

## **PRODUCTION**

#### **Farms and Ranches** with Beef Cattle

2021 Census of Agriculture



## **Total Cattle and Calves** in 2021 up 0.9% from 2016

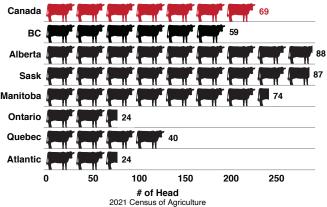
(includes 1.41 million dairy cattle) 2021 Census of Agriculture



Beef Cows in 2021 up 1.2% from 2016

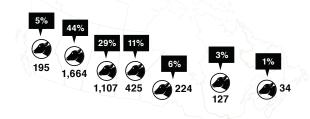
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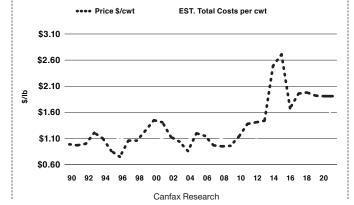


### **Beef Cows by Province**

2021 Census of Agriculture (beef cows=3.78 million) Statistics Canada; Inventory x 1,000 head Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding



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



# Did you know...

The majority of farms reporting beef cows on cow-calf, stocking and finishing operations are small farms:



1% of farms have

over 500 beef cows,

13% of the herd.

61% of farms have less than 47 cows, with 596,419 beef cows, 16% of the herd.

23% of farms have between 47 and 122 cows, with 956,118 beef cows, 26% of the herd.

15% of farms have between 123 and 499 cows, with 1.21 million beef cows. 45% of the herd. with 483,070 beef cows,

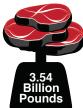
2021 Census of Agriculture Results rounded to nearest whole number

Canada fed 3.2 million cattle in 2021 (finished to market weight) up 3.7% from 2020.

Canfax, Statistics Canada, AAFC

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

In 2021, Canada produced 3.54 billion pounds of beef. up 3.8% from 2020.



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Cattle and calf cash receipts in 2021 totaled \$10.2 billion, up 11% from 2020. Statistics Canada

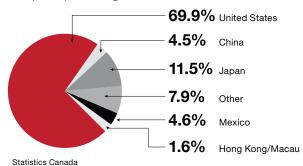
Beef production contributed \$22 billion to Canada's GDP (2019-2021 average).

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## WHERE CANADA TRADES

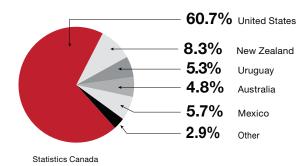
#### Beef Exports - 2021

1.1 billion pounds (507 million kg)



## Beef Imports - 2021

356 million pounds (161 million kg)



In 2021, Canada exported **49.7%** of total beef and cattle produced in Canada.

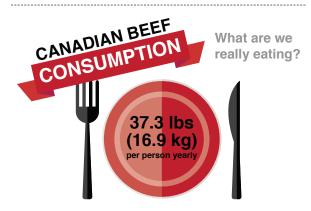
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In 2021, **46**% of Canadian production was exported (excluding slaughter cattle, less imports).

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Canadian beef exports were valued at **\$4.45 billion** in 2021, up 36.7% from \$3.26 billion in 2020.

Statistics Canada

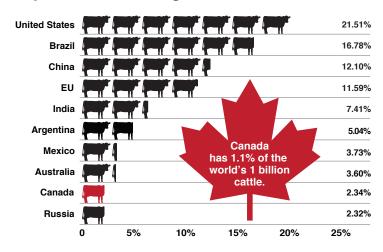


Down 7.2% versus last year. 1 metric tonne = 2,204.6 lbs.

Statistics Canada, Retail weight, 2021

## WHERE CANADA FITS

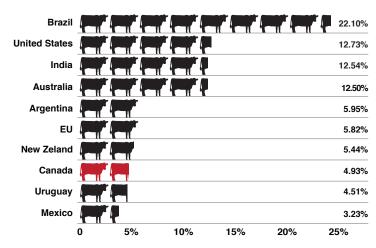
### Top 10 Beef Producing Nations - 2022f



Canada produces 2% of the world's beef supply. Worldwide beef production is forecast to be 58.7 million metric tonnes for 2022f. USDA

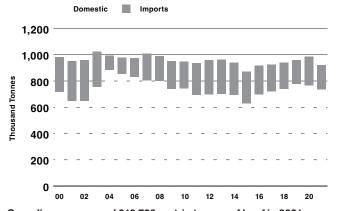
## Top 10 Beef Exporting Nations – 2022f

(excludes live slaughter exports)



Total world exports in 2022 are forecast to be 11.8 million metric tonnes and Canada is projected to be the 8<sup>th</sup> largest beef exporter in the world (excluding live slaughter exports). USDA

## **Canadian Beef Consumption**



Canadians consumed 919,720 metric tonnes of beef in 2021.

Statistics Canada