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Canadian Cattle Inventory January 1st, 2026 - '000 head

	Bulls	B.Cows	D.Cows	D.Hfrs	B.Hfrs(brd)	B.Hfrs(sitr)	Steers	Calves	Total
AP	2.0	33.8	54.7	22.2	5.6	7.8	12.8	49.6	188.5
QC	7.3	118.4	360.0	131.5	15.7	18.6	52.4	306.1	1,010.0
ON	16.0	217.9	325.0	146.6	33.3	113.3	262.7	411.7	1,526.5
MB	20.1	372.3	42.6	19.0	58.4	34.8	55.3	317.5	920.0
SK	50.8	965.1	27.8	11.0	144.0	56.7	102.0	747.6	2,105.0
AB	92.5	1,520.4	78.7	40.1	246.3	485.0	718.7	1,668.3	4,850.0
BC	12.5	189.4	82.5	36.3	40.4	18.0	20.8	135.1	535.0
CANADA	201.2	3,417.3	971.3	406.7	543.7	734.2	1,224.7	3,635.9	11,135.0

B. Cows = Beef Cows D. Cows = Dairy Cows B. Hfrs (brd) = Beef Breeding Heifers Steers = Steers (castrated males)
 Source: Statistics Canada D. Hfrs = Dairy Heifers B. Hfrs (sitr) = Beef Slaughter Heifers Calves = Cattle < one year age

World Cattle Inventories

2026f	mil. head	% world
India	307,500	34.1%
Brazil	177,425	19.7%
China	94,080	10.4%
United States	86,155	9.6%
European Union	70,850	7.9%
Argentina	51,570	5.7%
Australia	27,366	3.0%
Mexico	18,995	2.1%
Russia	16,950	1.9%
Uruguay	11,623	1.3%
Canada	11,135	1.2%
New Zealand	9,840	1.1%
United Kingdom	9,125	1.0%
Japan	3,840	0.4%
Korea, South	3,771	0.4%
Ukraine	1,894	0.2%
World	902,119	

Source: USDA, PSD Online

Canada Farm Cash Receipts - Bil \$

	2024	2025
Cattle & Calves	\$16.79	\$20.56
Total Livestock	\$39.96	\$45.29
Crops	\$51.78	\$52.07
Direct Payments	\$5.88	\$4.80
Total Receipts	\$97.62	\$102.16

Source: Statistics Canada

US cash receipts - Bil US\$

	2025f	2026f
Cattle & Calves	\$127.89	\$133.10
Total	\$528.99	\$514.74

Source: USDA

2025/26f Barley and Corn Production - '000 tonnes

Country	Corn	Country	Barley
U.S.	432,342	E.U.	56,387
China	301,240	Russia	19,400
Brazil	138,000	Australia	16,626
Argentina	61,000	Canada	9,725
E.U.	56,799	U.K.	6,500
India	55,090	Argentina	5,634
Ukraine	30,900	Ukraine	5,600
Mexico	25,000	Turkey	5,100
South Africa	17,700	Kazakhstan	3,593
Canada	14,867	U.S.	3,067
World	1,326,672	World	154,496

Source: USDA, PSD Online

Canadian Fed Cattle Production - '000 head

	2022	2023	2024	2025
AB	2,317.1	2,149.0	2,192.5	2,125.0
BC/SK/MB	266.2	295.1	272.4	206.4
ON	586.6	576.1	576.1	591.9
QC/Atlantic	84.6	92.5	108.4	96.2
CANADA	3,254.3	3,112.7	3,149.4	3,019.5

Source: Canfax, AAFC, Statistics Canada

Beef and Veal Net Production - 1000 metric tonnes, cwe

	2024	2025	2026f	% of world
Brazil	11,850	12,605	12,370	20.1%
United States	12,291	11,837	11,741	19.1%
China	7,790	8,010	7,600	12.3%
European Union	6,661	6,410	6,350	10.3%
India	4,565	4,680	4,725	7.7%
Argentina	3,180	3,145	3,080	5.0%
Australia	2,582	2,885	2,850	4.6%
Mexico	2,260	2,170	2,410	3.9%
Russia	1,440	1,410	1,400	2.3%
Canada	1,300	1,260	1,315	2.1%
South Africa	1,090	1,025	1,010	1.6%
United Kingdom	926	894	880	1.4%
Other	5,843	5,917	5,832	9.5%
World	61,778	62,248	61,563	

Source: USDA, PSD Online

Domestic Meat Consumption 2026f (kg/person retail wt)

	Beef & Veal	Pork	Chicken
Argentina	30.9	13.3	27.5
U.S.	23.5	21.5	35.1
Israel	21.7	0.8	43.0
Kazakhstan	20.8	5.0	13.7
Australia	19.1	20.9	31.8
Brazil	18.1	14.5	30.2
Canada	17.5	14.9	24.4
Chile	17.3	18.1	23.0
Paraguay	13.2	7.7	5.8
Switzerland	12.7	17.9	9.0
Korea, South	12.7	29.4	14.0
Norway	12.7	18.4	13.3
Türkiye	12.0	0.0	12.1
U.K.	10.5	15.0	20.6
South Africa	10.2	4.5	23.1
Colombia	9.0	9.8	22.8

Source: OECD

Canadian Cattle Slaughter - '000 head

	2024	2025
West	2484.3	2333.6
ON	565.9	591
QC/Atlantic	112.9	108.5
CANADA	3,163.1	3,033.1

Source: CBGA (Federal and Provincial Inspected Packing Plants)

Canadian Average Warm Carcass Weights

Cattle - Pounds	2023	2024	2025
Steer	926	947	943
Heifer	839	853	870
Cow	734	767	787
Bull	954	980	1,017
Average*	868	893	902

Source: CBGA (Federal and Provincial Inspected Packing Plants)

*All carcasses weighted

Canadian Beef Export Markets 2025 (Fs/Ch/Fz)

Importer	Mill \$	'000 t
U.S.	\$ 4,189.60	364.9
Japan	\$ 379.42	41.2
Hong Kong & Macau	\$ 34.43	2.6
Mexico	\$ 334.26	32.7
Mainland China	--	--
SE Asia (incl. Taiwan)	\$ 144.02	17.7
South Korea	\$ 135.75	12.9
Other	\$ 93.39	14.1
Total	\$ 5,310.87	486.1

Source: Statistics Canada

U.S. Beef & Veal Export Markets

2025	'000t cwe	% of total
South Korea	284	24.3%
Japan	276	23.6%
Mexico	135	11.6%
Canada	106	9.1%
Taiwan	79	6.7%
China	70	6.0%
Other	218	18.7%
TOTAL	1,169	

Source: USDA ERS

Canadian Beef Import Markets 2025 (Fs/Ch/Fz)

Exporter	Mill \$	'000 t
U.S.	\$ 1,213.21	87.7
Mexico	\$ 194.62	13.0
Australia	\$ 578.07	53.8
New Zealand	\$ 336.19	35.0
Other	\$ 504.48	63.4
Total	\$ 2,826.57	252.9

Source: Statistics Canada

Meat Consumption in Canada (Pounds per Capita Retail Weight (beef, pork); Carcass Weight (chicken))

	Beef	Pork	Chicken
2016	39.44	34.82	72.02
2017	39.48	34.83	73.21
2018	39.69	36.28	76.48
2019	39.62	36.98	77.23
2020	40.36	31.43	75.57
2021	37.46	31.69	75.82
2022	38.54	33.44	77.69
2023	36.42	39.90	77.43
2024	34.26	32.32	76.57
2025	35.43	32.28	78.57

Source: Statistics Canada

Multilateral Beef & Veal Trade - 2025

Top suppliers to selected countries		
Exporter	Importer	
Canada	U.S.	75%
	Japan	9%
	Mexico	7%

U.S.	South Korea	24%
	Japan	24%
	Mexico	12%
	Canada	9%

Australia	U.S.	26%
	China	18%
	Japan	16%
	South Korea	13%

New Zealand	U.S.	40%
	China	22%
	Canada	8%

Brazil	Mainland China	51%
	U.S.	9%
	E.U.	4%

Argentina	Mainland China & HK	62%
	Israel	21%
	E.U.	12%

Source: Statistics Canada, USDA FAS Gain Reports

World Top 10 Beef & Veal Exporters - 2025 '000 tonnes cwe

	'000 tonnes cwe	(% of world exports)
Brazil	4,380	31%
Australia	2,208	16%
India	1,688	12%
United States	1,169	8%
Argentina	773	6%
New Zealand	604	4%
European Union	595	4%
Canada	560	4%
Uruguay	522	4%
Paraguay	483	3%
Other	944	7%
Total	13,926	

Source: USDA, PSD Online

World Top 12 Beef & Veal Importers - 2025 '000 tonnes cwe

	'000 tonnes cwe	(% of world imports)
China	3,658	31%
U.S.	2,481	21%
Japan	695	6%
Korea, South	586	5%
E.U.	463	4%
U.K.	396	3%
Chile	356	3%
Mexico	339	3%
Russia	330	3%
Canada	314	3%
Philippines	282	2%
Saudi Arabia	271	2%
Other	1,816	15%
Total	11,987	

Source: USDA, PSD Online