



# United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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## United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent

**All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada** combined totaled 101.7 million head on January 1, 2015, up 1 percent from the 100.7 million on January 1, 2014. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.8 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in the United States** as of January 1, 2015, totaled 89.8 million head, 1 percent above the 88.5 million on January 1, 2014. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.0 million head, were up 2 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in Canada** as of January 1, 2015, totaled 11.9 million head, down 2 percent from the 12.2 million on January 1, 2014. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.78 million, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

## United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Up Slightly

**All sheep and lambs in the United States and Canada** combined totaled 6.14 million head on January 1, 2015, up slightly from the 6.12 million on January 1, 2014. Breeding sheep, at 4.58 million head, were up slightly from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 1.56 million head, were down slightly from last year.

**All sheep and lambs in the United States** as of January 1, 2015, totaled 5.28 million head, 1 percent above the 5.25 million head on January 1, 2014. Breeding sheep, at 3.94 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago, while market sheep and lambs, at 1.35 million head, were unchanged from last year.

**All sheep and lambs in Canada** as of January 1, 2015, totaled 859 thousand head, down 2 percent from last year's number of 875 thousand. Breeding sheep, at 648 thousand head, were down 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs, at 211 thousand head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

## Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: January 1, 2010-2013

Class	2010	2011	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	106,751.2	105,042.4	103,405.2	102,400.2
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	45,718.6	45,079.3	44,465.8	43,748.2
Beef cows .....	35,665.9	34,958.1	34,271.9	33,566.5
Milk cows .....	10,052.7	10,121.2	10,193.9	10,181.7
All other cattle .....	61,032.6	59,963.1	58,939.4	58,652.0
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	40,497.6	39,997.1	38,930.8	38,246.3

<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, 2014 and 2015

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

Class	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	100,746.0	101,715.0	101
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	43,155.6	43,781.1	101
Beef cows .....	32,988.7	33,517.5	102
Milk cows .....	10,166.9	10,263.6	101
All other cattle .....	57,590.4	57,933.9	101
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	38,498.5		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

<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, 2010-2013

Class	2010	2011	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	94,081.2	92,887.4	91,160.2	90,095.2
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	40,526.4	40,068.2	39,517.4	38,852.5
Beef cows .....	31,439.9	30,912.6	30,281.9	29,631.3
Milk cows .....	9,086.5	9,155.6	9,235.5	9,221.2
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	19,777.8	19,649.8	19,444.8	19,255.5
For beef cow replacement .....	5,443.0	5,134.6	5,280.6	5,429.2
For milk cow replacement .....	4,551.2	4,577.2	4,618.0	4,545.7
Other heifers .....	9,783.6	9,938.0	9,546.2	9,280.6
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	16,568.4	16,394.0	15,956.5	15,930.5
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	2,190.1	2,165.1	2,100.3	2,073.7
Calves under 500 pounds .....	15,018.5	14,610.3	14,141.2	13,983.0
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	35,739.8	35,357.2	34,469.0	33,730.0

<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, 2014 and 2015

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Class	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	88,526.0	89,800.0	101
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	38,293.0	39,000.0	102
Beef cows .....	29,085.4	29,693.1	102
Milk cows .....	9,207.6	9,306.9	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	18,969.4	19,240.2	101
For beef cow replacement .....	5,551.3	5,777.4	104
For milk cow replacement .....	4,548.7	4,615.4	101
Other heifers .....	8,869.4	8,847.4	100
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	15,667.9	15,778.5	101
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	2,037.8	2,104.4	103
Calves under 500 pounds .....	13,557.9	13,676.9	101
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	33,900.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

<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, 2010-2013

Class	2010	2011	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	12,670.0	12,155.0	12,245.0	12,305.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	5,192.2	5,011.1	4,948.4	4,895.7
Beef cows .....	4,226.0	4,045.5	3,990.0	3,935.2
Milk cows .....	966.2	965.6	958.4	960.5
Heifers 1 year and over .....	1,953.8	1,896.0	1,948.1	1,967.2
For beef cow replacement .....	505.2	510.0	521.4	542.0
For milk cow replacement .....	465.1	466.3	456.9	451.2
Other heifers .....	983.5	919.7	969.8	974.0
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,263.8	1,203.4	1,282.6	1,248.5
Bulls 1 year and over .....	226.0	214.3	213.2	210.8
Calves under 1 year .....	4,034.2	3,830.2	3,852.7	3,982.8
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	4,757.8	4,639.9	4,461.8	4,516.3

<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, 2014 and 2015

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Class	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	12,220.0	11,915.0	98
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	4,862.6	4,781.1	98
Beef cows .....	3,903.3	3,824.4	98
Milk cows .....	959.3	956.7	100
Heifers 1 year and over .....	1,947.2	1,891.9	97
For beef cow replacement .....	539.1	531.1	99
For milk cow replacement .....	444.2	444.6	100
Other heifers .....	963.9	916.2	95
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,246.8	1,179.2	95
Bulls 1 year and over .....	214.0	212.8	99
Calves under 1 year .....	3,949.4	3,850.0	97
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	4,598.5		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

<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, 2010-2013**

Class	2010	2011	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs .....	6,475.3	6,349.9	6,263.3	6,259.5
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	4,826.9	4,735.5	4,666.0	4,659.5
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	730.5	747.0	746.2	760.1
Ewes - one year old and older .....	3,875.7	3,772.2	3,722.9	3,692.6
Rams - one year old and older .....	220.7	216.3	196.9	206.8
Market sheep and lambs .....	1,648.4	1,614.4	1,597.3	1,600.0
Market sheep <sup>1</sup> .....	80.0	80.0	89.0	81.0
Market lambs <sup>2</sup> .....	1,568.4	1,534.4	1,508.3	1,519.0
Lamb crop <sup>3</sup> .....	4,405.7	4,316.0	4,272.0	4,202.0

<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, 2014 and 2015**

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Class	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs .....	6,119.7	6,138.6	100
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	4,562.3	4,583.0	100
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	719.8	730.0	101
Ewes - one year old and older .....	3,641.7	3,652.8	100
Rams - one year old and older .....	200.8	200.2	100
Market sheep and lambs .....	1,557.4	1,555.6	100
Market sheep <sup>1</sup> .....	81.0	85.0	105
Market lambs <sup>2</sup> .....	1,476.4	1,470.6	100
Lamb crop <sup>3</sup> .....	4,281.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

<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, 2010-2013

Class	2010	2011	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs .....	5,620.0	5,470.0	5,375.0	5,360.0
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	4,185.0	4,070.0	3,995.0	3,985.0
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	655.0	665.0	660.0	670.0
Ewes - one year old and older .....	3,335.0	3,215.0	3,165.0	3,135.0
Rams - one year old and older .....	195.0	190.0	170.0	180.0
Market sheep and lambs .....	1,435.0	1,400.0	1,380.0	1,375.0
Market sheep .....	80.0	80.0	89.0	81.0
Market lambs .....	1,355.0	1,320.0	1,291.0	1,294.0
Lamb crop <sup>1</sup> .....	3,570.0	3,490.0	3,445.0	3,370.0

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

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

### Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States: January 1, 2014 and 2015

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Class	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs .....	5,245.0	5,280.0	101
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	3,900.0	3,935.0	101
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	635.0	650.0	102
Ewes - one year old and older .....	3,090.0	3,110.0	101
Rams - one year old and older .....	175.0	175.0	100
Market sheep and lambs .....	1,345.0	1,345.0	100
Market sheep .....	81.0	85.0	105
Market lambs .....	1,264.0	1,260.0	100
Lamb crop <sup>1</sup> .....	3,440.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

<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, 2010-2013

Class	2010	2011	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs .....	855.3	879.9	888.3	899.5
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	641.9	665.5	671.0	674.5
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	75.5	82.0	86.2	90.1
Ewes - one year old and older .....	540.7	557.2	557.9	557.6
Rams - one year old and older .....	25.7	26.3	26.9	26.8
Market sheep and lambs .....	213.4	214.4	217.3	225.0
Lamb crop <sup>1</sup> .....	835.7	826.0	827.0	832.0

<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, 2014 and 2015

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Class	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs .....	874.7	858.6	98
Breeding sheep and lambs .....	662.3	648.0	98
Replacement lambs - under one year old .....	84.8	80.0	94
Ewes - one year old and older .....	551.7	542.8	98
Rams - one year old and older .....	25.8	25.2	98
Market sheep and lambs .....	212.4	210.6	99
Lamb crop <sup>1</sup> .....	841.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

<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 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 July 25, 2014.

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