

United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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U.S. Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada combined totaled 116.6 million head on July 1, 2009, down 2 percent from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 47.0 million head, was down 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2009, totaled 101.8 million head, 1 percent below the 103.3 million head on July 1, 2008. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.4 million head, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of July 1, 2009, totaled 14.8 million head, down 2 percent from the 15.2 million on July 1, 2008. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 5.57 million, was down 5 percent from the 5.84 million on July 1, 2008.

U.S. Canadian Sheep Inventory Down 3 Percent

All sheep and lambs in the U.S. and Canada combined totaled 8.11 million head on July 1, 2009, down 3 percent from a year ago. Breeding sheep inventory, at 4.95 million head, was down 2 percent from a year ago and market sheep and lambs, at 3.17 million head, were down 3 percent from last July.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of July 1, 2009, totaled 7.05 million head, 3 percent below the 7.27 million head on July 1, 2008. Breeding sheep inventory, at 4.28 million head, was down 3 percent from the 4.40 million head on July 1, 2008, while market sheep and lambs, at 2.77 million head, were also down 3 percent from last year's 2.87 million head.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of July 1, 2009, totaled 1.06 million head, unchanged from last year's number. Breeding sheep inventory, also unchanged from last year's estimate, came in at 665,000 head. Market sheep and lambs, at 397,000 head, were also even with the July 1, 2008 number.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
United States and Canada, July 1, 2004-2007¹**

Class	2004	2005	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	119,510	120,680	120,800	120,125
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	48,588	48,761	48,565	48,384
Beef Cows	38,535	38,686	38,415	38,255
Milk Cows	10,053	10,075	10,150	10,129
All Other Cattle	70,923	71,919	72,235	71,741
Calf Crop ²	42,704	42,624	42,363	42,299

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² January to December calf crop.

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

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Class	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	118,495	116,640	98
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	47,844	46,971	98
Beef Cows	37,512	36,788	98
Milk Cows	10,332	10,183	99
All Other Cattle	70,652	69,669	99
Calf Crop ²	41,401		

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	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	102,900	103,800	104,800	104,300
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,200	42,300	42,400	42,300
Beef Cows	33,200	33,250	33,250	33,150
Milk Cows	9,000	9,050	9,150	9,150
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	15,850	16,100	16,500	16,500
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,700	4,900	4,900	4,700
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,600	3,700	3,800	3,900
Other Heifers	7,550	7,500	7,800	7,900
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,200	14,600	15,100	14,900
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,050	2,100	2,100	2,100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,600	28,700	28,700	28,500
Calf Crop ²	37,260	37,106	37,016	36,759

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	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle and Calves	103,300	101,800	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,000	41,400	99
Beef Cows	32,650	32,200	99
Milk Cows	9,350	9,200	98
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	16,300	16,100	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	4,600	4,500	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	3,900	3,900	100
Other Heifers	7,800	7,700	99
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	14,700	14,400	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	2,100	2,100	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	28,200	27,800	99
Calf Crop ²	36,113	35,600	99

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	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Cattle and Calves	16,610	16,880	16,000	15,825
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	6,388	6,461	6,165	6,084
Beef Cows	5,335	5,436	5,165	5,105
Milk Cows	1,053	1,025	1,000	979
Heifers 1 Year and Over	2,581	2,654	2,445	2,445
For Beef Cow Replacement	805	841	691	668
For Milk Cow Replacement	523	507	507	488
Other Heifers	1,253	1,306	1,247	1,289
Steers 1 Year and Over	1,705	1,658	1,655	1,790
Bulls 1 Year and Over	285	291	268	263
Calves Under 1 Year	5,652	5,816	5,467	5,243
Calf Crop ²	5,444	5,518	5,347	5,540

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Cattle and Calves	15,195	14,840	98
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	5,844	5,571	95
Beef Cows	4,862	4,588	94
Milk Cows	982	983	100
Heifers 1 Year and Over	2,308	2,319	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	655	638	97
For Milk Cow Replacement	477	459	96
Other Heifers	1,176	1,222	104
Steers 1 Year and Over	1,576	1,668	106
Bulls 1 Year and Over	261	253	97
Calves Under 1 Year	5,207	5,029	97
Calf Crop ^{2 3}	5,288	4,402	

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³ For current year, January to June calf crop only.

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

**Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop,
United States and Canada, July 1, 2004-2007¹**

Class	2004	2005	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	8,840	8,970	8,881	8,626
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	5,264	5,385	5,333	5,195
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	735	790	763	731
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	4,322	4,383	4,360	4,258
Rams - One Year Old and Older	208	212	211	206
Market Sheep and Lambs	3,576	3,586	3,548	3,431
Market Lambs ²	3,501	3,501	3,468	3,361
Market Sheep ³	75	85	80	70
Lamb Crop ⁴	4,930	4,879	4,820	4,698

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⁴ January to December lamb crop.

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All Sheep and Lambs	8,332	8,112	97
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	5,065	4,945	98
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	724	723	100
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	4,137	4,019	97
Rams - One Year Old and Older	204	203	100
Market Sheep and Lambs	3,267	3,167	97
Market Lambs ²	3,192	3,087	97
Market Sheep ³	75	80	107
Lamb Crop ⁴	4,517		

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All Sheep and Lambs	7,600	7,780	7,730	7,530
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,515	4,650	4,620	4,515
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	620	685	665	635
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,715	3,780	3,770	3,700
Rams - One Year Old and Older	180	185	185	180
Market Sheep and Lambs	3,085	3,130	3,110	3,015
Market Lambs	3,010	3,045	3,030	2,945
Market Sheep	75	85	80	70
Lamb Crop ²	4,040	4,015	3,950	3,895

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	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	7,270	7,050	97
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	4,400	4,280	97
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	630	630	100
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	3,590	3,470	97
Rams - One Year Old and Older	180	180	100
Market Sheep and Lambs	2,870	2,770	97
Market Lambs	2,795	2,690	96
Market Sheep	75	80	107
Lamb Crop ²	3,710	3,700	100

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All Sheep and Lambs	1,240	1,190	1,151	1,096
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	749	735	713	680
Replacement Lambs				
Under One Year Old	115	105	98	96
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	607	603	590	558
Rams - One Year Old and Older	28	27	26	26
Market Sheep and Lambs	491	456	438	416
Lamb Crop ²	890	864	870	803

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	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs	1,062	1,062	100
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	665	665	100
Replacement Lambs			
Under One Year Old	94	93	99
Ewes - One Year Old and Older	547	549	100
Rams - One Year Old and Older	24	23	96
Market Sheep and Lambs	397	397	100
Lamb Crop ^{2 3}	807	658	

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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 and the number of sheep and lambs by class and lamb crop for both countries within one publication. This will be the first report containing combined inventory numbers for U.S. and Canadian sheep. This information was requested by the U.S. cattle and sheep industries to provide producers additional information about potential beef, mutton and lamb supplies. U.S. inventory numbers were previously released on July 24, 2009.

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