



United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 1 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 101.6 million head on January 1, 2013, down 1 percent from the 103.0 million on January 1, 2012. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 43.4 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2013, totaled 89.3 million head, 2 percent below the 90.8 million on January 1, 2012. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 38.5 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2013, totaled 12.3 million head, up 0.5 percent from the 12.2 million on January 1, 2012. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 4.92 million, were down 1 percent from a year ago.

United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Down Slightly

All sheep and lambs in the United States and Canada combined totaled 6.23 million head on January 1, 2013, down slightly from the 6.25 million on January 1, 2012. Breeding sheep, at 4.65 million head, were down slightly from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 1.58 million head, down from last year's 1.59 million head.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of January 1, 2013, totaled 5.34 million head, 1 percent below the 5.37 million head on January 1, 2012. Breeding sheep, at 3.98 million head, were down 1 percent from a year ago, while market sheep and lambs, at 1.36 million head, were down 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of January 1, 2013, totaled 893 thousand head, up 1 percent from last year's number of 887 thousand. Breeding sheep, at 671 thousand head, were up slightly percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs, at 222 thousand head, were up 2 percent from a year ago.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: January 1, 2008-2011

Class	2008	2009	2010	2011
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	109,789.5	107,551.0	106,551.2	104,837.4
Cows and heifers that have calved	47,582.4	46,531.2	45,648.6	45,010.3
Beef cows	37,340.7	36,232.8	35,596.9	34,895.1
Milk cows	10,241.7	10,298.4	10,051.7	10,115.2
All other cattle	62,207.1	61,019.8	60,902.6	59,827.1
Calf crop ¹	41,430.3	40,827.0	40,452.6	39,919.1

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, 2012 and 2013

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

Class	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	102,983.5	101,574.6	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	44,344.3	43,432.0	98
Beef cows	34,154.7	33,251.5	97
Milk cows	10,189.6	10,180.5	100
All other cattle	58,639.2	58,142.6	99
Calf crop ¹	38,767.7		(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, 2008-2011

Class	2008	2009	2010	2011
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	96,034.5	94,521.0	93,881.2	92,682.4
Cows and heifers that have calved	41,691.5	41,044.6	40,456.4	39,999.2
Beef cows	32,434.5	31,711.8	31,370.9	30,849.6
Milk cows	9,257.0	9,332.8	9,085.5	9,149.6
Heifers 500 pounds and over	19,854.2	19,575.5	19,745.8	19,575.8
For beef cow replacement	5,646.6	5,531.2	5,451.0	5,138.6
For milk cow replacement	4,415.0	4,409.5	4,526.2	4,568.2
Other heifers	9,792.6	9,634.8	9,768.6	9,869.0
Steers 500 pounds and over	17,163.2	16,769.1	16,510.4	16,397.0
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,207.2	2,184.1	2,190.1	2,155.1
Calves under 500 pounds	15,118.4	14,947.7	14,978.5	14,555.3
Calf crop ¹	36,152.5	35,939.0	35,694.8	35,313.2

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: January 1, 2012 and 2013

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Class	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	90,768.5	89,299.6	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	39,387.4	38,515.2	98
Beef cows	30,157.9	29,295.3	97
Milk cows	9,229.5	9,219.9	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over	19,337.8	19,128.9	99
For beef cow replacement	5,261.6	5,360.6	102
For milk cow replacement	4,622.0	4,550.7	98
Other heifers	9,454.2	9,217.6	97
Steers 500 pounds and over	15,832.5	15,812.7	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,096.0	2,055.8	98
Calves under 500 pounds	14,114.8	13,787.0	98
Calf crop ¹	34,279.0		(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, 2008-2011

Class	2008	2009	2010	2011
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	13,755.0	13,030.0	12,670.0	12,155.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	5,890.9	5,486.6	5,192.2	5,011.1
Beef cows	4,906.2	4,521.0	4,226.0	4,045.5
Milk cows	984.7	965.6	966.2	965.6
Heifers 1 year and over	2,028.1	1,888.2	1,953.8	1,896.0
For beef cow replacement	587.4	520.8	505.2	510.0
For milk cow replacement	475.5	464.7	465.1	466.3
Other heifers	965.2	902.7	983.5	919.7
Steers 1 year and over	1,200.1	1,151.4	1,263.8	1,203.4
Bulls 1 year and over	244.2	239.6	226.0	214.3
Calves under 1 year	4,391.7	4,264.2	4,034.2	3,830.2
Calf crop ¹	5,277.8	4,888.0	4,757.8	4,605.9

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Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: January 1, 2012 and 2013

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Class	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	12,215.0	12,275.0	100
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,956.9	4,916.8	99
Beef cows	3,996.8	3,956.2	99
Milk cows	960.1	960.6	100
Heifers 1 year and over	1,966.8	2,039.2	104
For beef cow replacement	539.6	569.8	106
For milk cow replacement	468.4	472.6	101
Other heifers	958.8	996.8	104
Steers 1 year and over	1,260.6	1,292.5	103
Bulls 1 year and over	213.2	210.4	99
Calves under 1 year	3,817.5	3,816.1	100
Calf crop ¹	4,488.7		(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, 2008-2011**

Class	2008	2009	2010	2011
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	6,799.5	6,590.6	6,475.3	6,359.9
Breeding sheep and lambs	5,085.7	4,892.3	4,826.9	4,745.5
Replacement lambs - under one year old	780.5	725.7	730.5	747.0
Ewes - one year old and older	4,085.4	3,945.2	3,875.7	3,782.2
Rams - one year old and older	219.8	221.4	220.7	216.3
Market sheep and lambs	1,713.8	1,698.3	1,648.4	1,614.4
Market sheep ¹	82.5	81.0	80.0	80.0
Market lambs ²	1,631.3	1,617.3	1,568.4	1,534.4
Lamb crop ³	4,528.4	4,533.1	4,405.7	4,333.7

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, 2012 and 2013**

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Class	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	6,251.5	6,227.7	100
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,665.0	4,645.9	100
Replacement lambs - under one year old	745.4	750.0	101
Ewes - one year old and older	3,722.7	3,693.8	99
Rams - one year old and older	196.9	202.1	103
Market sheep and lambs	1,586.5	1,581.8	100
Market sheep ¹	84.0	75.0	89
Market lambs ²	1,502.5	1,506.8	100
Lamb crop ³	4,274.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

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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, 2008-2011

Class	2008	2009	2010	2011
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	5,950.0	5,747.0	5,620.0	5,480.0
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,431.5	4,247.0	4,185.0	4,080.0
Replacement lambs - under one year old	697.0	646.5	655.0	665.0
Ewes - one year old and older	3,540.0	3,405.0	3,335.0	3,225.0
Rams - one year old and older	194.5	195.5	195.0	190.0
Market sheep and lambs	1,518.5	1,500.0	1,435.0	1,400.0
Market sheep	82.5	81.0	80.0	80.0
Market lambs	1,436.0	1,419.0	1,355.0	1,320.0
Lamb crop ¹	3,710.0	3,690.0	3,570.0	3,510.0

¹ January to December lamb crop.

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Class	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	5,365.0	5,335.0	99
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,995.0	3,975.0	99
Replacement lambs - under one year old	660.0	660.0	100
Ewes - one year old and older	3,165.0	3,140.0	99
Rams - one year old and older	170.0	175.0	103
Market sheep and lambs	1,370.0	1,360.0	99
Market sheep	84.0	75.0	89
Market lambs	1,286.0	1,285.0	100
Lamb crop ¹	3,455.0		(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, 2008-2011

Class	2008	2009	2010	2011
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	849.5	843.6	855.3	879.9
Breeding sheep and lambs	654.2	645.3	641.9	665.5
Replacement lambs - under one year old	83.5	79.2	75.5	82.0
Ewes - one year old and older	545.4	540.2	540.7	557.2
Rams - one year old and older	25.3	25.9	25.7	26.3
Market sheep and lambs	195.3	198.3	213.4	214.4
Lamb crop ¹	818.4	843.1	835.7	823.7

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

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Class	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	886.5	892.7	101
Breeding sheep and lambs	670.0	670.9	100
Replacement lambs - under one year old	85.4	90.0	105
Ewes - one year old and older	557.7	553.8	99
Rams - one year old and older	26.9	27.1	101
Market sheep and lambs	216.5	221.8	102
Lamb crop ¹	819.0		(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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