68,434
Farms and Ranches with Beef Cattle
2011 Agriculture Census

11.96 million
Total Cattle and Calves
Up 0.3% from 2015
(includes 1.40 million dairy cattle)
Statistics Canada, Jan 2016

3.83 million
Beef Cows
Steady with 2015
Statistics Canada, Jan 2016

**FACTS**
Statistics Canada, Jan 2016

**Did you know...**
The average beef cow herd size in Canada is 63.
2011 Agriculture Census

There are a lot of small cattle farms...
63% of the farms have 19% of the beef cows and each of these farms has less than 47 cows.
24% of the farms have 30% of the beef cows and each of these farms has between 47 and 122 cows.
13% of the farms have 52% of the beef cows and each of these farms has over 122 cows.

Canada fed 2.5 million cattle in 2015 (finished to market weight) down 12% from 2014.
Canfax, Statistics Canada, AAFC

Western Canada finishes 75% of all fed cattle in Canada.
Canfax

In 2015, Canada produced 2.7 billion pounds of beef, down 9% from 2014.
Canfax, Statistics Canada

Cattle and calf cash receipts in 2015 totaled $10.51 billion, up 7% from 2014.
Statistics Canada

Beef production contributed $15 billion to Canada’s GDP (2011-2015 average).
Canfax, Statistics Canada
**Total Cattle and Calves**

- Includes 1.40 million dairy cattle.

**Farms and Ranches**

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- Statistics Canada, Jan 2016.

**Average Cost of Production vs. Average Returns on an Alberta 550 lb Calf**

- $0.60
- $0.80
- $1.00
- $1.20
- $1.40
- $1.60
- $1.80
- $2.00
- $2.20
- $2.40
- $2.60

**Did you know...**

- The average beef cow herd size in Canada is 63.
- Each of these farms has 24% of the beef cows and 63% of the farms have over 122 cows.
- Canada produces 1.8% of the world's beef supply.
- Worldwide Beef Production is estimated at 59 million metric tonnes in 2016.

**WHERE CANADA TRADES**

**Beef Exports - 2015**

- 710 million pounds (322 million kg)
- 71.6% United States
- 10.2% China
- 6.0% Mexico
- 4.5% Japan
- 4.4% Other
- 3.4% Hong Kong / Macau

**Beef Imports - 2015**

- 450 million pounds (204 million kg)
- 58.7% United States
- 20.2% Australia
- 12.6% New Zealand
- 6.6% Uruguay
- 1.2% Other
- 0.7% Brazil

**WHERE CANADA FITS**

**Top 11 Beef Producing Nations 2016f**

- United States: 19.2%
- Brazil: 16.3%
- EU-28: 13.0%
- China: 11.5%
- India: 7.3%
- Argentina: 4.5%
- Australia: 3.7%
- Mexico: 3.2%
- Pakistan: 3.0%
- Russia: 2.2%
- Canada: 1.8%

**Top 10 Beef Exporting Nations 2016f**

- (excludes live slaughter exports)

- India: 20.2%
- Brazil: 19.2%
- Australia: 15.8%
- United States: 11.6%
- New Zealand: 6.1%
- Canada: 4.3%
- Uruguay: 3.9%
- Paraguay: 3.9%
- EU-28: 3.3%
- Russia: 2.2%

**Top 10 Beef Exporting Nations 2016f**

- Total world exports in 2016 are projected at 9.6 million metric tonne and Canada is projected to be the 6th largest beef exporter in the world (excluding live cattle exports).

**Canadian Beef Consumption**

- Domestic: Black bars
- Imports: Red bars

- Canadian’s consumed 874,740 tonnes of beef in 2015.

**CANADIAN BEEF CONSUMPTION**

- What are we really eating?

- 39.26 lbs (17.8 kg) per person yearly

- Down 7.7% versus last year.

- 1 metric tonne = 2,204.6 lbs.

- Statistics Canada, Livestock Stats, Retail Wt. 2014

- Statistics Canada, AAFC

- USDA

- Canfax, Statistics Canada

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