



United States and Canadian Cattle

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 116 million head on July 1, 2018, up 1 percent from the 115 million head on July 1, 2017. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 46.6 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2018, totaled 103 million head, 1 percent above the 102 million head on July 1, 2017. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.9 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of July 1, 2018, totaled 12.4 million head, down 1 percent from the 12.5 million head on July 1, 2017. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.70 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, 2013-2016

Class	2013 ¹	2014	2015	2016 ¹
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves		108,720.0	110,815.0	
Cows and heifers that have calved		43,803.0	44,454.2	
Beef cows		33,598.2	34,206.4	
Milk cows		10,204.8	10,247.8	
All other cattle		64,917.0	66,360.8	
Calf crop ²	38,141.1	38,017.5	38,284.4	39,364.2

¹ July 2013 and July 2016 United States *Cattle* reports suspended due to budget constraints.

² 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, 2017 and 2018

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

Class	2017	2018	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	114,735.0	115,635.0	101
Cows and heifers that have calved	46,327.8	46,595.7	101
Beef cows	35,971.1	36,226.0	101
Milk cows	10,356.7	10,369.7	100
All other cattle	68,407.2	69,039.3	101
Calf crop ¹	40,166.3		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ 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, 2013-2016

Class	2013 ¹	2014	2015	2016 ¹
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves		95,700.0	98,200.0	
Cows and heifers that have calved		39,000.0	39,800.0	
Beef cows		29,750.0	30,500.0	
Milk cows		9,250.0	9,300.0	
Heifers 500 pounds and over		15,500.0	15,700.0	
For beef cow replacement		4,500.0	4,800.0	
For milk cow replacement		4,100.0	4,200.0	
Other heifers		6,900.0	6,700.0	
Steers 500 pounds and over		13,500.0	14,100.0	
Bulls 500 pounds and over		1,900.0	1,900.0	
Calves under 500 pounds		25,800.0	26,700.0	
Calf crop ²	33,730.0	33,522.0	34,086.7	35,092.7

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² January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2017 and 2018

Class	2017	2018	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	102,200.0	103,200.0	101
Cows and heifers that have calved	41,600.0	41,900.0	101
Beef Cows	32,200.0	32,500.0	101
Milk Cows	9,400.0	9,400.0	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over	16,200.0	16,300.0	101
For beef cow replacement	4,700.0	4,600.0	98
For milk cow replacement	4,200.0	4,200.0	100
Other heifers	7,300.0	7,500.0	103
Steers 500 pounds and over	14,500.0	14,500.0	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,000.0	2,100.0	105
Calves under 500 pounds	27,900.0	28,400.0	102
Calf crop ¹	35,808.2	36,500.0	102

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: July 1, 2013-2016

Class	2013	2014	2015	2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	13,365.0	13,020.0	12,615.0	12,530.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,886.7	4,803.0	4,654.2	4,679.0
Beef cows	3,932.6	3,848.2	3,706.4	3,736.6
Milk cows	954.1	954.8	947.8	942.4
Heifers 1 year and over	2,246.3	2,129.8	2,042.7	2,018.1
For beef cow replacement	666.3	640.0	642.8	674.5
For milk cow replacement	445.2	441.0	433.6	438.9
Other heifers	1,134.8	1,048.8	966.3	904.7
Steers 1 year and over	1,627.8	1,607.0	1,627.3	1,568.1
Bulls 1 year and over	228.0	224.0	222.5	223.4
Calves under 1 year	4,376.2	4,256.2	4,068.3	4,041.4
Calf crop ¹	4,411.1	4,495.5	4,197.7	4,271.5

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Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: July 1, 2017 and 2018

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Class	2017	2018	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	12,535.0	12,435.0	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,727.8	4,695.7	99
Beef cows	3,771.1	3,726.0	99
Milk cows	956.7	969.7	101
Heifers 1 year and over	1,990.1	1,993.5	100
For beef cow replacement	687.9	669.9	97
For milk cow replacement	437.6	435.5	100
Other heifers	864.6	888.1	103
Steers 1 year and over	1,548.5	1,529.1	99
Bulls 1 year and over	223.5	222.5	100
Calves under 1 year	4,045.1	3,994.2	99
Calf crop ¹	4,358.1		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ 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 20, 2018. Canadian inventory numbers were previously released on August 23, 2018.

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