Canada's Beef Industry ASI ACIS

June 2020



59,784



Farms and Ranches with Beef Cattle

2016 Census of Agriculture

12.24 million



Total Cattle and Calves Down 0.5% from 2019

(includes 1.87 million dairy cattle)
Statistics Canada

3.62 million



Beef Cows Down 1.4% from 2019

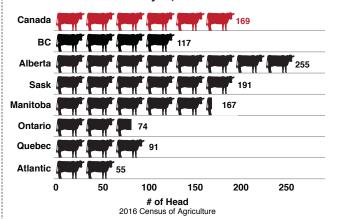
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PRODUCTION

Average # of Beef Cattle per Farm

May 10, 2016

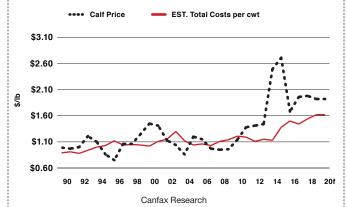


Beef Cows by Province

July 1, 2020 (beef cows=3.62 million) All inventories in 1,000 head Statistics Canada



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

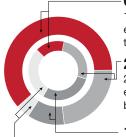


Did you know...

The average beef cow herd size in Canada is 69.

2016 Census of Agriculture

There are a lot of small cattle farms...



4% of the farms have

29% of the beef cows

has over 273 cows.

and each of these 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.

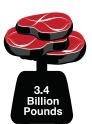
2016 Census of Agriculture

Canada fed **3.1 million cattle** in 2019 (finished to market weight) **up 8%** from 2018.

Canfax, Statistics Canada, AAFC

Western Canada finishes 78% of all fed cattle in Canada. Canfax

In 2019, Canada produced **3.4 billion pounds of beef,** up 7.9% from 2018.



Canfax Research Services

Cattle and calf cash receipts in 2019 totaled \$9.4 billion, up 3.6% from 2018. Statistics Canada

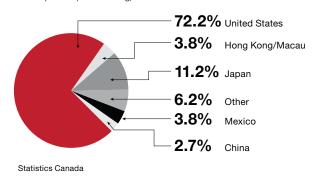
Beef production contributed \$18 billion to Canada's GDP (2015-2019 average).

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-WHERE CANADA TRADES—

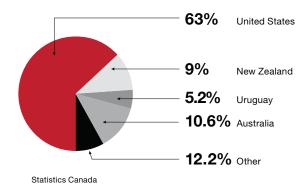
Beef Exports – 2019

966 million pounds (438 million kg)



Beef Imports – 2019

340 million pounds (154 million kg)



In 2019, Canada exported 47.5% of total beef and cattle produced in Canada.

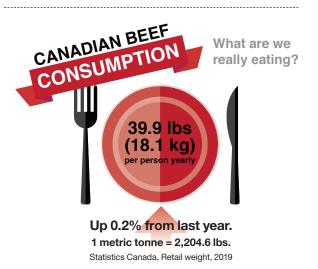
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On a net basis (subtracting out imports), Canada exported 35.9% of its beef and cattle production in 2019.

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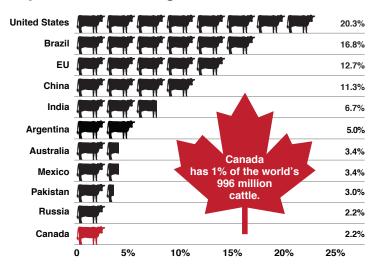
Canadian beef exports were valued at **\$3.22 billion** in 2019, up 17% from \$2.75 billion in 2018.

Statistics Canada



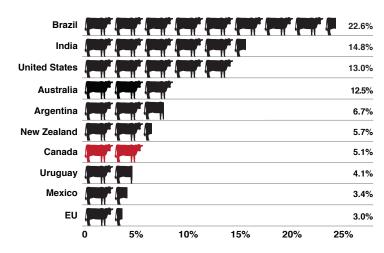
WHERE CANADA FITS

Top 11 Beef Producing Nations – 2020f



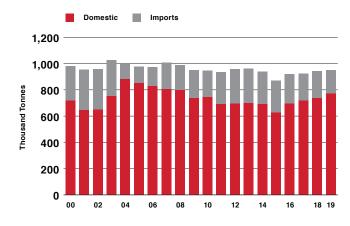
Canada produces 2% of the world's beef supply. Worldwide beef production is projected at 61.5 million metric tonnes for 2020. USDA

Top 10 Beef Exporting Nations – 2020f (excludes live slaughter exports)



Total world exports for 2020 are projected at 11.5 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



Canadian's consumed 957,949 tonnes of beef in 2019.

Statistics Canada