



# United States and Canadian Cattle

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## United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Up Slightly

**All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada** combined totaled 115 million head on July 1, 2020, up slightly from the 115 million head on July 1, 2019. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 46.0 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in the United States** as of July 1, 2020, totaled 103 million head, up slightly from July 1, 2019. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.4 million head, were down slightly from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in Canada** as of July 1, 2020, totaled 12.2 million head, down 1 percent from the 12.3 million head on July 1, 2019. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.58 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, 2015-2018

Class	2015	2016 <sup>1</sup>	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	110,715.0		114,635.0	115,265.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	44,354.2		46,227.8	46,503.7
Beef cows .....	34,106.4		35,871.1	36,134.0
Milk cows .....	10,247.8		10,356.7	10,369.7
All other cattle .....	66,360.8		68,407.2	68,761.3
Calf crop <sup>2</sup> .....	38,284.4	39,335.1	40,104.3	40,659.6

<sup>1</sup> July 2016 United States *Cattle* report suspended due to budget constraints.

<sup>2</sup> 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, 2019 and 2020

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

Class	2019	2020	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	115,200.0	115,235.0	100
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	46,235.1	45,983.1	99
Beef cows .....	35,967.0	35,666.3	99
Milk cows .....	10,268.1	10,316.8	100
All other cattle .....	68,964.9	69,251.9	100
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	40,395.2		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2015-2018

Class	2015	2016 <sup>1</sup>	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	98,100.0		102,100.0	102,800.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	39,700.0		41,500.0	41,800.0
Beef cows .....	30,400.0		32,100.0	32,400.0
Milk cows .....	9,300.0		9,400.0	9,400.0
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	15,700.0		16,200.0	16,300.0
For beef cow replacement .....	4,800.0		4,700.0	4,600.0
For milk cow replacement .....	4,200.0		4,200.0	4,200.0
Other heifers .....	6,700.0		7,300.0	7,500.0
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	14,100.0		14,500.0	14,500.0
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	1,900.0		2,000.0	2,100.0
Calves under 500 pounds .....	26,700.0		27,900.0	28,100.0
Calf crop <sup>2</sup> .....	34,086.7	35,062.7	35,758.2	36,312.7

<sup>1</sup> July 2016 United States *Cattle* report suspended due to budget constraints.

<sup>2</sup> January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

### Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2019 and 2020

Class	2019	2020	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	102,900.0	103,000.0	100
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	41,600.0	41,400.0	100
Beef Cows .....	32,300.0	32,050.0	99
Milk Cows .....	9,300.0	9,350.0	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	16,400.0	16,500.0	101
For beef cow replacement .....	4,400.0	4,400.0	100
For milk cow replacement .....	4,100.0	4,100.0	100
Other heifers .....	7,900.0	8,000.0	101
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	14,700.0	15,000.0	102
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	2,100.0	2,100.0	100
Calves under 500 pounds .....	28,100.0	28,000.0	100
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	36,059.6	35,800.0	99

<sup>1</sup> January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: July 1, 2015-2018

Class	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	12,615.0	12,530.0	12,535.0	12,465.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	4,654.2	4,679.0	4,727.8	4,703.7
Beef cows .....	3,706.4	3,736.6	3,771.1	3,734.0
Milk cows .....	947.8	942.4	956.7	969.7
Heifers 1 year and over .....	2,042.7	2,018.1	1,990.1	2,005.7
For beef cow replacement .....	642.8	674.5	687.9	679.6
For milk cow replacement .....	433.6	438.9	437.6	435.2
Other heifers .....	966.3	904.7	864.6	890.9
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,627.3	1,568.1	1,548.5	1,541.3
Bulls 1 year and over .....	222.5	223.4	223.5	222.5
Calves under 1 year .....	4,068.3	4,041.4	4,045.1	3,991.8
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	4,197.7	4,272.4	4,346.1	4,346.9

<sup>1</sup> January to December calf crop.

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

## Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: July 1, 2019 and 2020

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Class	2019	2020	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	12,300.0	12,235.0	99
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	4,635.1	4,583.1	99
Beef cows .....	3,667.0	3,616.3	99
Milk cows .....	968.1	966.8	100
Heifers 1 year and over .....	1,944.5	1,963.1	101
For beef cow replacement .....	635.6	630.8	99
For milk cow replacement .....	439.2	440.8	100
Other heifers .....	869.7	891.5	103
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,505.8	1,493.3	99
Bulls 1 year and over .....	218.9	217.7	99
Calves under 1 year .....	3,995.7	3,977.8	100
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	4,335.6		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> 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 24, 2020. Canadian inventory numbers were previously released on August 20, 2020.

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