



United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Up 3 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 104 million head on January 1, 2016, up 3 percent from the 101 million head on January 1, 2015. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 44.4 million head, were up 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2016, totaled 92.0 million head, 3 percent above the 89.1 million head on January 1, 2015. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.6 million head, were up 3 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2016, totaled 12.0 million head, up slightly from the 11.9 million on January 1, 2015. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.79 million, were up slightly from a year ago.

United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Up Slightly

All sheep and lambs in the United States and Canada combined totaled 6.15 million head on January 1, 2016, up slightly from the 6.12 million on January 1, 2015. Breeding sheep, at 4.60 million head, were up slightly from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 1.55 million head, were up slightly from last year.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of January 1, 2016, totaled 5.32 million head, 1 percent above the 5.28 million head on January 1, 2015. Breeding sheep, at 3.97 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago, while market sheep and lambs, at 1.36 million head, were up 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of January 1, 2016, totaled 829 thousand head, down 2 percent from last year's number of 844 thousand. Breeding sheep, at 634 thousand head, were down 1 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs, at 195 thousand head, were down 3 percent from a year ago.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: January 1, 2011-2014

Class	2011	2012	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	105,042.4	103,405.2	102,400.2	100,746.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	45,079.3	44,465.8	43,748.2	43,155.6
Beef cows	34,958.1	34,271.9	33,566.5	32,988.7
Milk cows	10,121.2	10,193.9	10,181.7	10,166.9
All other cattle	59,963.1	58,939.4	58,652.0	57,590.4
Calf crop ¹	39,997.1	38,930.8	38,246.1	38,127.9

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, 2015 and 2016**

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

Class	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	101,063.0	103,948.0	103
Cows and heifers that have calved	43,394.4	44,435.4	102
Beef cows	33,133.3	34,160.4	103
Milk cows	10,261.1	10,275.0	100
All other cattle	57,668.6	59,512.6	103
Calf crop ¹	38,563.6		(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, 2011-2014

Class	2011	2012	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	92,887.4	91,160.2	90,095.2	88,526.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	40,068.2	39,517.4	38,852.5	38,293.0
Beef cows	30,912.6	30,281.9	29,631.3	29,085.4
Milk cows	9,155.6	9,235.5	9,221.2	9,207.6
Heifers 500 pounds and over	19,649.8	19,444.8	19,255.5	18,969.4
For beef cow replacement	5,134.6	5,280.6	5,429.2	5,551.3
For milk cow replacement	4,577.2	4,618.0	4,545.7	4,548.7
Other heifers	9,938.0	9,546.2	9,280.6	8,869.4
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,394.0	15,956.5	15,930.5	15,667.9
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,165.1	2,100.3	2,073.7	2,037.8
Calves under 500 pounds	14,610.3	14,141.2	13,983.0	13,557.9
Calf crop ¹	35,357.2	34,469.0	33,730.0	33,522.0

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Class	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	89,143.0	91,988.0	103
Cows and heifers that have calved	38,609.0	39,646.2	103
Beef cows	29,302.1	30,330.8	104
Milk cows	9,306.9	9,315.4	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over	19,261.2	19,822.3	103
For beef cow replacement	6,086.4	6,285.2	103
For milk cow replacement	4,710.4	4,824.0	102
Other heifers	8,464.4	8,713.1	103
Steers 500 pounds and over	15,629.5	16,320.4	104
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,109.4	2,142.4	102
Calves under 500 pounds	13,533.9	14,056.7	104
Calf crop ¹	34,301.7		(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, 2011-2014

Class	2011	2012	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	12,155.0	12,245.0	12,305.0	12,220.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	5,011.1	4,948.4	4,895.7	4,862.6
Beef cows	4,045.5	3,990.0	3,935.2	3,903.3
Milk cows	965.6	958.4	960.5	959.3
Heifers 1 year and over	1,896.0	1,948.1	1,967.2	1,947.2
For beef cow replacement	510.0	521.4	542.0	539.1
For milk cow replacement	466.3	456.9	451.2	444.2
Other heifers	919.7	969.8	974.0	963.9
Steers 1 year and over	1,203.4	1,282.6	1,248.5	1,246.8
Bulls 1 year and over	214.3	213.2	210.8	214.0
Calves under 1 year	3,830.2	3,852.7	3,982.8	3,949.4
Calf crop ¹	4,639.9	4,461.8	4,516.1	4,605.9

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Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

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Class	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	11,920.0	11,960.0	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,785.4	4,789.2	100
Beef cows	3,831.2	3,829.6	100
Milk cows	954.2	959.6	101
Heifers 1 year and over	1,892.0	1,902.2	101
For beef cow replacement	526.5	547.3	104
For milk cow replacement	444.6	444.8	100
Other heifers	920.9	910.1	99
Steers 1 year and over	1,179.8	1,171.7	99
Bulls 1 year and over	212.8	213.3	100
Calves under 1 year	3,850.0	3,883.6	101
Calf crop ¹	4,261.9		(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, 2011-2014**

Class	2011	2012	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	6,349.9	6,263.3	6,259.5	6,119.7
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,735.5	4,666.0	4,659.5	4,562.3
Replacement lambs - under one year old	747.0	746.2	760.1	719.8
Ewes - one year old and older	3,772.2	3,722.9	3,692.6	3,641.7
Rams - one year old and older	216.3	196.9	206.8	200.8
Market sheep and lambs	1,614.4	1,597.3	1,600.0	1,557.4
Market sheep ¹	80.0	89.0	81.0	81.0
Market lambs ²	1,534.4	1,508.3	1,519.0	1,476.4
Lamb crop ³	4,316.0	4,272.3	4,202.1	4,288.4

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	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	6,124.3	6,148.6	100
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,578.3	4,599.0	100
Replacement lambs - under one year old	728.7	743.2	102
Ewes - one year old and older	3,649.4	3,656.3	100
Rams - one year old and older	200.2	199.5	100
Market sheep and lambs	1,546.0	1,549.6	100
Market sheep ¹	85.0	75.0	88
Market lambs ²	1,461.0	1,474.6	101
Lamb crop ³	4,271.6		(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, 2011-2014

Class	2011	2012	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	5,470.0	5,375.0	5,360.0	5,245.0
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,070.0	3,995.0	3,985.0	3,900.0
Replacement lambs - under one year old	665.0	660.0	670.0	635.0
Ewes - one year old and older	3,215.0	3,165.0	3,135.0	3,090.0
Rams - one year old and older	190.0	170.0	180.0	175.0
Market sheep and lambs	1,400.0	1,380.0	1,375.0	1,345.0
Market sheep	80.0	89.0	81.0	81.0
Market lambs	1,320.0	1,291.0	1,294.0	1,264.0
Lamb crop ¹	3,490.0	3,445.0	3,370.0	3,440.0

¹ January to December lamb crop.

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Class	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	5,280.0	5,320.0	101
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,935.0	3,965.0	101
Replacement lambs - under one year old	650.0	665.0	102
Ewes - one year old and older	3,110.0	3,125.0	100
Rams - one year old and older	175.0	175.0	100
Market sheep and lambs	1,345.0	1,355.0	101
Market sheep	85.0	75.0	88
Market lambs	1,260.0	1,280.0	102
Lamb crop ¹	3,440.0		(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, 2011-2014

Class	2011	2012	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	879.9	888.3	899.5	874.7
Breeding sheep and lambs	665.5	671.0	674.5	662.3
Replacement lambs - under one year old	82.0	86.2	90.1	84.8
Ewes - one year old and older	557.2	557.9	557.6	551.7
Rams - one year old and older	26.3	26.9	26.8	25.8
Market sheep and lambs	214.4	217.3	225.0	212.4
Lamb crop ¹	826.0	827.3	832.1	848.4

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

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Class	2015	2016	2016 as percent of 2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	844.3	828.6	98
Breeding sheep and lambs	643.3	634.0	99
Replacement lambs - under one year old	78.7	78.2	99
Ewes - one year old and older	539.4	531.3	98
Rams - one year old and older	25.2	24.5	97
Market sheep and lambs	201.0	194.6	97
Lamb crop ¹	831.6		(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 29, 2016. Canadian inventory numbers were previously released on March 3, 2016.

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