

United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the U.S. and Canada combined totaled 106.7 million head on January 1, 2010, down 1 percent from the 107.7 million on January 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 45.9 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1 percent below the 94.5 million on January 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.5 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2010, totaled 13.0 million head, down 1 percent from the 13.2 million on January 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.45 million, were down 3 percent from a year ago.

United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Down 2 Percent

All sheep and lambs in the U.S. and Canada combined totaled 6.44 million head on January 1, 2010, down 2 percent from the 6.56 million on January 1, 2009. Breeding sheep, at 4.81 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 1.63 million head, were down 3 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of January 1, 2010, totaled 5.63 million head, 2 percent below the 5.75 million head on January 1, 2009. Breeding sheep, at 4.19 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago, while market sheep and lambs, at 1.44 million head, were down 4 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of January 1, 2010, totaled 807,000 head, virtually unchanged from last year's number of 808,000. Breeding sheep, at 615,000 head, were down 1 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs, at 192,000 head, were up 4 percent from a year ago.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
United States and Canada, January 1, 2005-2008¹**

Class	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	109,943	110,997	110,728	109,930
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	48,003	48,072	47,804	47,658
Beef Cows	37,958	37,950	37,664	37,417
Milk Cows	10,045	10,123	10,140	10,241
All Other Cattle	61,941	62,924	62,925	62,271
Calf Crop ²	42,624	42,363	42,299	41,441

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² January to December calf crop.

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

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Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	107,701	106,716	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	46,674	45,909	98
Beef Cows	36,362	35,847	99
Milk Cows	10,312	10,062	98
All Other Cattle	61,030	60,808	100
Calf Crop ²	40,929		

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	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	95,018	96,342	96,573	96,035
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	41,678	41,806	41,789	41,692
Beef Cows	32,674	32,703	32,644	32,435
Milk Cows	9,004	9,104	9,145	9,257
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,445	19,950	20,074	19,854
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,638	5,864	5,835	5,647
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,117	4,298	4,325	4,415
Other Heifers	9,690	9,788	9,914	9,793
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,466	16,988	17,185	17,163
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,214	2,258	2,214	2,207
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,215	15,339	15,311	15,118
Calf Crop ²	37,106	37,016	36,759	36,153

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Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	94,521	93,701	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	41,045	40,456	99
Beef Cows	31,712	31,376	99
Milk Cows	9,333	9,081	97
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	19,576	19,666	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,531	5,436	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,410	4,516	102
Other Heifers	9,635	9,714	101
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	16,769	16,440	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,184	2,190	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	14,948	14,949	100
Calf Crop ²	35,819		

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**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
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Class	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	14,925	14,655	14,155	13,895
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	6,325	6,266	6,015	5,966
Beef Cows	5,284	5,247	5,020	4,982
Milk Cows	1,041	1,019	995	984
Heifers 1 Year and Over	2,101	2,110	2,031	2,049
For Beef Cow Replacement	638	628	587	595
For Milk Cow Replacement	518	495	480	471
Other Heifers	945	987	964	983
Steers 1 Year and Over	1,160	1,147	1,145	1,102
Bulls 1 Year and Over	273	264	245	247
Calves Under 1 Year	5,067	4,868	4,720	4,531
Calf Crop ²	5,518	5,347	5,540	5,288

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Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	13,180	13,015	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	5,629	5,452	97
Beef Cows	4,650	4,471	96
Milk Cows	979	981	100
Heifers 1 Year and Over	1,818	1,875	103
For Beef Cow Replacement	537	516	96
For Milk Cow Replacement	456	459	101
Other Heifers	825	900	109
Steers 1 Year and Over	1,058	1,141	108
Bulls 1 Year and Over	244	230	94
Calves Under 1 Year	4,433	4,317	97
Calf Crop ²	5,110		

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**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,
United States and Canada, January 1, 2005-2008 ¹**

Class	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	7,113	7,094	6,999	6,775
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	5,247	5,292	5,225	5,070
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	877	873	823	779
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	4,151	4,193	4,178	4,072
Rams - One Year Old and Older	219	226	225	219
Market Sheep and Lambs	1,866	1,802	1,775	1,706
Market Sheep ²	74	81	94	83
Market Lambs ³	1,792	1,721	1,681	1,623
Lamb Crop ⁴	4,879	4,820	4,698	4,517

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Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	6,555	6,437	98
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,871	4,805	99
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	725	730	101
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,927	3,857	98
Rams - One Year Old and Older	220	218	99
Market Sheep and Lambs	1,684	1,632	97
Market Sheep ²	81	85	105
Market Lambs ³	1,603	1,547	97
Lamb Crop ⁴	4,523		

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	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	6,135	6,200	6,120	5,950
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,520	4,616	4,553	4,432
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	783	786	735	697
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,545	3,630	3,620	3,540
Rams - One Year Old and Older	192	200	199	195
Market Sheep and Lambs	1,615	1,584	1,567	1,519
Market Sheep	74	81	94	83
Market Lambs	1,541	1,503	1,474	1,436
Lamb Crop ²	4,015	3,950	3,895	3,710

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Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	5,747	5,630	98
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,247	4,190	99
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	647	655	101
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,405	3,340	98
Rams - One Year Old and Older	196	195	100
Market Sheep and Lambs	1,500	1,440	96
Market Sheep	81	85	105
Market Lambs	1,419	1,355	95
Lamb Crop ²	3,690		

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	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	978	894	879	825
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	727	676	672	638
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	94	87	88	82
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	606	563	558	532
Rams - One Year Old and Older	27	26	26	24
Market Sheep and Lambs	251	218	207	187
Lamb Crop ²	864	870	803	807

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	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	808	807	100
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	624	615	99
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	78	75	96
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	522	517	99
Rams - One Year Old and Older	24	23	96
Market Sheep and Lambs	184	192	104
Lamb Crop ²	833		

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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 U.S. cattle and sheep industries to provide producers additional information about potential beef, mutton and lamb supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on January 29, 2010.

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