7,500.0	7,900.0	105
Steers 500 pounds and over	14,500.0	14,700.0	101
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,100.0	2,100.0	100
Calves under 500 pounds	28,300.0	28,100.0	99
Calf crop ¹	36,402.7	36,300.0	100

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: July 1, 2014-2017

Class	2014	2015	2016	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	13,020.0	12,615.0	12,530.0	12,535.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,803.0	4,654.2	4,679.0	4,727.8
Beef cows	3,848.2	3,706.4	3,736.6	3,771.1
Milk cows	954.8	947.8	942.4	956.7
Heifers 1 year and over	2,129.8	2,042.7	2,018.1	1,990.1
For beef cow replacement	640.0	642.8	674.5	687.9
For milk cow replacement	441.0	433.6	438.9	437.6
Other heifers	1,048.8	966.3	904.7	864.6
Steers 1 year and over	1,607.0	1,627.3	1,568.1	1,548.5
Bulls 1 year and over	224.0	222.5	223.4	223.5
Calves under 1 year	4,256.2	4,068.3	4,041.4	4,045.1
Calf crop ¹	4,495.5	4,197.7	4,271.9	4,348.3

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Class	2018	2019	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	12,415.0	12,255.0	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,703.7	4,639.5	99
Beef cows	3,734.0	3,670.8	98
Milk cows	969.7	968.7	100
Heifers 1 year and over	1,986.4	1,917.4	97
For beef cow replacement	669.9	637.8	95
For milk cow replacement	435.6	439.8	101
Other heifers	880.9	839.8	95
Steers 1 year and over	1,520.6	1,452.5	96
Bulls 1 year and over	222.5	219.0	98
Calves under 1 year	3,981.8	4,026.6	101
Calf crop ¹	4,292.3		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

This publication is a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and NASS 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 United States cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef supplies. United States inventory numbers were previously released on July 19, 2019. Canadian inventory numbers were previously released on August 22, 2019.

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