



NORTHEASTERN CATTLE INVENTORY REPORT

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Northeastern States Cattle Inventory 2019 Summary:

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Cattle Inventory by Class – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2018 and 2019

State	All cattle and calves			All cows that have calved		
	2018	2019	Percent of previous year	2018	2019	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Connecticut	50.0	47.0	94	25.0	24.0	96
Delaware	17.0	15.0	88	7.5	6.5	87
Maine	81.0	78.0	96	40.0	40.0	100
Maryland	193.0	197.0	102	93.0	94.0	101
Massachusetts	38.0	37.0	97	18.0	17.5	97
New Hampshire	36.0	33.0	92	17.0	16.0	94
New Jersey	29.0	30.0	103	15.0	15.0	100
New York	1,480.0	1,450.0	98	730.0	725.0	99
Pennsylvania	1,620.0	1,600.0	99	740.0	730.0	99
Rhode Island	5.0	4.7	94	2.4	2.1	88
Vermont	260.0	255.0	98	143.0	140.0	98
United States	94,298.0	94,759.7	100	40,898.3	41,119.1	101

State	Beef cows that have calved			Milk cows that have calved		
	2018	2019	Percent of previous year	2018	2019	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Connecticut	5.0	4.5	90	20.0	19.5	98
Delaware	2.5	2.0	80	5.0	4.5	90
Maine	10.0	11.0	110	30.0	29.0	97
Maryland	46.0	50.0	109	47.0	44.0	94
Massachusetts	6.5	7.0	108	11.5	10.5	91
New Hampshire	4.5	4.0	89	12.5	12.0	96
New Jersey	9.0	9.5	106	6.0	5.5	92
New York	105.0	100.0	95	625.0	625.0	100
Pennsylvania	215.0	225.0	105	525.0	505.0	96
Rhode Island	1.6	1.4	88	0.8	0.7	88
Vermont	15.0	14.0	93	128.0	126.0	98
United States	31,466.2	31,765.7	101	9,432.1	9,353.4	99

Cattle Inventory by Class – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2018 and 2019 (continued)

State	Heifers 500 pounds and over					
	Beef cow replacement		Milk cow replacement		Other	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Connecticut	2.0	1.5	9.5	9.0	1.5	1.5
Delaware	0.7	0.6	2.0	1.6	0.4	0.3
Maine	4.0	3.0	15.0	14.0	3.0	3.0
Maryland	12.0	13.0	28.0	30.0	10.0	8.0
Massachusetts	2.0	2.0	7.0	6.5	1.0	1.0
New Hampshire	1.5	1.3	7.0	6.5	0.5	0.7
New Jersey	2.1	2.5	3.2	3.3	1.2	0.7
New York	45.0	40.0	350.0	335.0	50.0	50.0
Pennsylvania	60.0	65.0	310.0	290.0	60.0	55.0
Rhode Island	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2
Vermont	5.0	4.5	57.0	55.0	6.0	6.5
United States	6,108.2	5,924.9	4,768.3	4,701.5	9,341.3	9,603.6

State	Steers 500 pounds and over		Bulls 500 pounds and over		Calves under 500 pounds	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Connecticut	2.0	1.5	0.5	0.5	9.5	9.0
Delaware	2.1	2.6	0.3	0.4	4.0	3.0
Maine	4.0	4.0	1.5	1.5	13.5	12.5
Maryland	17.0	14.0	4.0	5.0	29.0	33.0
Massachusetts	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	7.0	7.0
New Hampshire	2.0	1.5	0.5	0.5	7.5	6.5
New Jersey	2.1	2.5	1.0	1.0	4.4	5.0
New York	47.0	47.0	18.0	18.0	240.0	235.0
Pennsylvania	130.0	135.0	25.0	25.0	295.0	300.0
Rhode Island	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.8
Vermont	4.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	42.0	42.0
United States	16,528.2	16,632.7	2,252.3	2,263.0	14,401.4	14,514.9

Calf Crop – Northeastern States and United States: 2018 and 2019

State	2018	2019	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Connecticut	17.5	16.5	94
Delaware	7.0	6.0	86
Maine	30.0	29.0	97
Maryland	70.0	75.0	107
Massachusetts	17.0	16.0	94
New Hampshire	13.5	12.0	89
New Jersey	9.5	10.0	105
New York	550.0	560.0	102
Pennsylvania	600.0	610.0	102
Rhode Island	2.2	2.2	100
Vermont	105.0	102.0	97
United States	35,758.2	36,402.7	102

All Cattle on Feed – Northeastern States and United States: January 1, 2018 and 2019

[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]

State ¹	2018	2019	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Maryland	9.0	9.0	100
New York	22.0	22.0	100
Pennsylvania	85.0	100.0	118
United States	14,146.0	14,370.9	102

¹ Individual state estimates not available for states not shown.

January 1 Cattle Inventory Up Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2019 totaled 94.8 million head, slightly above the 94.3 million head on January 1, 2018.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.1 million head, were 1 percent above the 40.9 million head on January 1, 2018. Beef cows, at 31.8 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.35 million head, were down 1 percent from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2019 totaled 20.2 million head, slightly above the 20.2 million head on January 1, 2018. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.92 million head, were down 3 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.70 million head, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.60 million head, were 3 percent above a year earlier.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2019 totaled 16.6 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2018.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2019 totaled 2.26 million head, up slightly from January 1, 2018.

Calves under 500 pounds as of January 1, 2019 totaled 14.5 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2018.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.4 million head on January 1, 2019. The inventory is up 2 percent from the January 1, 2018 total of 14.1 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 81.3 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2019, 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 26.4 million head. This is 1 percent above January 1, 2018.

Calf Crop Up 2 Percent

The 2018 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 36.4 million head, up 2 percent from last year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2018 were estimated at 26.6 million head, up 3 percent from the first half of 2017. Calves born during the second half of 2018 were estimated at 9.80 million head, 27 percent of the total 2018 calf crop.

Revisions

All inventory and calf crop estimates for January 1, 2018, and July 1, 2018 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. January 1, 2018 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.1 percent and 2017 calf crop decreased by 0.1 percent. July 1, 2018 all cattle and calves were decreased by 0.2 percent, all cows and heifers that have calved decreased by 0.2 percent, and 2018 calf crop decreased by 0.3 percent.

State level estimates were reviewed and changes were made to reallocate inventory estimates to the United States total.

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