



# United States and Canadian Cattle

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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 111.3 million head on July 1, 2012, down 2 percent from the 113.5 million on July 1, 2011. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 44.6 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in the United States** as of July 1, 2012, totaled 97.8 million head, 2 percent below the 100.0 million on July 1, 2011. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.7 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

**All cattle and calves in Canada** as of July 1, 2012, totaled 13.5 million head, down slightly from the 13.5 million on July 1, 2011. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.91 million, were down slightly from a year ago.

### Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: July 1, 2007-2010

Class	2007	2008	2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	119,965.0	118,210.0	116,315.0	114,795.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	48,309.6	47,739.2	46,739.1	45,961.5
Beef cows .....	38,180.2	37,417.4	36,574.8	35,846.0
Milk cows .....	10,129.4	10,321.8	10,164.3	10,115.5
All other cattle .....	71,655.4	70,470.8	69,575.9	68,833.5
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	42,178.9	41,430.3	40,827.0	40,463.1

<sup>1</sup> 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: July 1, 2011 and 2012

Class	2011	2012	2012 as percent of 2011
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	113,530.0	111,320.0	98
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	45,512.8	44,611.7	98
Beef cows .....	35,354.2	34,457.9	98
Milk cows .....	10,158.6	10,153.8	100
All other cattle .....	68,017.2	66,708.3	98
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	39,911.9		

<sup>1</sup> 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: July 1, 2007-2010**

Class	2007	2008	2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	104,300.0	103,300.0	102,000.0	101,100.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	42,300.0	42,000.0	41,400.0	40,900.0
Beef cows .....	33,150.0	32,650.0	32,200.0	31,750.0
Milk cows .....	9,150.0	9,350.0	9,200.0	9,150.0
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	16,500.0	16,300.0	16,200.0	16,200.0
For beef cow replacement .....	4,700.0	4,600.0	4,500.0	4,400.0
For milk cow replacement .....	3,900.0	3,900.0	3,950.0	4,050.0
Other heifers .....	7,900.0	7,800.0	7,750.0	7,750.0
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	14,900.0	14,700.0	14,400.0	14,400.0
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	2,100.0	2,100.0	2,100.0	2,100.0
Calves under 500 pounds .....	28,500.0	28,200.0	27,900.0	27,500.0
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	36,758.7	36,152.5	35,939.0	35,694.8

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

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: July 1, 2011 and 2012**

Class	2011	2012	2012 as percent of 2011
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	100,000.0	97,800.0	98
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	40,600.0	39,700.0	98
Beef cows .....	31,400.0	30,500.0	97
Milk cows .....	9,200.0	9,200.0	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over .....	16,000.0	15,700.0	98
For beef cow replacement .....	4,200.0	4,200.0	100
For milk cow replacement .....	4,200.0	4,100.0	98
Other heifers .....	7,600.0	7,400.0	97
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	14,200.0	14,000.0	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	2,000.0	1,900.0	95
Calves under 500 pounds .....	27,200.0	26,500.0	97
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	35,313.2	34,500.0	98

<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, 2007-2010

Class	2007	2008	2009	2010
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves .....	15,665.0	14,910.0	14,315.0	13,695.0
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	6,009.6	5,739.2	5,339.1	5,061.5
Beef cows .....	5,030.2	4,767.4	4,374.8	4,096.0
Milk cows .....	979.4	971.8	964.3	965.5
Heifers 1 year and over .....	2,457.7	2,344.6	2,389.5	2,284.1
For beef cow replacement .....	662.7	642.7	621.4	600.1
For milk cow replacement .....	489.8	478.5	475.3	475.1
Other heifers .....	1,305.2	1,223.4	1,292.8	1,208.9
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,771.7	1,622.5	1,697.4	1,615.3
Bulls 1 year and over .....	261.6	256.8	243.6	232.8
Calves under 1 year .....	5,164.4	4,946.9	4,645.4	4,501.3
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	5,420.2	5,277.8	4,888.0	4,768.3

<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, 2011 and 2012

Class	2011	2012	2012 as percent of 2011
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves .....	13,530.0	13,520.0	100
Cows and heifers that have calved .....	4,912.8	4,911.7	100
Beef cows .....	3,954.2	3,957.9	100
Milk cows .....	958.6	953.8	100
Heifers 1 year and over .....	2,325.6	2,341.7	101
For beef cow replacement .....	640.0	662.2	104
For milk cow replacement .....	475.3	478.1	101
Other heifers .....	1,210.3	1,201.4	99
Steers 1 year and over .....	1,631.6	1,614.7	99
Bulls 1 year and over .....	226.5	228.6	101
Calves under 1 year .....	4,433.5	4,423.3	100
Calf crop <sup>1</sup> .....	4,598.7		

<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, mutton and lamb supplies. United States inventory numbers were previously released on January 27, 2012.

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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 Vernita Murray (NASS) at 202-690-8141 or at [vernita\\_murray@nass.usda.gov](mailto:vernita_murray@nass.usda.gov).

This Data Users' Meeting precedes an Industry Outlook Meeting that will be held at the same location on Tuesday October 23, 2012. The Outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Meeting, see the Livestock and Marketing Information Center (LMIC) homepage at <http://www.lmic.info/> or contact Erica Rosa 303-236-0461 at [rosa@lmic.info](mailto:rosa@lmic.info) or Laura Lahr 303-236-0464 at [lahr@lmic.info](mailto:lahr@lmic.info).