



United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 98.2 million head on January 1, 2024, down 2 percent from the 100 million head on January 1, 2023. All cows and heifers that have calved inventory at 42.0 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2024 totaled 87.2 million head, down 2 percent from the 88.8 million head on January 1, 2023. All cows and heifers that have calved inventory at 37.6 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2024 totaled 11.1 million head, down 2 percent from the 11.3 million head on January 1, 2023. All cows and heifers that have calved inventory at 4.43 million head, down 2 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 5.86 million head on January 1, 2024, down 2 percent from the 5.98 million head on January 1, 2023. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.27 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago. Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.59 million head, down 2 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of January 1, 2024 totaled 5.03 million head, 2 percent below the 5.13 million head on January 1, 2023. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.67 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago. Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.36 million head, down 2 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of January 1, 2024 totaled 828,300 head, down 2 percent from last year's number of 846,800 head. Breeding sheep inventory at 599,300 head, down 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 229,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: January 1, 2019-2022

Class	2019	2020	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	106,334.7	105,308.3	105,101.5	103,303.7
Cows and heifers that have calved	45,712.0	45,339.9	44,992.6	43,968.2
Beef cows	35,382.4	35,017.1	34,567.7	33,618.1
Milk cows	10,329.6	10,322.8	10,424.9	10,350.1
All other cattle	60,622.7	59,968.4	60,108.9	59,335.5
Calf crop ¹	40,037.0	39,935.5	39,613.3	38,908.3

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, 2023 and 2024

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Class	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	100,136.0	98,212.4	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	42,849.8	42,008.0	98
Beef cows	32,487.7	31,687.6	98
Milk cows	10,362.1	10,320.4	100
All other cattle	57,286.2	56,204.4	98
Calf crop ¹	37,878.3		(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, 2019-2022

Class	2019	2020	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	94,664.7	93,768.3	93,586.5	91,788.7
Cows and heifers that have calved	40,994.1	40,692.3	40,307.0	39,346.2
Beef cows	31,640.7	31,348.7	30,856.6	29,965.2
Milk cows	9,353.4	9,343.6	9,450.4	9,381.0
Heifers 500 pounds and over	20,157.0	19,950.4	20,045.6	19,656.5
For beef cow replacement	5,803.9	5,728.9	5,640.1	5,299.5
For milk cow replacement	4,673.5	4,610.0	4,498.0	4,222.1
Other heifers	9,679.6	9,611.5	9,907.5	10,134.9
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,747.7	16,571.2	16,742.8	16,696.7
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,248.0	2,242.4	2,210.5	2,109.6
Calves under 500 pounds	14,517.9	14,312.0	14,280.6	13,979.7
Calf crop ¹	35,596.6	35,500.5	35,130.9	34,439.5

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

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Class	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	88,841.0	87,157.4	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	38,336.8	37,579.8	98
Beef cows	28,939.3	28,223.0	98
Milk cows	9,397.5	9,356.8	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over	18,760.7	18,483.0	99
For beef cow replacement	4,929.6	4,858.3	99
For milk cow replacement	4,073.6	4,059.2	100
Other heifers	9,757.5	9,565.5	98
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,056.5	15,789.2	98
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,029.0	2,020.7	100
Calves under 500 pounds	13,658.0	13,284.7	97
Calf crop ¹	33,593.0		(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, 2019-2022

Class	2019	2020	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	11,670.0	11,540.0	11,515.0	11,515.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,717.9	4,647.6	4,685.6	4,622.0
Beef cows	3,741.7	3,668.4	3,711.1	3,652.9
Milk cows	976.2	979.2	974.5	969.1
Heifers 1 year and over	1,757.5	1,692.2	1,686.4	1,720.2
For beef cow replacement	581.3	555.6	572.7	576.0
For milk cow replacement	420.0	421.9	411.5	413.2
Other heifers	756.2	714.7	702.2	731.0
Steers 1 year and over	1,255.9	1,179.0	1,184.8	1,208.5
Bulls 1 year and over	217.4	213.1	215.6	213.2
Calves under 1 year	3,721.3	3,808.1	3,742.6	3,751.1
Calf crop ¹	4,440.4	4,435.0	4,482.4	4,468.8

¹ 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, 2023 and 2024

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Class	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	11,295.0	11,055.0	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,513.0	4,428.2	98
Beef cows	3,548.4	3,464.6	98
Milk cows	964.6	963.6	100
Heifers 1 year and over	1,700.6	1,662.0	98
For beef cow replacement	550.5	519.6	94
For milk cow replacement	409.8	407.3	99
Other heifers	740.3	735.1	99
Steers 1 year and over	1,233.7	1,231.6	100
Bulls 1 year and over	210.9	207.1	98
Calves under 1 year	3,636.8	3,526.1	97
Calf crop ¹	4,285.3		(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, 2019-2022**

Class	2019	2020	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	6,057.9	6,020.8	6,013.7	5,987.2
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,432.0	4,416.5	4,411.0	4,399.6
Replacement lambs - under one year old	729.2	737.6	742.4	750.2
Ewes - one year old and older	3,509.4	3,483.7	3,475.5	3,461.6
Rams - one year old and older	193.4	195.2	193.1	187.8
Market sheep and lambs	1,625.9	1,604.3	1,602.7	1,587.6
Market sheep ¹	84.0	91.0	83.0	83.0
Market lambs ²	1,541.9	1,513.3	1,519.7	1,504.6
Lamb crop ³	4,044.1	4,060.1	4,004.8	3,988.6

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, 2023 and 2024**

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Class	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	5,976.8	5,858.3	98
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,353.1	4,269.3	98
Replacement lambs - under one year old	736.4	726.0	99
Ewes - one year old and older	3,426.5	3,354.8	98
Rams - one year old and older	190.2	188.5	99
Market sheep and lambs	1,623.7	1,589.0	98
Market sheep ¹	87.0	81.0	93
Market lambs ²	1,536.7	1,508.0	98
Lamb crop ³	3,919.1		(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, 2019-2022

Class	2019	2020	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	5,230.0	5,210.0	5,200.0	5,165.0
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,820.0	3,814.0	3,798.0	3,781.0
Replacement lambs - under one year old	650.0	661.0	654.0	655.0
Ewes - one year old and older	3,000.0	2,981.0	2,974.0	2,962.0
Rams - one year old and older	170.0	172.0	170.0	164.0
Market sheep and lambs	1,410.0	1,396.0	1,402.0	1,384.0
Market sheep	84.0	91.0	83.0	83.0
Market lambs	1,326.0	1,305.0	1,319.0	1,301.0
Lamb crop ¹	3,210.0	3,190.0	3,140.0	3,099.0

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States: January 1, 2023 and 2024

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Class	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	5,130.0	5,030.0	98
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,740.0	3,670.0	98
Replacement lambs - under one year old	643.5	635.0	99
Ewes - one year old and older	2,930.0	2,870.0	98
Rams - one year old and older	166.5	165.0	99
Market sheep and lambs	1,390.0	1,360.0	98
Market sheep	87.0	81.0	93
Market lambs	1,303.0	1,279.0	98
Lamb crop ¹	3,030.0		(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, 2019-2022

Class	2019	2020	2021	2022
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	827.9	810.8	813.7	822.2
Breeding sheep and lambs	612.0	602.5	613.0	618.6
Replacement lambs - under one year old	79.2	76.6	88.4	95.2
Ewes - one year old and older	509.4	502.7	501.5	499.6
Rams - one year old and older	23.4	23.2	23.1	23.8
Market sheep and lambs	215.9	208.3	200.7	203.6
Lamb crop ¹	834.1	870.1	864.8	889.6

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, 2023 and 2024

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Class	2023	2024	2024 as percent of 2023
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	846.8	828.3	98
Breeding sheep and lambs	613.1	599.3	98
Replacement lambs - under one year old	92.9	91.0	98
Ewes - one year old and older	496.5	484.8	98
Rams - one year old and older	23.7	23.5	99
Market sheep and lambs	233.7	229.0	98
Lamb crop ¹	889.1		(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, 2024. Canadian inventory numbers were released on February 23, 2024.

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