



United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Up 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 106 million head on January 1, 2017, up 2 percent from the 104 million head on January 1, 2016. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 45.3 million head, were up 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2017, totaled 93.6 million head, 2 percent above the 91.9 million head on January 1, 2016. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million head, were up 3 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2017, totaled 12.1 million head, up slightly from the 12.0 million on January 1, 2016. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.79 million, were up slightly percent from a year ago.

United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Down 2 Percent

All sheep and lambs in the United States and Canada combined totaled 6.01 million head on January 1, 2017, down 2 percent from the 6.13 million on January 1, 2016. Breeding sheep, at 4.48 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 1.54 million head, were down 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of January 1, 2017, totaled 5.20 million head, 2 percent below the 5.30 million head on January 1, 2016. Breeding sheep, at 3.86 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago, while market sheep and lambs, at 1.35 million head, were down 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of January 1, 2017, totaled 815 thousand head, down 1 percent from last year's number of 826 thousand. Breeding sheep, at 620 thousand head, were down 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs, at 194 thousand head, were up 1 percent from a year ago.

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

Class	2012	2013	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	103,405.2	102,400.2	100,746.0	101,068.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	44,465.8	43,748.2	43,155.6	43,394.0
Beef cows	34,271.9	33,566.5	32,988.7	33,133.3
Milk cows	10,193.9	10,181.7	10,166.9	10,260.7
All other cattle	58,939.4	58,652.0	57,590.4	57,674.0
Calf crop ¹	38,930.8	38,246.1	38,132.5	38,414.3

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, 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	103,953.0	105,649.6	102
Cows and heifers that have calved	44,261.9	45,349.8	102
Beef cows	33,992.4	35,043.9	103
Milk cows	10,269.5	10,305.9	100
All other cattle	59,691.1	60,299.8	101
Calf crop ¹	39,432.7		(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, 2012-2015

Class	2012	2013	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	91,160.2	90,095.2	88,526.0	89,143.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	39,517.4	38,852.5	38,293.0	38,609.0
Beef cows	30,281.9	29,631.3	29,085.4	29,302.1
Milk cows	9,235.5	9,221.2	9,207.6	9,306.9
Heifers 500 pounds and over	19,444.8	19,255.5	18,969.4	19,261.2
For beef cow replacement	5,280.6	5,429.2	5,551.3	6,086.4
For milk cow replacement	4,618.0	4,545.7	4,548.7	4,710.4
Other heifers	9,546.2	9,280.6	8,869.4	8,464.4
Steers 500 pounds and over	15,956.5	15,930.5	15,667.9	15,629.5
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,100.3	2,073.7	2,037.8	2,109.4
Calves under 500 pounds	14,141.2	13,983.0	13,557.9	13,533.9
Calf crop ¹	34,469.0	33,730.0	33,522.0	34,086.7

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Class	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	91,918.0	93,584.6	102
Cows and heifers that have calved	39,476.2	40,559.2	103
Beef cows	30,165.8	31,210.2	103
Milk cows	9,310.4	9,349.0	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over	19,907.3	20,052.0	101
For beef cow replacement	6,340.2	6,419.2	101
For milk cow replacement	4,814.0	4,754.0	99
Other heifers	8,753.1	8,878.8	101
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,315.4	16,353.5	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,142.4	2,233.6	104
Calves under 500 pounds	14,076.7	14,386.3	102
Calf crop ¹	35,082.7		(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, 2012-2015

Class	2012	2013	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	12,245.0	12,305.0	12,220.0	11,925.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,948.4	4,895.7	4,862.6	4,785.0
Beef cows	3,990.0	3,935.2	3,903.3	3,831.2
Milk cows	958.4	960.5	959.3	953.8
Heifers 1 year and over	1,948.1	1,967.2	1,947.2	1,892.1
For beef cow replacement	521.4	542.0	539.1	526.5
For milk cow replacement	456.9	451.2	444.2	444.6
Other heifers	969.8	974.0	963.9	921.0
Steers 1 year and over	1,282.6	1,248.5	1,246.8	1,179.8
Bulls 1 year and over	213.2	210.8	214.0	212.8
Calves under 1 year	3,852.7	3,982.8	3,949.4	3,855.3
Calf crop ¹	4,461.8	4,516.1	4,610.5	4,327.6

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Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: January 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	12,035.0	12,065.0	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,785.7	4,790.6	100
Beef cows	3,826.6	3,833.7	100
Milk cows	959.1	956.9	100
Heifers 1 year and over	1,917.5	1,916.0	100
For beef cow replacement	546.7	536.6	98
For milk cow replacement	446.1	442.4	99
Other heifers	924.7	937.0	101
Steers 1 year and over	1,177.4	1,188.0	101
Bulls 1 year and over	213.4	214.8	101
Calves under 1 year	3,941.0	3,955.6	100
Calf crop ¹	4,350.0		(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, 2012-2015**

Class	2012	2013	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	6,263.3	6,259.5	6,119.7	6,122.3
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,666.0	4,659.5	4,562.3	4,577.2
Replacement lambs - under one year old	746.2	760.1	719.8	728.1
Ewes - one year old and older	3,722.9	3,692.6	3,641.7	3,649.3
Rams - one year old and older	196.9	206.8	200.8	199.8
Market sheep and lambs	1,597.3	1,600.0	1,557.4	1,545.1
Market sheep ¹	89.0	81.0	81.0	85.0
Market lambs ²	1,508.3	1,519.0	1,476.4	1,460.1
Lamb crop ³	4,272.3	4,202.1	4,283.0	4,107.5

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.

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States and Canada:
January 1, 2016 and 2017**

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Class	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	6,126.4	6,014.6	98
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,578.9	4,475.2	98
Replacement lambs - under one year old	741.5	724.7	98
Ewes - one year old and older	3,638.2	3,556.9	98
Rams - one year old and older	199.2	193.6	97
Market sheep and lambs	1,547.5	1,539.4	99
Market sheep ¹	75.0	75.0	100
Market lambs ²	1,472.5	1,464.4	99
Lamb crop ³	4,087.1		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

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³ 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, 2012-2015

Class	2012	2013	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	5,375.0	5,360.0	5,245.0	5,280.0
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,995.0	3,985.0	3,900.0	3,935.0
Replacement lambs - under one year old	660.0	670.0	635.0	650.0
Ewes - one year old and older	3,165.0	3,135.0	3,090.0	3,110.0
Rams - one year old and older	170.0	180.0	175.0	175.0
Market sheep and lambs	1,380.0	1,375.0	1,345.0	1,345.0
Market sheep	89.0	81.0	81.0	85.0
Market lambs	1,291.0	1,294.0	1,264.0	1,260.0
Lamb crop ¹	3,445.0	3,370.0	3,440.0	3,275.0

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States: January 1, 2016 and 2017

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Class	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	5,300.0	5,200.0	98
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,945.0	3,855.0	98
Replacement lambs - under one year old	665.0	650.0	98
Ewes - one year old and older	3,105.0	3,035.0	98
Rams - one year old and older	175.0	170.0	97
Market sheep and lambs	1,355.0	1,345.0	99
Market sheep	75.0	75.0	100
Market lambs	1,280.0	1,270.0	99
Lamb crop ¹	3,250.0		(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, 2012-2015

Class	2012	2013	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	888.3	899.5	874.7	842.3
Breeding sheep and lambs	671.0	674.5	662.3	642.2
Replacement lambs - under one year old	86.2	90.1	84.8	78.1
Ewes - one year old and older	557.9	557.6	551.7	539.3
Rams - one year old and older	26.9	26.8	25.8	24.8
Market sheep and lambs	217.3	225.0	212.4	200.1
Lamb crop ¹	827.3	832.1	843.0	832.5

¹ 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, 2016 and 2017

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Class	2016	2017	2017 as percent of 2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	826.4	814.6	99
Breeding sheep and lambs	633.9	620.2	98
Replacement lambs - under one year old	76.5	74.7	98
Ewes - one year old and older	533.2	521.9	98
Rams - one year old and older	24.2	23.6	98
Market sheep and lambs	192.5	194.4	101
Lamb crop ¹	837.1		(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 January 31, 2017. Canadian inventory numbers were previously released on March 03, 2017.

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