



# United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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## United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 2 Percent

**All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada** combined totaled 105.0 million head on January 1, 2011, down 2 percent from the 106.8 million on January 1, 2010. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 45.3 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in the United States** as of January 1, 2011, totaled 92.6 million head, 1 percent below the 93.9 million on January 1, 2010. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.0 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in Canada** as of January 1, 2011, totaled 12.5 million head, down 3 percent from the 12.9 million on January 1, 2010. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.26 million, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

## United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Down 1 Percent

**All sheep and lambs in the United States and Canada** combined totaled 6.34 million head on January 1, 2011, down 1 percent from the 6.43 million on January 1, 2010. Breeding sheep, at 4.74 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 1.61 million head, were down 1 percent from last year.

**All sheep and lambs in the United States** as of January 1, 2011, totaled 5.53 million head, 2 percent below the 5.62 million head on January 1, 2010. Breeding sheep, at 4.12 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago, while market sheep and lambs, at 1.42 million head, were down 1 percent from last year.

**All sheep and lambs in Canada** as of January 1, 2011, totaled 814,000 head, up 1 percent from last year's number of 806,000. Breeding sheep, at 624,000 head, were up 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs, at 190,000 head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

**Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada:  
January 1, 2006-2009**

Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	110,996.5	110,728.0	109,904.5	107,716.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	48,072.7	47,803.6	47,657.7	46,672.6
Beef cows .....	37,949.7	37,664.3	37,416.4	36,361.3
Milk cows .....	10,123.0	10,139.3	10,241.3	10,311.3
All other cattle .....	62,923.8	62,924.4	62,246.8	61,043.4
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	42,362.4	42,273.9	41,480.3	40,896.9

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

Source: 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:  
January 1, 2010 and 2011**

Class	2010	2011	2011 as percent of 2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	106,786.2	105,042.4	98
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	45,828.4	45,274.2	99
Beef cows .....	35,761.9	35,137.6	98
Milk cows .....	10,066.5	10,136.6	101
All other cattle .....	60,957.8	59,768.2	98
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	40,570.8		

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

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

**Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States:  
January 1, 2006-2009**

Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	96,341.5	96,573.0	96,034.5	94,521.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	41,806.4	41,788.7	41,691.5	41,044.6
Beef cows .....	32,702.5	32,644.2	32,434.5	31,711.8
Milk cows .....	9,103.9	9,144.5	9,257.0	9,332.8
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	19,949.9	20,074.1	19,854.2	19,575.5
For beef cow replacement .....	5,863.5	5,835.4	5,646.6	5,531.2
For milk cow replacement .....	4,298.0	4,324.9	4,415.0	4,409.5
Other heifers .....	9,788.4	9,913.8	9,792.6	9,634.8
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	16,988.1	17,184.5	17,163.2	16,769.1
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	2,257.8	2,214.4	2,207.2	2,184.1
Calves under 500 pounds .....	15,339.3	15,311.3	15,118.4	14,947.7
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	37,015.7	36,758.7	36,152.5	35,939.0

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

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States:  
January 1, 2010 and 2011**

Class	2010	2011	2011 as percent of 2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	93,881.2	92,582.4	99
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	40,456.4	40,014.2	99
Beef cows .....	31,370.9	30,864.6	98
Milk cows .....	9,085.5	9,149.6	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	19,745.8	19,532.8	99
For beef cow replacement .....	5,451.0	5,157.6	95
For milk cow replacement .....	4,526.2	4,557.2	101
Other heifers .....	9,768.6	9,818.0	101
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	16,510.4	16,382.0	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	2,190.1	2,153.1	98
Calves under 500 pounds .....	14,978.5	14,500.3	97
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	35,684.8		

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

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada:  
January 1, 2006-2009**

Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	14,655.0	14,155.0	13,870.0	13,195.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	6,266.3	6,014.9	5,966.2	5,628.0
Beef cows .....	5,247.2	5,020.1	4,981.9	4,649.5
Milk cows .....	1,019.1	994.8	984.3	978.5
Heifers 1 year and over .....	2,110.2	2,030.7	2,049.0	1,822.1
For beef cow replacement .....	628.3	587.1	595.0	537.0
For milk cow replacement .....	495.1	480.1	471.1	450.6
Other heifers .....	986.8	963.5	982.9	834.5
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,146.8	1,145.2	1,101.6	1,067.6
Bulls 1 year and over .....	264.0	244.6	246.8	243.9
Calves under 1 year .....	4,867.7	4,719.6	4,506.4	4,433.4
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	5,346.7	5,515.2	5,327.8	4,957.9

<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:  
January 1, 2010 and 2011**

Class	2010	2011	2011 as percent of 2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	12,905.0	12,460.0	97
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	5,372.0	5,260.0	98
Beef cows .....	4,391.0	4,273.0	97
Milk cows .....	981.0	987.0	101
Heifers 1 year and over .....	1,866.9	1,826.7	98
For beef cow replacement .....	516.4	531.6	103
For milk cow replacement .....	450.7	443.1	98
Other heifers .....	899.8	852.0	95
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,141.7	1,081.7	95
Bulls 1 year and over .....	232.1	222.2	96
Calves under 1 year .....	4,292.3	4,069.4	95
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	4,886.0		

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

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States and Canada:  
January 1, 2006-2009**

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs .....	7,094	6,999	6,775	6,555
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	5,292	5,225	5,070	4,871
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	873	823	779	725
Ewes - one year old and older .....	4,193	4,178	4,072	3,927
Rams - one year old and older .....	226	225	219	220
Market sheep and lambs .....	1,802	1,775	1,706	1,684
Market sheep <sup>1</sup> .....	81	94	83	81
Market lambs <sup>2</sup> .....	1,721	1,681	1,623	1,603
Lamb crop <sup>3</sup> .....	4,820	4,698	4,517	4,519

<sup>1</sup> United States market sheep only.

<sup>2</sup> Canada market lambs include small amounts of market sheep.

<sup>3</sup> January to December lamb crop.

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

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States and Canada:  
January 1, 2010 and 2011**

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Class	2010	2011	2011 as percent of 2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs .....	6,426	6,344	99
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	4,798	4,739	98
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	729	750	103
Ewes - one year old and older .....	3,851	3,777	98
Rams - one year old and older .....	218	213	98
Market sheep and lambs .....	1,628	1,605	99
Market sheep <sup>1</sup> .....	80	80	100
Market lambs <sup>2</sup> .....	1,548	1,525	99
Lamb crop <sup>3</sup> .....	4,411		

<sup>1</sup> United States market sheep only.

<sup>2</sup> Canada market lambs include small amounts of market sheep.

<sup>3</sup> January to December lamb crop.

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

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States:  
January 1, 2006-2009**

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Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs .....	6,200	6,120	5,950	5,747
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	4,616	4,553	4,432	4,247
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	786	735	697	647
Ewes - one year old and older .....	3,630	3,620	3,540	3,405
Rams - one year old and older .....	200	199	195	196
Market sheep and lambs .....	1,584	1,567	1,519	1,500
Market sheep .....	81	94	83	81
Market lambs .....	1,503	1,474	1,436	1,419
Lamb crop <sup>1</sup> .....	3,950	3,895	3,710	3,690

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

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States:  
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Class	2010	2011	2011 as percent of 2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs .....	5,620	5,530	98
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	4,185	4,115	98
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	655	670	102
Ewes - one year old and older .....	3,335	3,255	98
Rams - one year old and older .....	195	190	97
Market sheep and lambs .....	1,435	1,415	99
Market sheep .....	80	80	100
Market lambs .....	1,355	1,335	99
Lamb crop <sup>1</sup> .....	3,600		

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

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – Canada:  
January 1, 2006-2009**

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Class	2006	2007	2008	2009
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs .....	894	879	825	808
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	676	672	638	624
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	87	88	82	78
Ewes - one year old and older .....	563	558	532	522
Rams - one year old and older .....	26	26	24	24
Market sheep and lambs .....	218	207	187	184
Lamb crop <sup>1</sup> .....	870	803	807	829

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

Source: Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – Canada:  
January 1, 2010 and 2011**

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Class	2010	2011	2011 as percent of 2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs .....	806	814	101
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	613	624	102
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	74	80	108
Ewes - one year old and older .....	516	522	101
Rams - one year old and older .....	23	23	100
Market sheep and lambs .....	193	190	98
Lamb crop <sup>2</sup> .....	811		

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

Source: Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

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 and the number of sheep and lambs by class and lamb crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the United States cattle and sheep industries to provide producers additional information about potential beef, mutton and lamb supplies. United States inventory numbers were previously released on January 28, 2011.

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