



United States and Canadian Cattle

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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 111.4 million head on July 1, 2015, up 2 percent from the 109.6 million on July 1, 2014. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 44.5 million head, were up 1 percent from 2014.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2015, totaled 98.4 million head, 2 percent above the 96.3 million on July 1, 2014. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.8 million head, were up 2 percent from 2014.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of July 1, 2015, totaled 13.0 million head, down 2 percent from the 13.3 million on July 1, 2014. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.72 million, were down 3 percent from a year ago.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: July 1, 2010-2013

Class	2010	2011	2012	2013 ¹
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves ²	114,795.0	113,545.0	111,320.0	
Cows and heifers that have calved	45,961.5	45,502.8	44,607.5	
Beef cows	35,863.0	35,342.2	34,422.4	
Milk cows	10,098.5	10,160.6	10,185.1	
All other cattle	68,833.5	68,042.2	66,712.5	
Calf crop ³	40,497.6	39,997.1	38,930.8	38,246.3

¹ Due to sequestration, the 2013 United States July Cattle report was not conducted.

² Inventory may not add due to rounding.

³ January to December calf crop.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: July 1, 2014 and 2015

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

Class	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves ¹	109,590.0	111,405.0	102
Cows and heifers that have calved	43,875.6	44,524.2	101
Beef cows	33,676.6	34,292.2	102
Milk cows	10,199.0	10,232.0	100
All other cattle	65,714.4	66,880.8	102
Calf crop ²	38,506.2		

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² January to December calf crop.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2010-2013

Class	2010	2011	2012	2013 ¹
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	101,100.0	100,000.0	97,800.0	
Cows and heifers that have calved	40,900.0	40,600.0	39,700.0	
Beef cows	31,767.0	31,398.0	30,467.0	
Milk cows	9,133.0	9,202.0	9,233.0	
Heifers 500 pounds and over	16,200.0	16,000.0	15,700.0	
For beef cow replacement	4,400.0	4,200.0	4,200.0	
For milk cow replacement	4,050.0	4,200.0	4,100.0	
Other heifers	7,750.0	7,600.0	7,400.0	
Steers 500 pounds and over	14,400.0	14,200.0	14,000.0	
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,100.0	2,000.0	1,900.0	
Calves under 500 pounds	27,500.0	27,200.0	26,500.0	
Calf crop ²	35,739.8	35,357.2	34,469.0	33,730.0

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Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2014 and 2015

Class	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	96,300.0	98,400.0	102
Cows and heifers that have calved	39,000.0	39,800.0	102
Beef Cows	29,750.0	30,500.0	103
Milk Cows	9,250.0	9,300.0	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	15,600.0	15,900.0	102
For beef cow replacement	4,600.0	4,900.0	107
For milk cow replacement	4,100.0	4,200.0	102
Other heifers	6,900.0	6,800.0	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	13,700.0	14,100.0	103
Bulls 500 pounds and over	1,900.0	1,900.0	100
Calves under 500 pounds	26,100.0	26,700.0	102
Calf crop ¹	33,900.0	34,300.0	

¹ January to December calf crop.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: July 1, 2010-2013

Class	2010	2011	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves ¹	13,695.0	13,545.0	13,520.0	13,520.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	5,061.5	4,902.8	4,907.5	4,914.8
Beef cows	4,096.0	3,944.2	3,955.4	3,962.5
Milk cows	965.5	958.6	952.1	952.3
Heifers 1 year and over	2,284.1	2,330.6	2,312.7	2,314.8
For beef cow replacement	600.1	640.0	640.4	632.5
For milk cow replacement	475.1	470.3	461.6	456.2
Other heifers	1,208.9	1,220.3	1,210.7	1,226.1
Steers 1 year and over	1,615.3	1,641.6	1,632.7	1,637.2
Bulls 1 year and over	232.8	226.5	228.6	227.8
Calves under 1 year	4,501.3	4,443.5	4,438.5	4,425.4
Calf crop ²	4,757.8	4,639.9	4,461.8	4,516.3

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Class	2014	2015	2015 as percent of 2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves ¹	13,290.0	13,005.0	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,875.6	4,724.2	97
Beef cows	3,926.6	3,792.2	97
Milk cows	949.0	932.0	98
Heifers 1 year and over	2,283.7	2,246.1	98
For beef cow replacement	616.2	612.6	99
For milk cow replacement	451.9	438.0	97
Other heifers	1,215.6	1,195.5	98
Steers 1 year and over	1,622.5	1,687.9	104
Bulls 1 year and over	225.2	221.4	98
Calves under 1 year	4,283.0	4,125.4	96
Calf crop ²	4,606.2		

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² January to December calf crop.

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 July 25, 2014.

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USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 2015

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The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will be organizing an open forum for data users. The purpose will be to provide updates on pending changes in the various statistical and information programs and seek comments and input from data users. Other USDA agencies to be represented will include the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Economic Research Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board. The Foreign Trade Division from the Census Bureau will also be included in the meeting.

For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Tina Hall (NASS) at 202-720-3896 or at tina.hall@nass.usda.gov.

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