

U.S. Beef Community

- 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
- 9% are operated by women
- 28,180 are feedlot production operations (80% family owned.)
- 54,599 are dairy herds
- All Cattle and Calves
 - 93.6 million – 1% decrease from 2020 (93.8 million)
- All Cattle on Feed
 - 14.7 million – comparable to 2020 (14.7 million)
 - >1000 head feedlot capacity – 81.4% cattle
- Cows
 - Beef: 31.2 million head, down 1% from 2020
 - Milk: 9.44 million head, down 1% from 2020
- Cows and Heifers that Calved
 - 40.69 million head – slightly below 2020 (40.7 million)
- Heifers 500lbs and over
 - 20 million head – comparable to 2020 (20 million)
 - Beef Replacement Heifers
 - 5.81 million, up slightly from 2020
 - Milk Replacement Heifers
 - 4.60 million, down 2% from 2020
 - Other Heifers
 - 9.58 million, 1% increase from 2020
- Steers 500lbs and over
 - 16.6 million head – up slightly from 2020
- Bulls 500lbs and over
 - 2.21 million head – down 1% from 2020
- Calves under 500lbs
 - 2.21 million head – down 1% from 2020
- 2020 Calf Crop
 - 35.1 million head – down 1% from 2019
 - Jan.– June Calves: 25.8 million head - down 1% from 2019
 - July – Dec. Calves: 9.39 million head (27% of the total 2019 calf crop)

Top 5 States

- All Cattle
 - Texas: 13.1 million
 - Nebraska: 6.85 million
 - Kansas: 6.5 million
 - Oklahoma: 5.3 million
 - California: 5.15 million
- Cows and Heifers that have Calved
 - Texas: 5.3 million
 - California: 2.39 million
 - Oklahoma: 2.23 million
 - Missouri: 2.16 million
 - Nebraska: 1.96 million
- Beef Cows that have Calved
 - Texas: 4.69 million
 - Oklahoma: 2.19 million
 - Missouri: 2.04 million
 - Nebraska: 1.9 million
 - South Dakota: 1.8 million
- Dairy Cows that have Calved
 - California: 1.72 million
 - Wisconsin: 1.26 million
 - Idaho: 646,000
 - New York: 625,000
 - Texas: 615,000
- Calf Crop
 - Texas: 4.6 million
 - Oklahoma: 1.95 million
 - Missouri: 1.91 million
 - California: 1.84 million
 - South Dakota: 1.78 million
- Cattle on Feed
 - Texas: 2.89 million
 - Nebraska: 2.72 million
 - Kansas: 2.66 million
 - Iowa: 1.17 million
 - Colorado: 1.14 million

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