



# United States and Canadian Cattle

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## United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 3 Percent

**All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada** combined totaled 108 million head on July 1, 2023, down 3 percent from the 111 million head on July 1, 2022. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.4 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in the United States** as of July 1, 2023, totaled 95.9 million head, down 3 percent from July 1, 2022. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 38.8 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in Canada** as of July 1, 2023, totaled 12.2 million head, down 1 percent from the 12.3 million head on July 1, 2022. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.62 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, 2018-2021

Class	2018	2019	2020	2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	115,410.0	115,110.0	114,875.0	113,445.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	46,565.4	46,341.9	46,156.6	45,356.6
Beef cows .....	36,194.7	36,071.3	35,837.4	34,876.3
Milk cows .....	10,370.7	10,270.6	10,319.2	10,480.3
All other cattle .....	68,844.6	68,768.1	68,718.4	68,088.4
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	40,724.4	40,032.0	39,930.5	39,648.3

<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 and Canada: July 1, 2022 and 2023

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

Class	2022	2023	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	110,935.0	108,055.0	97
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	44,284.7	43,424.8	98
Beef cows .....	33,910.0	33,055.3	97
Milk cows .....	10,374.7	10,369.5	100
All other cattle .....	66,650.3	64,630.2	97
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	38,933.1		(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, 2018-2021

Class	2018	2019	2020	2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	102,800.0	102,600.0	102,300.0	100,800.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	41,800.0	41,600.0	41,400.0	40,600.0
Beef cows .....	32,400.0	32,300.0	32,050.0	31,100.0
Milk cows .....	9,400.0	9,300.0	9,350.0	9,500.0
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	16,300.0	16,300.0	16,200.0	15,900.0
For beef cow replacement .....	4,600.0	4,400.0	4,400.0	4,300.0
For milk cow replacement .....	4,200.0	4,100.0	4,000.0	3,800.0
Other heifers .....	7,500.0	7,800.0	7,800.0	7,800.0
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	14,500.0	14,600.0	14,700.0	14,600.0
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	2,100.0	2,100.0	2,100.0	2,000.0
Calves under 500 pounds .....	28,100.0	28,000.0	27,900.0	27,700.0
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	36,312.7	35,591.6	35,495.5	35,165.9

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

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

### Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2022 and 2023

Class	2022	2023	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	98,600.0	95,900.0	97
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	39,600.0	38,800.0	98
Beef Cows .....	30,200.0	29,400.0	97
Milk Cows .....	9,400.0	9,400.0	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	15,600.0	15,000.0	96
For beef cow replacement .....	4,150.0	4,050.0	98
For milk cow replacement .....	3,750.0	3,650.0	97
Other heifers .....	7,700.0	7,300.0	95
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	14,400.0	13,900.0	97
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	2,000.0	1,900.0	95
Calves under 500 pounds .....	27,000.0	26,300.0	97
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	34,464.5	33,800.0	98

<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, 2018-2021

Class	2018	2019	2020	2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	12,610.0	12,510.0	12,575.0	12,645.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	4,765.4	4,741.9	4,756.6	4,756.6
Beef cows .....	3,794.7	3,771.3	3,787.4	3,776.3
Milk cows .....	970.7	970.6	969.2	980.3
Heifers 1 year and over .....	2,021.0	1,982.6	1,989.0	1,978.8
For beef cow replacement .....	699.2	682.2	683.8	671.6
For milk cow replacement .....	427.0	420.8	422.0	430.0
Other heifers .....	894.8	879.6	883.2	877.2
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,580.3	1,559.0	1,584.9	1,635.6
Bulls 1 year and over .....	228.8	224.1	225.4	223.4
Calves under 1 year .....	4,014.5	4,002.4	4,019.1	4,050.6
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	4,411.7	4,440.4	4,435.0	4,482.4

<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, 2022 and 2023

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Class	2022	2023	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	12,335.0	12,155.0	99
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	4,684.7	4,624.8	99
Beef cows .....	3,710.0	3,655.3	99
Milk cows .....	974.7	969.5	99
Heifers 1 year and over .....	1,897.0	1,884.6	99
For beef cow replacement .....	620.8	600.9	97
For milk cow replacement .....	420.0	412.5	98
Other heifers .....	856.2	871.2	102
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,625.9	1,621.3	100
Bulls 1 year and over .....	221.3	213.8	97
Calves under 1 year .....	3,906.1	3,810.5	98
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	4,468.6		(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 21, 2023. Canadian inventory numbers were previously released on August 23, 2023.

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