

## U.S. Beef Community

### All information as of Jan. 31, 2023.

- In 2023, cattle production was forecast to account for 17% of the total cash receipts for ag commodities
- Beef cattle are raised in all 50 states
- Average age of a cattle producer is 58.3

882,692 total cattle & calf operations. Of these:

- 802,317 are cow/calf and stocker/backgrounder cattle farms and ranches
- 96% are family owned and operated
- The average beef cow herd is 44 head ([USDA, NASS 2017](#))
- 9% are operated by women
- 28,180 are feedlot production operations (80% family owned.)
- 54,599 are dairy herds
- All Cattle and Calves
  - 89.3 million – 3% decrease from 2022 (92.1 million)
- All Cattle on Feed
  - 14.2 million – 4% down from 2022 (14.7 million)
    - >1000 head feedlot capacity – 81.4% cattle
- Cows and Heifers that Calved
  - 38.3 million head – 3% decrease 2022 (39.4 million)
    - Beef: 28.9 million head, down 4% from 2022
    - Milk: 9.4 million head, up slightly from 2022
- Heifers 500lbs and over
  - 19.2 million head – 4% down from 2022 (19.9 million)
    - Beef Replacement Heifers
      - 5.16 million, 6% down from 2022
    - Milk Replacement Heifers
      - 4.34 million, 2% down from 2022
    - Other Heifers
      - 9.67 million, 3% down from 2022
- Steers 500lbs and over
  - 16.1 million head – 3% down from 2022
- Bulls 500lbs and over
  - 2.03 million head – 4% down from 2022
- Calves under 500lbs
  - 13.6 million head – 3% down from 2022
- 2022 Calf Crop
  - 34.5 million head – 2% down from 2021

## Top 5 States

- All Cattle
  - Texas: 12.5 million
  - Nebraska: 6.5 million
  - Kansas: 6.25 million
  - California: 5.2 million
  - Oklahoma: 4.6 million
- Cows and Heifers that have Calved
  - Texas: 4.95 million
  - California: 2.39 million
  - Oklahoma: 2.02 million
  - Missouri: 2.01 million
  - Nebraska: 1.76 million
- Beef Cows that have Calved
  - Texas: 4.3 million
  - Oklahoma: 1.98 million
  - Missouri: 1.95 million
  - Nebraska: 1.7 million
  - South Dakota: 1.53 million
- Milk Cows that have Calved
  - California: 1.73 million
  - Wisconsin: 1.27 million
  - Idaho: 661,000
  - Texas: 650,000
  - New York: 630,000
- Calf Crop
  - Texas: 4.55 million
  - California: 1.97 million
  - Missouri: 1.89 million
  - Oklahoma: 1.85 million
  - South Dakota: 1.68 million
- Cattle on Feed
  - Nebraska: 2.78 million
  - Texas: 2.78 million
  - Kansas: 2.48 million
  - Iowa: 1.15 million
  - Colorado: 1.07 million

Source: [USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service](#)