Average # of Beef Cattle per Farm
May 10, 2016

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Beef Cows by Province
January 1, 2021 (beef cows=3.53 million)
All inventories in 1,000 head
Statistics Canada

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

$0.60
$1.10
$1.60
$2.10
$2.60
$3.10

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...

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 3.1 million cattle in 2020 (finished to market weight) down 1.2% from 2019.
Canfax, Statistics Canada, AAFC

Western Canada finishes 79% of all fed cattle in Canada.
Canfax

In 2020, Canada produced 3.36 billion pounds of beef, down 1.6% from 2019.
(Total beef production equals domestic plus live slaughter exports).
Canfax Research Services

Cattle and calf cash receipts in 2020 totaled $9.1 billion, down 5% from 2019.
Statistics Canada

Beef production contributed $21.8 billion to Canada’s GDP (2018-2020 average).
Canfax, Statistics Canada
Canada produces 2% of the world’s beef supply. Worldwide beef production is projected at 61.5 million metric tonnes for 2021. USDA

Total world exports for 2021 are projected at 10.8 million metric tonnes and Canada is projected to be the 7th largest beef exporter in the world (excluding live slaughter exports). USDA

In 2020, Canada exported 47.4% of total beef and cattle produced in Canada. Statistics Canada, Canfax, AAFC

On a net basis (subtracting out imports), Canada exported 33% of its beef and cattle production in 2020. Statistics Canada, Canfax, AAFC

Canadian beef exports were valued at $3.26 billion in 2020, up 1.2% from $3.22 billion in 2019. Statistics Canada

Top 11 Beef Producing Nations – 2021f

- United States: 20.5%
- Brazil: 16.9%
- EU: 12.6%
- China: 11.4%
- India: 6.5%
- Argentina: 5.0%
- Mexico: 3.4%
- Australia: 3.3%
- Pakistan: 3.0%
- Russia: 2.2%
- Canada: 2.2%

Top 10 Beef Exporting Nations – 2021f
(excludes live slaughter exports)

- Brazil: 24.8%
- United States: 13.0%
- Australia: 12.6%
- India: 11.1%
- Argentina: 7.2%
- New Zealand: 5.7%
- Canada: 4.8%
- Uruguay: 4.0%
- Mexico: 3.4%
- EU: 3.3%

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Canadian Beef Consumption

- Domestic
- Imports

What are we really eating?

Canadian beef consumption was 39.7 lbs (18 kg) per person yearly. Up 0.3% from last year.

1 metric tonne = 2,204.6 lbs.
Statistics Canada, Retail weight, 2020

Canadians consumed 972,018 tonnes of beef in 2020. Statistics Canada