

# United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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## U.S. Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 2 Percent

**All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada** combined totaled 114.8 million head on July 1, 2010, down 2 percent from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 46.1 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in the United States** as of July 1, 2010, totaled 100.8 million head, 1 percent below the 102.0 million head on July 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.8 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in Canada** as of July 1, 2010, totaled 14.0 million head, down 5 percent from the 14.7 million on July 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.34 million, were down 4 percent from the 5.57 million on July 1, 2009.

## U.S. Canadian Sheep Inventory Down 2 Percent

**All sheep and lambs in the U.S. and Canada** combined totaled 7.94 million head on July 1, 2010, down 2 percent from a year ago. Breeding sheep inventory, at 4.82 million head, was down 3 percent from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 3.13 million head, were down 1 percent from last July.

**All sheep and lambs in the United States** as of July 1, 2010, totaled 6.90 million head, 2 percent below the 7.05 million head on July 1, 2009. Breeding sheep inventory, at 4.16 million head, was down 3 percent from the 4.28 million head on July 1, 2009, while market sheep and lambs, at 2.74 million head, were down 1 percent from last year's 2.77 million head.

**All sheep and lambs in Canada** as of July 1, 2010, totaled 1.04 million head, down 2 percent from last year's number. Breeding sheep inventory, down 2 percent from last year's estimate, came in at 655,000 head. Market sheep and lambs, at 387,000 head, were down 3 percent from July 1, 2009.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,  
United States and Canada, July 1, 2005-2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Class	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	120,680	120,800	120,125	118,495
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	48,761	48,565	48,383	47,844
Beef Cows	38,686	38,415	38,255	37,512
Milk Cows	10,075	10,150	10,128	10,332
All Other Cattle	71,919	72,235	71,741	70,652
Calf Crop <sup>2</sup>	42,624	42,363	42,299	41,441

<sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

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

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

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,  
United States and Canada, July 1, 2009-2010 <sup>1</sup>**

Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	116,735	114,811	98
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	46,971	46,138	98
Beef Cows	36,788	36,056	98
Milk Cows	10,183	10,082	99
All Other Cattle	69,764	68,675	98
Calf Crop <sup>2</sup>	40,899		

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United States, July 1, 2005-2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Class	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	103,800	104,800	104,300	103,300
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,300	42,400	42,300	42,000
Beef Cows	33,250	33,250	33,150	32,650
Milk Cows	9,050	9,150	9,150	9,350
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,100	16,500	16,500	16,300
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,900	4,900	4,700	4,600
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,700	3,800	3,900	3,900
Other Heifers	7,500	7,800	7,900	7,800
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,600	15,100	14,900	14,700
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,700	28,700	28,500	28,200
Calf Crop <sup>2</sup>	37,106	37,016	36,759	36,153

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

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	102,000	100,800	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	41,400	40,800	99
Beef Cows	32,200	31,700	98
Milk Cows	9,200	9,100	99
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,200	16,100	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,500	4,400	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,950	4,050	103
Other Heifers	7,750	7,650	99
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,400	14,300	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	27,900	27,500	99
Calf Crop <sup>2</sup>	35,819	35,400	99

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

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,  
Canada, July 1, 2005-2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Class	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	16,880	16,000	15,825	15,195
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	6,461	6,165	6,083	5,844
Beef Cows	5,436	5,165	5,105	4,862
Milk Cows	1,025	1,000	978	982
Heifers 1 Year and Over	2,654	2,445	2,445	2,308
For Beef Cow Replacement	841	691	668	655
For Milk Cow Replacement	507	507	488	477
Other Heifers	1,306	1,247	1,289	1,176
Steers 1 Year and Over	1,658	1,655	1,790	1,576
Bulls 1 Year and Over	291	268	263	261
Calves Under 1 Year	5,816	5,467	5,243	5,207
Calf Crop <sup>2</sup>	5,518	5,347	5,540	5,288

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Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

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Canada, July 1, 2009-2010 <sup>1</sup>**

Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	14,735	14,011	95
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	5,571	5,338	96
Beef Cows	4,588	4,356	95
Milk Cows	983	982	100
Heifers 1 Year and Over	2,319	2,226	96
For Beef Cow Replacement	638	624	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	459	452	98
Other Heifers	1,222	1,150	94
Steers 1 Year and Over	1,665	1,496	90
Bulls 1 Year and Over	248	239	96
Calves Under 1 Year	4,932	4,714	96
Calf Crop <sup>2</sup>	5,080		

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

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,  
United States and Canada, July 1, 2005-2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Class	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	8,970	8,881	8,626	8,332
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	5,385	5,333	5,195	5,065
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	790	763	731	724
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	4,383	4,360	4,258	4,137
Rams - One Year Old and Older	212	211	206	204
Market Sheep and Lambs	3,586	3,548	3,431	3,267
Market Sheep <sup>2</sup>	85	80	70	75
Market Lambs <sup>3</sup>	3,501	3,468	3,361	3,192
Lamb Crop <sup>4</sup>	4,879	4,820	4,698	4,517

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<sup>2</sup> United States market sheep only.

<sup>3</sup> Canada market lambs include small amounts of market sheep.

<sup>4</sup> January to December lamb crop.

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

**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,  
United States and Canada, July 1, 2009-2010 <sup>1</sup>**

Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	8,113	7,942	98
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,946	4,815	97
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	723	713	99
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	4,019	3,904	97
Rams - One Year Old and Older	203	198	98
Market Sheep and Lambs	3,167	3,127	99
Market Sheep <sup>2</sup>	80	90	113
Market Lambs <sup>3</sup>	3,087	3,037	98
Lamb Crop <sup>4</sup>	4,518		

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<sup>4</sup> January to December lamb crop.

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**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,  
United States, July 1, 2005-2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Class	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	7,780	7,730	7,530	7,270
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,650	4,620	4,515	4,400
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	685	665	635	630
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,780	3,770	3,700	3,590
Rams - One Year Old and Older	185	185	180	180
Market Sheep and Lambs	3,130	3,110	3,015	2,870
Market Sheep	85	80	70	75
Market Lambs	3,045	3,030	2,945	2,795
Lamb Crop <sup>2</sup>	4,015	3,950	3,895	3,710

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

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**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,  
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Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	7,050	6,900	98
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,280	4,160	97
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	630	620	98
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,470	3,365	97
Rams - One Year Old and Older	180	175	97
Market Sheep and Lambs	2,770	2,740	99
Market Sheep	80	90	113
Market Lambs	2,690	2,650	99
Lamb Crop <sup>2</sup>	3,690	3,600	98

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Canada, July 1, 2005-2008 <sup>1</sup>**

Class	2005	2006	2007	2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	1,190	1,151	1,096	1,062
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	735	713	680	665
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	105	98	96	94
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	603	590	558	547
Rams - One Year Old and Older	27	26	26	24
Market Sheep and Lambs	456	438	416	397
Lamb Crop <sup>2</sup>	864	870	803	807

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

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Canada, July 1, 2009-2010 <sup>1</sup>**

Class	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	1,063	1,042	98
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	666	655	98
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	93	93	100
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	549	539	98
Rams - One Year Old and Older	23	23	100
Market Sheep and Lambs	397	387	97
Lamb Crop <sup>2</sup>	828		

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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 and the number of sheep and lambs by class and lamb crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the U.S. cattle and sheep industries to provide producers additional information about potential beef, mutton and lamb supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on July 23, 2010.

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