



# JULY 2018 CATTLE REPORT

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## U.S. July Cattle Inventory 2018 Summary:

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### Cattle Inventory by Class – United States: July 1, 2017 and 2018

	All cattle and calves			All cows that have calved		
	2017	2018	Percent of 2017	2017	2018	Percent of 2017
United States .....	(1,000 head) 102,200	(1,000 head) 103,200	(percent) 101	(1,000 head) 41,600	(1,000 head) 41,900	(percent) 101
	Beef cows that have calved			Milk cows that have calved		
	2017	2018	Percent of 2017	2017	2018	Percent of 2017
United States .....	(1,000 head) 32,200	(1,000 head) 32,500	(percent) 101	(1,000 head) 9,400	(1,000 head) 9,400	(percent) 100
	Heifers 500 pounds and over					
	Beef cow replacement		Milk cow replacement		Other	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
United States .....	(1,000 head) 4,700	(1,000 head) 4,600	(1,000 head) 4,200	(1,000 head) 4,200	(1,000 head) 7,300	(1,000 head) 7,500
	Steers 500 pounds and over		Bulls 500 pounds and over		Calves under 500 pounds	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
United States .....	(1,000 head) 14,500	(1,000 head) 14,500	(1,000 head) 2,000	(1,000 head) 2,100	(1,000 head) 27,900	(1,000 head) 28,400

### Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2017 and 2018

	2017	2018	Percent of 2017
United States .....	(1,000 head) 35,808.2	(1,000 head) 36,500	(percent) 102

## Total Number of Cattle on Feed – United States: July 1, 2017 and 2018

[Cattle and calves on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay, and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or late placement in another feedlot. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes]

	2017	2018	Percent of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
United States .....	12,800	13,300	104

## U.S. Cattle Summary

### July 1 Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent from 2017

**All cattle and calves** in the United States, as of July 1, 2018, totaled 103.2 million head. This is 1 percent above the 102.2 million head on July 1, 2017.

**All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 41.9 million head, are 1 percent above the 41.6 million head on July 1, 2017. Beef cows, at 32.5 million head, are up 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.40 million head, are unchanged from 2017.

**All heifers** 500 pounds and over, as of July 1, 2018, totaled 16.3 million head. This is 1 percent above the 16.2 million head on July 1, 2017. Beef replacement heifers, at 4.60 million head, are down 2 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.20 million head, are unchanged from 2017. Other heifers, at 7.50 million head, are 3 percent above a year earlier.

**Calves** under 500 pounds in the United States, as of July 1, 2018, totaled 28.4 million head. This is 2 percent above the 27.9 million head on July 1, 2017. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 14.5 million head, unchanged from a year ago. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over totaled 2.10 million head, up 5 percent from 2017.

### Calf Crop Up 2 Percent from 2017

**The 2018 calf crop** in the United States is expected to be 36.5 million head, up 2 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2018 are estimated at 26.6 million head. This is up 2 percent from the first half of 2017. An additional 9.90 million calves are expected to be born during the second half of 2018.

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 13.3 million head on July 1, 2018. The inventory is up 4 percent from the July 1, 2017 total of 12.8 million head. Cattle on feed, in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head, accounted for 84.8 percent of the total cattle on feed on July 1, 2018. This is up slightly from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots) is 37.1 million head on July 1, 2018. This is up 1 percent from July 1, 2017.

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