



United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 105.6 million head on January 1, 2020, down 1 percent from the 106.2 million head on January 1, 2019. All cows and heifers that have calved inventory at 45.2 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2020 totaled 94.4 million head, down slightly from the 94.8 million head on January 1, 2019. All cows and heifers that have calved inventory at 40.7 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2020 totaled 11.2 million head, down 2 percent from the 11.4 million on January 1, 2019. All cows and heifers that have calved inventory at 4.54 million, down 2 percent from a year ago.

United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Down 1 Percent

All sheep and lambs in the United States and Canada combined totaled 6.00 million head on January 1, 2020, down 1 percent from the 6.07 million on January 1, 2019. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.40 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago. Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.60 million head, down 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of January 1, 2020 totaled 5.20 million head, 1 percent below the 5.23 million head on January 1, 2019. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.81 million head, down slightly from a year ago. Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.39 million head, down 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of January 1, 2020 totaled 802 thousand head, down 4 percent from last year's number of 835 thousand. Breeding sheep inventory at 590 thousand head, down 5 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 213 thousand head, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: January 1, 2015-2018

Class	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	100,813.0	103,498.0	105,159.6	105,863.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	43,299.5	44,095.1	45,164.4	45,545.4
Beef cows	33,042.0	33,839.0	34,850.9	35,141.0
Milk cows	10,257.5	10,256.1	10,313.5	10,404.4
All other cattle	57,513.5	59,402.9	59,995.2	60,317.6
Calf crop ¹	38,284.4	39,335.1	40,104.3	40,599.6

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, 2019 and 2020

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

Class	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	106,244.7	105,633.3	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	45,678.0	45,194.0	99
Beef cows	35,346.7	34,878.1	99
Milk cows	10,331.3	10,315.9	100
All other cattle	60,566.7	60,439.3	100
Calf crop ¹	40,310.5		(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, 2015-2018

Class	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	89,173.0	91,888.0	93,624.6	94,298.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	38,644.0	39,476.2	40,539.2	40,898.3
Beef cows	29,332.1	30,163.8	31,170.7	31,466.2
Milk cows	9,311.9	9,312.4	9,368.5	9,432.1
Heifers 500 pounds and over	19,266.2	19,902.3	20,112.0	20,217.8
For beef cow replacement	6,086.4	6,335.2	6,363.2	6,108.2
For milk cow replacement	4,710.4	4,814.0	4,754.0	4,768.3
Other heifers	8,469.4	8,753.1	8,994.8	9,341.3
Steers 500 pounds and over	15,629.5	16,305.4	16,373.5	16,528.2
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,109.4	2,137.4	2,243.6	2,252.3
Calves under 500 pounds	13,523.9	14,066.7	14,356.3	14,401.4
Calf crop ¹	34,086.7	35,062.7	35,758.2	36,312.7

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Class	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	94,804.7	94,413.3	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	41,044.1	40,651.3	99
Beef cows	31,690.7	31,316.7	99
Milk cows	9,353.4	9,334.6	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over	20,210.0	20,114.4	100
For beef cow replacement	5,884.9	5,771.9	98
For milk cow replacement	4,701.5	4,637.0	99
Other heifers	9,623.6	9,705.5	101
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,757.7	16,671.2	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,253.0	2,237.4	99
Calves under 500 pounds	14,539.9	14,739.0	101
Calf crop ¹	36,059.6		(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, 2015-2018

Class	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	11,640.0	11,610.0	11,535.0	11,565.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,655.5	4,618.9	4,625.2	4,647.1
Beef cows	3,709.9	3,675.2	3,680.2	3,674.8
Milk cows	945.6	943.7	945.0	972.3
Heifers 1 year and over	1,766.4	1,756.7	1,718.9	1,727.9
For beef cow replacement	531.5	564.8	563.3	561.6
For milk cow replacement	427.3	428.6	423.6	433.2
Other heifers	807.6	763.3	732.0	733.1
Steers 1 year and over	1,229.8	1,205.6	1,191.2	1,243.0
Bulls 1 year and over	212.0	212.7	213.1	215.3
Calves under 1 year	3,776.3	3,816.1	3,786.6	3,731.7
Calf crop ¹	4,197.7	4,272.4	4,346.1	4,286.9

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Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: January 1, 2019 and 2020

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Class	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	11,440.0	11,220.0	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,633.9	4,542.7	98
Beef cows	3,656.0	3,561.4	97
Milk cows	977.9	981.3	100
Heifers 1 year and over	1,726.8	1,684.7	98
For beef cow replacement	549.8	515.0	94
For milk cow replacement	432.0	438.5	102
Other heifers	745.0	731.2	98
Steers 1 year and over	1,171.1	1,088.2	93
Bulls 1 year and over	212.2	200.4	94
Calves under 1 year	3,696.0	3,704.0	100
Calf crop ¹	4,250.9		(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, 2015-2018**

Class	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	6,094.3	6,110.1	6,083.9	6,094.4
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,552.1	4,555.6	4,504.6	4,480.4
Replacement lambs - under one year old	727.8	739.3	741.5	740.9
Ewes - one year old and older	3,624.3	3,616.8	3,569.1	3,545.9
Rams - one year old and older	200.0	199.5	194.0	193.6
Market sheep and lambs	1,542.2	1,554.5	1,579.3	1,614.0
Market sheep ¹	85.0	75.0	76.0	80.0
Market lambs ²	1,457.2	1,479.5	1,503.3	1,534.0
Lamb crop ³	4,133.9	4,121.8	4,085.4	4,073.7

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:
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Class	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	6,065.3	6,002.3	99
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,438.1	4,399.5	99
Replacement lambs - under one year old	729.3	734.9	101
Ewes - one year old and older	3,515.3	3,471.3	99
Rams - one year old and older	193.5	193.3	100
Market sheep and lambs	1,627.2	1,602.8	99
Market sheep ¹	82.0	84.0	102
Market lambs ²	1,545.2	1,518.8	98
Lamb crop ³	4,045.8		(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, 2015-2018

Class	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	5,270.0	5,295.0	5,270.0	5,265.0
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,925.0	3,940.0	3,894.0	3,865.0
Replacement lambs - under one year old	650.0	665.0	666.0	662.0
Ewes - one year old and older	3,100.0	3,100.0	3,058.0	3,033.0
Rams - one year old and older	175.0	175.0	170.0	170.0
Market sheep and lambs	1,345.0	1,355.0	1,376.0	1,400.0
Market sheep	85.0	75.0	76.0	80.0
Market lambs	1,260.0	1,280.0	1,300.0	1,320.0
Lamb crop ¹	3,290.0	3,265.0	3,230.0	3,235.0

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Class	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	5,230.0	5,200.0	99
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,820.0	3,810.0	100
Replacement lambs - under one year old	650.0	660.0	102
Ewes - one year old and older	3,000.0	2,980.0	99
Rams - one year old and older	170.0	170.0	100
Market sheep and lambs	1,410.0	1,390.0	99
Market sheep	82.0	84.0	102
Market lambs	1,328.0	1,306.0	98
Lamb crop ¹	3,230.0		(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, 2015-2018

Class	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	824.3	815.1	813.9	829.4
Breeding sheep and lambs	627.1	615.6	610.6	615.4
Replacement lambs - under one year old	77.8	74.3	75.5	78.9
Ewes - one year old and older	524.3	516.8	511.1	512.9
Rams - one year old and older	25.0	24.5	24.0	23.6
Market sheep and lambs	197.2	199.5	203.3	214.0
Lamb crop ¹	843.9	856.8	855.4	838.7

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, 2019 and 2020

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Class	2019	2020	2020 as percent of 2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	835.3	802.3	96
Breeding sheep and lambs	618.1	589.5	95
Replacement lambs - under one year old	79.3	74.9	94
Ewes - one year old and older	515.3	491.3	95
Rams - one year old and older	23.5	23.3	99
Market sheep and lambs	217.2	212.8	98
Lamb crop ¹	815.8		(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 January 31, 2020. Canadian inventory numbers were released on February 25, 2020.

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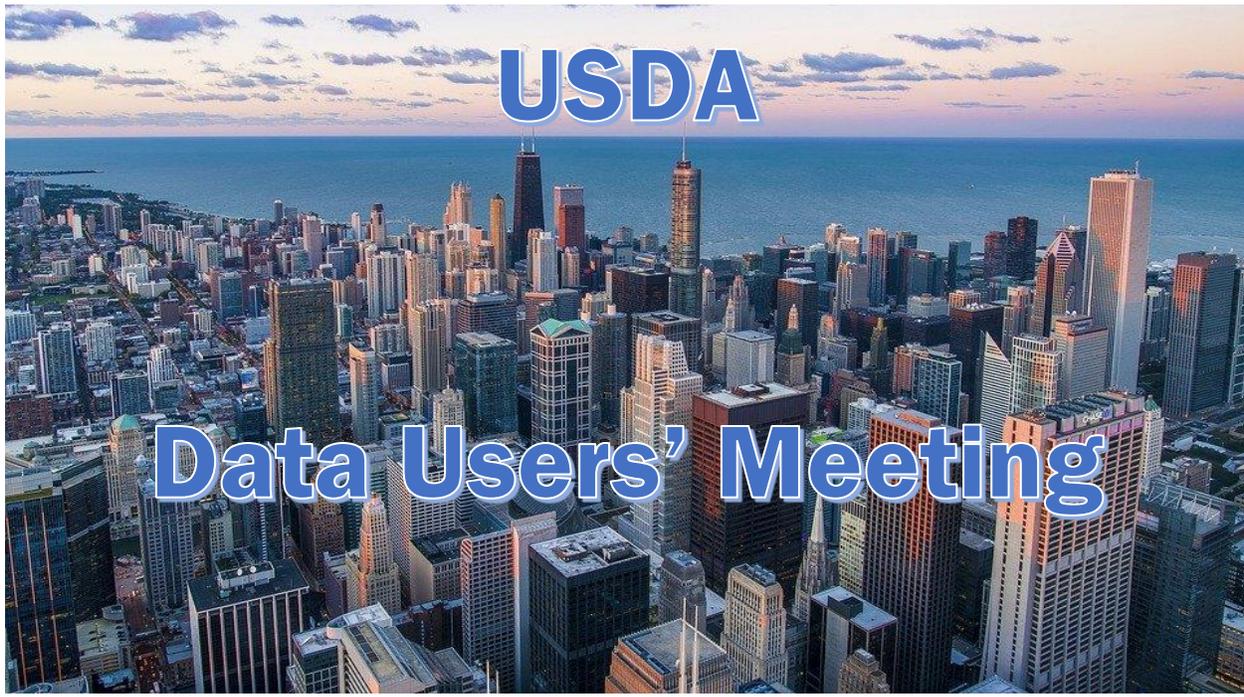
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USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting
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USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will hold an open forum for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. NASS is organizing the 2020 Data 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). Contact Vernita Murray (NASS) at 202-690-8141 or vernita.murray@usda.gov or Patricia Snipe (NASS) at 202-720-2248 or patricia.snipe@usda.gov for information.

The Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference at the same location on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. 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 Laura Lahr at 303-716-9935 or laura.lahr@lmic.info.