



# United States and Canadian Cattle

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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 113 million head on July 1, 2021, down 1 percent from the 114 million head on July 1, 2020. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 45.4 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in the United States** as of July 1, 2021, totaled 101 million head, down 1 percent from July 1, 2020. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.9 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in Canada** as of July 1, 2021, totaled 12.3 million head, up slightly from the 12.3 million head on July 1, 2020. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.54 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

## Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: July 1, 2016-2019

Class	2016 <sup>1</sup>	2017	2018	2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....		114,635.0	115,265.0	114,900.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....		46,227.8	46,503.7	46,235.1
Beef cows .....		35,871.1	36,134.0	35,967.0
Milk cows .....		10,356.7	10,369.7	10,268.1
All other cattle .....		68,407.2	68,761.3	68,664.9
Calf crop <sup>2</sup> .....	39,335.1	40,104.3	40,659.6	39,927.3

<sup>1</sup> July 2016 United States *Cattle* report suspended due to budget constraints.

<sup>2</sup> January to December calf crop.

Sources: 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: July 1, 2020 and 2021

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

Class	2020	2021	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	114,465.0	113,185.0	99
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	45,982.2	45,441.4	99
Beef cows .....	35,660.1	34,950.1	98
Milk cows .....	10,322.1	10,491.3	102
All other cattle .....	68,482.8	67,743.6	99
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	39,480.2		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> January to December calf crop.

Sources: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

### Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2016-2019

Class	2016 <sup>1</sup>	2017	2018	2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....		102,100.0	102,800.0	102,600.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....		41,500.0	41,800.0	41,600.0
Beef cows .....		32,100.0	32,400.0	32,300.0
Milk cows .....		9,400.0	9,400.0	9,300.0
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....		16,200.0	16,300.0	16,300.0
For beef cow replacement .....		4,700.0	4,600.0	4,400.0
For milk cow replacement .....		4,200.0	4,200.0	4,100.0
Other heifers .....		7,300.0	7,500.0	7,800.0
Steers 500 pounds and over .....		14,500.0	14,500.0	14,600.0
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....		2,000.0	2,100.0	2,100.0
Calves under 500 pounds .....		27,900.0	28,100.0	28,000.0
Calf crop <sup>2</sup> .....	35,062.7	35,758.2	36,312.7	35,591.6

<sup>1</sup> July 2016 United States *Cattle* report suspended due to budget constraints.

<sup>2</sup> January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

### Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	2020	2021	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	102,200.0	100,900.0	99
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	41,400.0	40,900.0	99
Beef Cows .....	32,050.0	31,400.0	98
Milk Cows .....	9,350.0	9,500.0	102
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	16,200.0	16,000.0	99
For beef cow replacement .....	4,400.0	4,300.0	98
For milk cow replacement .....	4,000.0	4,100.0	103
Other heifers .....	7,800.0	7,600.0	97
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	14,700.0	14,500.0	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	2,100.0	2,100.0	100
Calves under 500 pounds .....	27,800.0	27,400.0	99
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	35,135.5	35,100.0	100

<sup>1</sup> January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

## Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: July 1, 2016-2019

Class	2016	2017	2018	2019
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	12,530.0	12,535.0	12,465.0	12,300.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	4,679.0	4,727.8	4,703.7	4,635.1
Beef cows .....	3,736.6	3,771.1	3,734.0	3,667.0
Milk cows .....	942.4	956.7	969.7	968.1
Heifers 1 year and over .....	2,018.1	1,990.1	2,005.7	1,944.5
For beef cow replacement .....	674.5	687.9	679.6	635.6
For milk cow replacement .....	438.9	437.6	435.2	439.2
Other heifers .....	904.7	864.6	890.9	869.7
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,568.1	1,548.5	1,541.3	1,505.8
Bulls 1 year and over .....	223.4	223.5	222.5	218.9
Calves under 1 year .....	4,041.4	4,045.1	3,991.8	3,995.7
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	4,272.4	4,346.1	4,346.9	4,335.7

<sup>1</sup> January to December calf crop.

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

## Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: July 1, 2020 and 2021

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

Class	2020	2021	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	12,265.0	12,285.0	100
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	4,582.2	4,541.4	99
Beef cows .....	3,610.1	3,550.1	98
Milk cows .....	972.1	991.3	102
Heifers 1 year and over .....	1,964.1	1,986.7	101
For beef cow replacement .....	630.8	654.7	104
For milk cow replacement .....	441.8	445.5	101
Other heifers .....	891.5	886.5	99
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,493.3	1,466.0	98
Bulls 1 year and over .....	217.7	226.8	104
Calves under 1 year .....	4,007.7	4,064.1	101
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	4,344.7		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> January to December calf crop.

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

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 supplies. United States inventory numbers were previously released on July 23, 2021. Canadian inventory numbers were previously released on August 23, 2021.

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