



United States and Canadian Cattle

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Up 4 Percent from 2015

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 116 million head on July 1, 2017, up 4 percent from the 111 million head on July 1, 2015. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 46.6 million head, were up 5 percent from 2015.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2017, totaled 103 million head, 4 percent above the 98.2 million head on July 1, 2015. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.9 million head, were up 5 percent from 2015.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of July 1, 2017, totaled 13.0 million head, up slightly from the 12.9 million head on July 1, 2016. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.74 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: July 1, 2012-2015

| Class | 2012 | 2013 ¹ | 2014 | 2015 |
|---|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Cattle and calves | 111,320.0 | | 108,995.0 | 111,115.0 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | 44,607.5 | | 43,875.6 | 44,488.0 |
| Beef cows | 34,422.4 | | 33,676.6 | 34,253.7 |
| Milk cows | 10,185.1 | | 10,199.0 | 10,234.3 |
| All other cattle | 66,712.5 | | 65,119.4 | 66,627.0 |
| Calf crop ² | 38,930.8 | 38,246.1 | 38,132.5 | 38,289.7 |

¹ July 2013 United States *Cattle* report suspended due to sequestration.

² 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, 2016 and 2017

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

| Class | 2016 ¹ | 2017 | 2017 as percent of 2015 |
|---|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| Cattle and calves | | 115,550.0 | 104 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | | 46,641.7 | 105 |
| Beef cows | | 36,296.7 | 106 |
| Milk cows | | 10,345.0 | 101 |
| All other cattle | | 68,908.3 | 103 |
| Calf crop ² | 39,379.5 | | (X) |

(X) Not applicable.

¹ July 2016 United States *Cattle* report suspended due to budgetary constraints.

² January to December calf crop.

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Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2012-2015

| Class | 2012 | 2013 ¹ | 2014 | 2015 |
|---|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Cattle and calves | 97,800.0 | | 95,700.0 | 98,200.0 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | 39,700.0 | | 39,000.0 | 39,800.0 |
| Beef cows | 30,467.0 | | 29,750.0 | 30,500.0 |
| Milk cows | 9,233.0 | | 9,250.0 | 9,300.0 |
| Heifers 500 pounds and over | 15,700.0 | | 15,500.0 | 15,700.0 |
| For beef cow replacement | 4,200.0 | | 4,500.0 | 4,800.0 |
| For milk cow replacement | 4,100.0 | | 4,100.0 | 4,200.0 |
| Other heifers | 7,400.0 | | 6,900.0 | 6,700.0 |
| Steers 500 pounds and over | 14,000.0 | | 13,500.0 | 14,100.0 |
| Bulls 500 pounds and over | 1,900.0 | | 1,900.0 | 1,900.0 |
| Calves under 500 pounds | 26,500.0 | | 25,800.0 | 26,700.0 |
| Calf crop ² | 34,469.0 | 33,730.0 | 33,522.0 | 34,086.7 |

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² January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2016 and 2017

| Class | 2016 ¹ | 2017 | 2017 as percent of 2015 |
|---|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| Cattle and calves | | 102,600.0 | 104 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | | 41,900.0 | 105 |
| Beef Cows | | 32,500.0 | 107 |
| Milk Cows | | 9,400.0 | 101 |
| Heifers 500 pounds and over | | 16,200.0 | 103 |
| For beef cow replacement | | 4,700.0 | 98 |
| For milk cow replacement | | 4,200.0 | 100 |
| Other heifers | | 7,300.0 | 109 |
| Steers 500 pounds and over | | 14,500.0 | 103 |
| Bulls 500 pounds and over | | 2,000.0 | 105 |
| Calves under 500 pounds | | 28,000.0 | 105 |
| Calf crop ² | 35,082.7 | 36,300.0 | |

¹ July 2016 United States *Cattle* report suspended due to budgetary constraints.

² January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: July 1, 2012-2015

| Class | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Cattle and calves | 13,520.0 | 13,520.0 | 13,295.0 | 12,915.0 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | 4,907.5 | 4,914.8 | 4,875.6 | 4,688.0 |
| Beef cows | 3,955.4 | 3,962.5 | 3,926.6 | 3,753.7 |
| Milk cows | 952.1 | 952.3 | 949.0 | 934.3 |
| Heifers 1 year and over | 2,312.7 | 2,314.8 | 2,283.4 | 2,204.8 |
| For beef cow replacement | 640.4 | 632.5 | 616.2 | 640.8 |
| For milk cow replacement | 461.6 | 456.2 | 451.9 | 443.2 |
| Other heifers | 1,210.7 | 1,226.1 | 1,215.3 | 1,120.8 |
| Steers 1 year and over | 1,632.7 | 1,637.2 | 1,622.5 | 1,682.6 |
| Bulls 1 year and over | 228.6 | 227.8 | 225.2 | 223.7 |
| Calves under 1 year | 4,438.5 | 4,425.4 | 4,288.3 | 4,115.9 |
| Calf crop ¹ | 4,461.8 | 4,516.1 | 4,610.5 | 4,203.0 |

¹ 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, 2016 and 2017

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| Class | 2016 | 2017 | 2017 as percent of 2016 |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| Cattle and calves | 12,935.0 | 12,950.0 | 100 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | 4,707.3 | 4,741.7 | 101 |
| Beef cows | 3,777.0 | 3,796.7 | 101 |
| Milk cows | 930.3 | 945.0 | 102 |
| Heifers 1 year and over | 2,172.0 | 2,129.6 | 98 |
| For beef cow replacement | 669.3 | 673.2 | 101 |
| For milk cow replacement | 447.4 | 454.3 | 102 |
| Other heifers | 1,055.3 | 1,002.1 | 95 |
| Steers 1 year and over | 1,624.2 | 1,638.3 | 101 |
| Bulls 1 year and over | 226.5 | 226.9 | 100 |
| Calves under 1 year | 4,205.0 | 4,213.5 | 100 |
| Calf crop ¹ | 4,296.8 | | (X) |

(X) Not applicable.

¹ 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, 2017. Canadian inventory numbers were previously released on August 18, 2017.

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USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting Tuesday, October 24, 2017

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USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will hold an open forum for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. NASS is organizing the 2017 Data Users' Meeting in cooperation with five other USDA agencies Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. Agency representatives will provide updates on recent and pending changes in statistical and information programs important to agriculture, answer questions, and welcome comments and input from data users.

For registration details or additional information about the Data Users' Meeting, see the meeting page on the NASS website (https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Meeting/index.php) or contact Zisa Lubarov-Walton (NASS) at 202-720-8141 or at zisa.lubarov-walton@nass.usda.gov.

The Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference at the same location on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. The outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss developments and trends. For registration details or additional information about the Industry Outlook Conference, see the conference page on the LMIC website (<http://lmic.info/page/meetings>) or contact James Robb at (303) 716-9933.