



United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Up Slightly

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 106.2 million head on January 1, 2019, up slightly from the 105.9 million head on January 1, 2018. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 45.8 million head, were up slightly from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2019, totaled 94.8 million head, slightly above the 94.3 million head on January 1, 2018. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.1 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2019, totaled 11.5 million head, down 1 percent from the 11.6 million on January 1, 2018. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.64 million, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Down Slightly

All sheep and lambs in the United States and Canada combined totaled 6.07 million head on January 1, 2019, down slightly from the 6.09 million on January 1, 2018. Breeding sheep, at 4.45 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 1.62 million head, were up 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of January 1, 2019, totaled 5.23 million head, 1 percent below the 5.27 million head on January 1, 2018. Breeding sheep, at 3.82 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago, while market sheep and lambs, at 1.41 million head, were up 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of January 1, 2019, totaled 842 thousand head, up 2 percent from last year's number of 825 thousand. Breeding sheep, at 628 thousand head, were up 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs, at 214 thousand head, were up 3 percent from a year ago.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: January 1, 2014-2017

Class	2014	2015	2016	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	100,576.0	100,783.0	103,528.0	105,239.6
Cows and heifers that have calved	43,080.5	43,264.5	44,095.1	45,184.4
Beef cows	32,913.5	33,012.0	33,841.0	34,893.4
Milk cows	10,167.0	10,252.5	10,254.1	10,291.0
All other cattle	57,495.5	57,518.5	59,432.9	60,055.2
Calf crop ¹	38,017.5	38,284.4	39,364.6	40,116.5

¹ 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, 2018 and 2019**

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

Class	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	105,873.0	106,209.7	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	45,570.4	45,758.0	100
Beef cows	35,166.0	35,426.7	101
Milk cows	10,404.4	10,331.3	99
All other cattle	60,302.6	60,451.7	100
Calf crop ¹	40,700.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ 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, 2014-2017

Class	2014	2015	2016	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	88,526.0	89,143.0	91,918.0	93,704.6
Cows and heifers that have calved	38,293.0	38,609.0	39,476.2	40,559.2
Beef cows	29,085.4	29,302.1	30,165.8	31,213.2
Milk cows	9,207.6	9,306.9	9,310.4	9,346.0
Heifers 500 pounds and over	18,969.4	19,261.2	19,907.3	20,132.0
For beef cow replacement	5,551.3	6,086.4	6,340.2	6,368.2
For milk cow replacement	4,548.7	4,710.4	4,814.0	4,754.0
Other heifers	8,869.4	8,464.4	8,753.1	9,009.8
Steers 500 pounds and over	15,667.9	15,629.5	16,315.4	16,383.5
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,037.8	2,109.4	2,142.4	2,243.6
Calves under 500 pounds	13,557.9	13,533.9	14,076.7	14,386.3
Calf crop ¹	33,522.0	34,086.7	35,092.7	35,758.2

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Class	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	94,298.0	94,759.7	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	40,898.3	41,119.1	101
Beef cows	31,466.2	31,765.7	101
Milk cows	9,432.1	9,353.4	99
Heifers 500 pounds and over	20,217.8	20,230.0	100
For beef cow replacement	6,108.2	5,924.9	97
For milk cow replacement	4,768.3	4,701.5	99
Other heifers	9,341.3	9,603.6	103
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,528.2	16,632.7	101
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,252.3	2,263.0	100
Calves under 500 pounds	14,401.4	14,514.9	101
Calf crop ¹	36,402.7		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: January 1, 2014-2017

Class	2014	2015	2016	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	12,050.0	11,640.0	11,610.0	11,535.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,787.5	4,655.5	4,618.9	4,625.2
Beef cows	3,828.1	3,709.9	3,675.2	3,680.2
Milk cows	959.4	945.6	943.7	945.0
Heifers 1 year and over	1,870.5	1,766.4	1,756.7	1,718.9
For beef cow replacement	554.9	531.5	564.8	563.3
For milk cow replacement	434.4	427.3	428.6	423.6
Other heifers	881.2	807.6	763.3	732.0
Steers 1 year and over	1,262.4	1,229.8	1,205.6	1,191.2
Bulls 1 year and over	214.2	212.0	212.7	213.1
Calves under 1 year	3,915.4	3,776.3	3,816.1	3,786.6
Calf crop ¹	4,495.5	4,197.7	4,271.9	4,358.3

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Class	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	11,575.0	11,450.0	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,672.1	4,638.9	99
Beef cows	3,699.8	3,661.0	99
Milk cows	972.3	977.9	101
Heifers 1 year and over	1,727.9	1,728.0	100
For beef cow replacement	561.6	553.8	99
For milk cow replacement	433.2	432.0	100
Other heifers	733.1	742.2	101
Steers 1 year and over	1,213.0	1,172.0	97
Bulls 1 year and over	215.3	212.2	99
Calves under 1 year	3,746.7	3,698.9	99
Calf crop ¹	4,297.3		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ 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, 2014-2017**

Class	2014	2015	2016	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	6,105.7	6,104.3	6,115.1	6,063.9
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,549.3	4,562.1	4,560.6	4,485.6
Replacement lambs - under one year old	719.2	727.8	739.3	735.5
Ewes - one year old and older	3,629.1	3,634.3	3,621.8	3,556.1
Rams - one year old and older	201.0	200.0	199.5	194.0
Market sheep and lambs	1,556.4	1,542.2	1,554.5	1,578.3
Market sheep ¹	81.0	85.0	75.0	75.0
Market lambs ²	1,475.4	1,457.2	1,479.5	1,503.3
Lamb crop ³	4,280.4	4,118.9	4,106.8	4,081.4

¹ United States market sheep only.

² Canada market lambs include small amounts of market sheep.

³ January to December lamb crop.

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

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Class	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	6,090.4	6,072.3	100
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,481.4	4,447.9	99
Replacement lambs - under one year old	740.9	731.2	99
Ewes - one year old and older	3,546.9	3,523.0	99
Rams - one year old and older	193.6	193.7	100
Market sheep and lambs	1,609.0	1,624.4	101
Market sheep ¹	80.0	82.0	103
Market lambs ²	1,529.0	1,542.4	101
Lamb crop ³	4,075.8		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

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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, 2014-2017

Class	2014	2015	2016	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	5,245.0	5,280.0	5,300.0	5,250.0
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,900.0	3,935.0	3,945.0	3,875.0
Replacement lambs - under one year old	635.0	650.0	665.0	660.0
Ewes - one year old and older	3,090.0	3,110.0	3,105.0	3,045.0
Rams - one year old and older	175.0	175.0	175.0	170.0
Market sheep and lambs	1,345.0	1,345.0	1,355.0	1,375.0
Market sheep	81.0	85.0	75.0	75.0
Market lambs	1,264.0	1,260.0	1,280.0	1,300.0
Lamb crop ¹	3,440.0	3,275.0	3,250.0	3,230.0

¹ January to December lamb crop.

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Class	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	5,265.0	5,230.0	99
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,865.0	3,820.0	99
Replacement lambs - under one year old	662.0	650.0	98
Ewes - one year old and older	3,033.0	3,000.0	99
Rams - one year old and older	170.0	170.0	100
Market sheep and lambs	1,400.0	1,410.0	101
Market sheep	80.0	82.0	103
Market lambs	1,320.0	1,328.0	101
Lamb crop ¹	3,235.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – Canada: January 1, 2014-2017

Class	2014	2015	2016	2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	860.7	824.3	815.1	813.9
Breeding sheep and lambs	649.3	627.1	615.6	610.6
Replacement lambs - under one year old	84.2	77.8	74.3	75.5
Ewes - one year old and older	539.1	524.3	516.8	511.1
Rams - one year old and older	26.0	25.0	24.5	24.0
Market sheep and lambs	211.4	197.2	199.5	203.3
Lamb crop ¹	840.4	843.9	856.8	851.4

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

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Class	2018	2019	2019 as percent of 2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	825.4	842.3	102
Breeding sheep and lambs	616.4	627.9	102
Replacement lambs - under one year old	78.9	81.2	103
Ewes - one year old and older	513.9	523.0	102
Rams - one year old and older	23.6	23.7	100
Market sheep and lambs	209.0	214.4	103
Lamb crop ¹	840.8		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ 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 for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the United States cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef, mutton, and lamb supplies. United States inventory numbers were previously released on February 28, 2019. Canadian inventory numbers were released on March 1, 2019.

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