



United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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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 103.3 million head on January 1, 2012, down 2 percent from the 105.1 million on January 1, 2011. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 44.3 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2012, totaled 90.8 million head, 2 percent below the 92.7 million on January 1, 2011. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.1 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2012, totaled 12.5 million head, up 0.5 percent from the 12.5 million on January 1, 2011. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.21 million, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Down 1 Percent

All sheep and lambs in the United States and Canada combined totaled 6.17 million head on January 1, 2012, down 2 percent from the 6.29 million on January 1, 2011. Breeding sheep, at 4.61 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 1.57 million head, were down 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of January 1, 2012, totaled 5.35 million head, 2 percent below the 5.48 million head on January 1, 2011. Breeding sheep, at 3.98 million head, were down 3 percent from a year ago, while market sheep and lambs, at 1.37 million head, were down 2 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of January 1, 2012, totaled 829 thousand head, up 2 percent from last year's number of 813 thousand. Breeding sheep, at 631 thousand head, were up 1 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs, at 198 thousand head, were up 5 percent from a year ago.

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

| Class | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Cattle and calves | 110,728.0 | 109,904.5 | 107,716.0 | 106,786.2 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | 47,803.6 | 47,657.7 | 46,672.6 | 45,828.4 |
| Beef cows | 37,664.3 | 37,416.4 | 36,361.3 | 35,761.9 |
| Milk cows | 10,139.3 | 10,241.3 | 10,311.3 | 10,066.5 |
| All other cattle | 62,924.4 | 62,246.8 | 61,043.4 | 60,957.8 |
| Calf crop ¹ | 42,273.9 | 41,480.3 | 40,897.0 | 40,530.1 |

¹ 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: January 1, 2011 and 2012

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

| Class | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 as percent of 2011 |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| Cattle and calves | 105,139.4 | 103,283.5 | 98 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | 45,255.3 | 44,326.1 | 98 |
| Beef cows | 35,122.6 | 34,111.3 | 97 |
| Milk cows | 10,132.7 | 10,214.8 | 101 |
| All other cattle | 59,884.1 | 58,957.4 | 98 |
| Calf crop ¹ | 39,974.9 | | (X) |

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December calf crop.

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| Class | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Cattle and calves | 96,573.0 | 96,034.5 | 94,521.0 | 93,881.2 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | 41,788.7 | 41,691.5 | 41,044.6 | 40,456.4 |
| Beef cows | 32,644.2 | 32,434.5 | 31,711.8 | 31,370.9 |
| Milk cows | 9,144.5 | 9,257.0 | 9,332.8 | 9,085.5 |
| Heifers 500 pounds and over | 20,074.1 | 19,854.2 | 19,575.5 | 19,745.8 |
| For beef cow replacement | 5,835.4 | 5,646.6 | 5,531.2 | 5,451.0 |
| For milk cow replacement | 4,324.9 | 4,415.0 | 4,409.5 | 4,526.2 |
| Other heifers | 9,913.8 | 9,792.6 | 9,634.8 | 9,768.6 |
| Steers 500 pounds and over | 17,184.5 | 17,163.2 | 16,769.1 | 16,510.4 |
| Bulls 500 pounds and over | 2,214.4 | 2,207.2 | 2,184.1 | 2,190.1 |
| Calves under 500 pounds | 15,311.3 | 15,118.4 | 14,947.7 | 14,978.5 |
| Calf crop ¹ | 36,758.7 | 36,152.5 | 35,939.0 | 35,694.8 |

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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| Class | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 as percent of 2011 |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| Cattle and calves | 92,682.4 | 90,768.5 | 98 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | 39,999.2 | 39,112.4 | 98 |
| Beef cows | 30,849.6 | 29,882.9 | 97 |
| Milk cows | 9,149.6 | 9,229.5 | 101 |
| Heifers 500 pounds and over | 19,575.8 | 19,387.8 | 99 |
| For beef cow replacement | 5,138.6 | 5,211.6 | 101 |
| For milk cow replacement | 4,568.2 | 4,527.0 | 99 |
| Other heifers | 9,869.0 | 9,649.2 | 98 |
| Steers 500 pounds and over | 16,397.0 | 16,071.5 | 98 |
| Bulls 500 pounds and over | 2,155.1 | 2,052.0 | 95 |
| Calves under 500 pounds | 14,555.3 | 14,144.8 | 97 |
| Calf crop ¹ | 35,313.2 | | (X) |

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: January 1, 2007-2010

| Class | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Cattle and calves | 14,155.0 | 13,870.0 | 13,195.0 | 12,905.0 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | 6,014.9 | 5,966.2 | 5,628.0 | 5,372.0 |
| Beef cows | 5,020.1 | 4,981.9 | 4,649.5 | 4,391.0 |
| Milk cows | 994.8 | 984.3 | 978.5 | 981.0 |
| Heifers 1 year and over | 2,030.7 | 2,049.0 | 1,822.1 | 1,866.9 |
| For beef cow replacement | 587.1 | 595.0 | 537.0 | 516.4 |
| For milk cow replacement | 480.1 | 471.1 | 450.6 | 450.7 |
| Other heifers | 963.5 | 982.9 | 834.5 | 899.8 |
| Steers 1 year and over | 1,145.2 | 1,101.6 | 1,067.6 | 1,141.7 |
| Bulls 1 year and over | 244.6 | 246.8 | 243.9 | 232.1 |
| Calves under 1 year | 4,719.6 | 4,506.4 | 4,433.4 | 4,292.3 |
| Calf crop ¹ | 5,515.2 | 5,327.8 | 4,958.0 | 4,835.3 |

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: January 1, 2011 and 2012

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| Class | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 as percent of 2011 |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| Cattle and calves | 12,457.0 | 12,515.0 | 100 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | 5,256.1 | 5,213.7 | 99 |
| Beef cows | 4,273.0 | 4,228.4 | 99 |
| Milk cows | 983.1 | 985.3 | 100 |
| Heifers 1 year and over | 1,818.7 | 1,837.9 | 101 |
| For beef cow replacement | 531.6 | 554.3 | 104 |
| For milk cow replacement | 443.1 | 444.1 | 100 |
| Other heifers | 844.0 | 839.5 | 99 |
| Steers 1 year and over | 1,081.7 | 1,098.1 | 102 |
| Bulls 1 year and over | 222.2 | 221.2 | 100 |
| Calves under 1 year | 4,078.3 | 4,144.1 | 102 |
| Calf crop ¹ | 4,661.7 | | (X) |

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States and Canada:
January 1, 2007-2010**

| Class | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| All sheep and lambs | 6,999.1 | 6,775.3 | 6,555.2 | 6,425.5 |
| Breeding sheep and lambs | 5,225.3 | 5,070.0 | 4,870.8 | 4,797.6 |
| Replacement lambs - under one year old | 822.7 | 778.8 | 724.4 | 729.0 |
| Ewes - one year old and older | 4,178.1 | 4,072.5 | 3,927.1 | 3,850.7 |
| Rams - one year old and older | 224.5 | 218.7 | 219.3 | 217.9 |
| Market sheep and lambs | 1,773.8 | 1,705.3 | 1,684.4 | 1,627.9 |
| Market sheep ¹ | 93.5 | 82.5 | 81.0 | 80.0 |
| Market lambs ² | 1,680.3 | 1,622.8 | 1,603.4 | 1,547.9 |
| Lamb crop ³ | 4,697.6 | 4,517.2 | 4,518.7 | 4,380.8 |

¹ United States market sheep only.

² Canada market lambs include small amounts of market sheep.

³ January to December lamb crop.

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

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States and Canada:
January 1, 2011 and 2012**

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| Class | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 as percent of 2011 |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| All sheep and lambs | 6,292.5 | 6,173.6 | 98 |
| Breeding sheep and lambs | 4,703.9 | 4,605.7 | 98 |
| Replacement lambs - under one year old | 744.6 | 732.9 | 98 |
| Ewes - one year old and older | 3,746.6 | 3,679.5 | 98 |
| Rams - one year old and older | 212.7 | 193.3 | 91 |
| Market sheep and lambs | 1,588.6 | 1,567.9 | 99 |
| Market sheep ¹ | 80.0 | 84.0 | 105 |
| Market lambs ² | 1,508.6 | 1,483.9 | 98 |
| Lamb crop ³ | 4,338.5 | | (X) |

(X) Not applicable.

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³ January to December lamb crop.

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Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States: January 1, 2007-2010

| Class | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| All sheep and lambs | 6,120.0 | 5,950.0 | 5,747.0 | 5,620.0 |
| Breeding sheep and lambs | 4,553.0 | 4,431.5 | 4,247.0 | 4,185.0 |
| Replacement lambs - under one year old | 734.5 | 697.0 | 646.5 | 655.0 |
| Ewes - one year old and older | 3,620.0 | 3,540.0 | 3,405.0 | 3,335.0 |
| Rams - one year old and older | 198.5 | 194.5 | 195.5 | 195.0 |
| Market sheep and lambs | 1,567.0 | 1,518.5 | 1,500.0 | 1,435.0 |
| Market sheep | 93.5 | 82.5 | 81.0 | 80.0 |
| Market lambs | 1,473.5 | 1,436.0 | 1,419.0 | 1,355.0 |
| Lamb crop ¹ | 3,895.0 | 3,710.0 | 3,690.0 | 3,570.0 |

¹ January to December lamb crop.

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| Class | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 as percent of 2011 |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| All sheep and lambs | 5,480.0 | 5,345.0 | 98 |
| Breeding sheep and lambs | 4,080.0 | 3,975.0 | 97 |
| Replacement lambs - under one year old | 665.0 | 650.0 | 98 |
| Ewes - one year old and older | 3,225.0 | 3,155.0 | 98 |
| Rams - one year old and older | 190.0 | 170.0 | 89 |
| Market sheep and lambs | 1,400.0 | 1,370.0 | 98 |
| Market sheep | 80.0 | 84.0 | 105 |
| Market lambs | 1,320.0 | 1,286.0 | 97 |
| Lamb crop ¹ | 3,510.0 | | (X) |

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December lamb crop.

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| Class | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| All sheep and lambs | 879.1 | 825.3 | 808.2 | 805.5 |
| Breeding sheep and lambs | 672.3 | 638.5 | 623.8 | 612.6 |
| Replacement lambs - under one year old | 88.2 | 81.8 | 77.9 | 74.0 |
| Ewes - one year old and older | 558.1 | 532.5 | 522.1 | 515.7 |
| Rams - one year old and older | 26.0 | 24.2 | 23.8 | 22.9 |
| Market sheep and lambs | 206.8 | 186.8 | 184.4 | 192.9 |
| Lamb crop ¹ | 802.6 | 807.2 | 828.7 | 810.8 |

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| Class | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 as percent of 2011 |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| All sheep and lambs | 812.5 | 828.6 | 102 |
| Breeding sheep and lambs | 623.9 | 630.7 | 101 |
| Replacement lambs - under one year old | 79.6 | 82.9 | 104 |
| Ewes - one year old and older | 521.6 | 524.5 | 101 |
| Rams - one year old and older | 22.7 | 23.3 | 103 |
| Market sheep and lambs | 188.6 | 197.9 | 105 |
| Lamb crop ¹ | 828.5 | | (X) |

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December lamb crop.

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 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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