59,784
Farms and Ranches with Beef Cattle
2016 Agriculture Census

11.45 million
Total Cattle and Calves Down 1% from 2018
(includes 1.4 million dairy cattle)
Statistics Canada

3.66 million
Beef Cows Down 1% from 2018
Statistics Canada

Did you know...
The average beef cow herd size in Canada is 69.
2016 Agriculture Census

There are a lot of small cattle farms...

- 61% of the farms have 16% of the beef cows and each of these farms has less than 47 cows.
- 23% of the farms have 26% of the beef cows and each of these farms has between 47 and 122 cows.
- 11% of the farms have 29% of the beef cows and each of these farms has between 123 and 272 cows.
- 4% of the farms have 29% of the beef cows and each of these farms has over 273 cows.

Canada fed 2.9 million cattle in 2018 (finished to market weight) up 1% from 2017.
Canfax, Statistics Canada, AAFC

Western Canada finishes 76% of all fed cattle in Canada.
Canfax

In 2018, Canada produced 3.08 billion pounds of beef, up 2.7% from 2017.
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Top 12 Beef Producing Nations – 2019f

- US: 19.9%
- Brazil: 16.3%
- EU: 12.5%
- China: 10.5%
- India: 6.9%
- Argentina: 4.8%
- Australia: 3.5%
- Mexico: 3.2%
- Pakistan: 2.9%
- Turkey: 2.2%
- Russia: 2.1%
- Canada: 2.0%

Canada produces 2% of the world’s beef supply. Worldwide Beef Production is projected at 63 million metric tonnes in 2019. USDA

Top 10 Beef Exporting Nations 2019f (excludes live slaughter exports)

- Brazil: 20.4%
- India: 15.7%
- Australia: 14.5%
- US: 13.6%
- New Zealand: 5.4%
- Argentina: 5.4%
- Canada: 4.8%
- Uruguay: 4.1%
- EU: 3.3%
- Paraguay: 3.3%

Total world exports in 2019 are projected at 10.8 million metric tonnes and Canada is projected to be the 7th largest beef exporter in the world (excluding live cattle exports). USDA

Canadian Beef Consumption

- Domestic
- Imports

Canadian's consumed 941,280 tonnes of beef in 2018

1 metric tonne = 2,204.6 lbs.

Statistics Canada, Retail weight, 2018