



United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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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 106 million head on January 1, 2018, up 1 percent from the 105 million head on January 1, 2017. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 45.8 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2018, totaled 94.4 million head, 1 percent above the 93.7 million head on January 1, 2017. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.1 million head, were up 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2018, totaled 11.6 million head, up 1 percent from the 11.5 million head on January 1, 2017. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.68 million, were up 1 percent from a year ago.

United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Up Slightly

All sheep and lambs in the United States and Canada combined totaled 6.07 million head on January 1, 2018, up slightly from the 6.06 million on January 1, 2017. Breeding sheep and lambs, at 4.45 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 1.61 million head, were up 2 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of January 1, 2018, totaled 5.23 million head, down slightly from the 5.25 million head on January 1, 2017. Breeding sheep and lambs, at 3.83 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago, while market sheep and lambs, at 1.40 million head, were up 2 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of January 1, 2018, totaled 837 thousand head, up 3 percent from last year's number of 814 thousand. Breeding sheep and lambs, at 623 thousand head, were up 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs, at 214 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, 2013-2016

Class	2013	2014	2015	2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	102,335.2	100,576.0	100,783.0	103,528.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	43,731.7	43,080.5	43,264.5	44,095.1
Beef cows	33,542.3	32,913.5	33,012.0	33,841.0
Milk cows	10,189.4	10,167.0	10,252.5	10,254.1
All other cattle	58,603.5	57,495.5	57,518.5	59,432.9
Calf crop ¹	38,141.1	38,017.5	38,284.4	39,349.1

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, 2017 and 2018

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

Class	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	105,224.6	106,024.0	101
Cows and heifers that have calved	45,184.4	45,804.6	101
Beef cows	34,893.4	35,432.7	102
Milk cows	10,291.0	10,371.9	101
All other cattle	60,040.2	60,219.4	100
Calf crop ¹	40,219.3		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

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: January 1, 2013-2016

Class	2013	2014	2015	2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	90,095.2	88,526.0	89,143.0	91,918.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	38,852.5	38,293.0	38,609.0	39,476.2
Beef cows	29,631.3	29,085.4	29,302.1	30,165.8
Milk cows	9,221.2	9,207.6	9,306.9	9,310.4
Heifers 500 pounds and over	19,255.5	18,969.4	19,261.2	19,907.3
For beef cow replacement	5,429.2	5,551.3	6,086.4	6,340.2
For milk cow replacement	4,545.7	4,548.7	4,710.4	4,814.0
Other heifers	9,280.6	8,869.4	8,464.4	8,753.1
Steers 500 pounds and over	15,930.5	15,667.9	15,629.5	16,315.4
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,073.7	2,037.8	2,109.4	2,142.4
Calves under 500 pounds	13,983.0	13,557.9	13,533.9	14,076.7
Calf crop ¹	33,730.0	33,522.0	34,086.7	35,092.7

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Class	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	93,704.6	94,399.0	101
Cows and heifers that have calved	40,559.2	41,122.6	101
Beef cows	31,213.2	31,723.0	102
Milk cows	9,346.0	9,399.6	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over	20,132.0	20,244.8	101
For beef cow replacement	6,368.2	6,131.2	96
For milk cow replacement	4,754.0	4,781.3	101
Other heifers	9,009.8	9,332.3	104
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,383.5	16,352.2	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,243.6	2,252.2	100
Calves under 500 pounds	14,386.3	14,427.2	100
Calf crop ¹	35,808.2		(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, 2013-2016

Class	2013	2014	2015	2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	12,240.0	12,050.0	11,640.0	11,610.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,879.2	4,787.5	4,655.5	4,618.9
Beef cows	3,911.0	3,828.1	3,709.9	3,675.2
Milk cows	968.2	959.4	945.6	943.7
Heifers 1 year and over	1,929.9	1,870.5	1,766.4	1,756.7
For beef cow replacement	557.7	554.9	531.5	564.8
For milk cow replacement	452.7	434.4	427.3	428.6
Other heifers	919.5	881.2	807.6	763.3
Steers 1 year and over	1,241.0	1,262.4	1,229.8	1,205.6
Bulls 1 year and over	212.5	214.2	212.0	212.7
Calves under 1 year	3,977.4	3,915.4	3,776.3	3,816.1
Calf crop ¹	4,411.1	4,495.5	4,197.7	4,256.4

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, 2017 and 2018

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Class	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	11,520.0	11,625.0	101
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,625.2	4,682.0	101
Beef cows	3,680.2	3,709.7	101
Milk cows	945.0	972.3	103
Heifers 1 year and over	1,718.9	1,734.7	101
For beef cow replacement	563.3	561.6	100
For milk cow replacement	423.6	433.1	102
Other heifers	732.0	740.0	101
Steers 1 year and over	1,191.2	1,216.2	102
Bulls 1 year and over	213.1	215.3	101
Calves under 1 year	3,771.6	3,776.8	100
Calf crop ¹	4,411.1		(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, 2013-2016**

Class	2013	2014	2015	2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	6,252.9	6,105.7	6,104.3	6,115.1
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,650.9	4,549.3	4,562.1	4,560.6
Replacement lambs - under one year old	759.5	719.2	727.8	739.3
Ewes - one year old and older	3,684.4	3,629.1	3,634.3	3,621.8
Rams - one year old and older	207.0	201.0	200.0	199.5
Market sheep and lambs	1,602.0	1,556.4	1,542.2	1,554.5
Market sheep ¹	81.0	81.0	85.0	75.0
Market lambs ²	1,521.0	1,475.4	1,457.2	1,479.5
Lamb crop ³	4,194.6	4,280.4	4,118.9	4,107.6

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, 2017 and 2018**

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Class	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	6,063.9	6,066.9	100
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,485.6	4,453.2	99
Replacement lambs - under one year old	735.5	735.4	100
Ewes - one year old and older	3,556.1	3,524.0	99
Rams - one year old and older	194.0	193.8	100
Market sheep and lambs	1,578.3	1,613.7	102
Market sheep ¹	75.0	80.0	107
Market lambs ²	1,503.3	1,533.7	102
Lamb crop ³	4,055.2		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

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: January 1, 2013-2016

Class	2013	2014	2015	2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	5,360.0	5,245.0	5,280.0	5,300.0
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,985.0	3,900.0	3,935.0	3,945.0
Replacement lambs - under one year old	670.0	635.0	650.0	665.0
Ewes - one year old and older	3,135.0	3,090.0	3,110.0	3,105.0
Rams - one year old and older	180.0	175.0	175.0	175.0
Market sheep and lambs	1,375.0	1,345.0	1,345.0	1,355.0
Market sheep	81.0	81.0	85.0	75.0
Market lambs	1,294.0	1,264.0	1,260.0	1,280.0
Lamb crop ¹	3,370.0	3,440.0	3,275.0	3,250.0

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Class	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	5,250.0	5,230.0	100
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,875.0	3,830.0	99
Replacement lambs - under one year old	660.0	655.0	99
Ewes - one year old and older	3,045.0	3,005.0	99
Rams - one year old and older	170.0	170.0	100
Market sheep and lambs	1,375.0	1,400.0	102
Market sheep	75.0	80.0	107
Market lambs	1,300.0	1,320.0	102
Lamb crop ¹	3,200.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – Canada: January 1, 2013-2016

Class	2013	2014	2015	2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	892.9	860.7	824.3	815.1
Breeding sheep and lambs	665.9	649.3	627.1	615.6
Replacement lambs - under one year old	89.5	84.2	77.8	74.3
Ewes - one year old and older	549.4	539.1	524.3	516.8
Rams - one year old and older	27.0	26.0	25.0	24.5
Market sheep and lambs	227.0	211.4	197.2	199.5
Lamb crop ¹	824.6	840.4	843.9	857.6

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – Canada: January 1, 2017 and 2018

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Class	2017	2018	2018 as percent of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	813.9	836.9	103
Breeding sheep and lambs	610.6	623.2	102
Replacement lambs - under one year old	75.5	80.4	106
Ewes - one year old and older	511.1	519.0	102
Rams - one year old and older	24.0	23.8	99
Market sheep and lambs	203.3	213.7	105
Lamb crop ¹	855.2		(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 31, 2018. Canadian inventory numbers were released on March 06, 2018.

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