



Cattle Inventory

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This report contains the results from the July 2018 Cattle survey, which was based on a national survey of nearly 50,000 producers. Our thanks go out to all of those who participated in this survey and provided the data to measure the mid-year national cattle inventory and the expected 2018 calf crop.

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

Class	2017	2018	Percent of 2017
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	102,200	103,200	101
Cows & Heifers that have calved	41,600	41,900	101
Beef Cows	32,200	32,500	101
Milk Cows	9,400	9,400	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over	16,200	16,300	
Beef Replacement	4,700	4,600	98
Milk Replacement	4,200	4,200	100
Other Heifers	7,300	7,500	103
Steers 500 pounds and over	14,500	14,500	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,000	2,100	105
Calves under 500 pounds	27,900	28,400	102
Cattle on Feed	12,800	13,300	104

All cattle and calves in the United States on July 1, 2018, totaled 103.2 million head, 1 percent above the 102.2 million on July 1, 2017. All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter totaled 13.3 million, up 4 percent from 2017.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.9 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2017. The 2018 calf crop is expected to be 36.5 million, up 2 percent from 2017.

**Calf Crop and Percent of Total by Six-Month Period
United States: 2016, 2017, and Preliminary 2018**

Period	2016		2017		2018	
	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
January 1 - June 30	25,550	72.8	26,000	72.6	26,600	72.9
July 1 - December 31	9,543	27.2	9,808	27.4	9,900	27.1
Total	35,093	100.0	35,808	100.0	36,500	100.0