

FAST FACTS

July 2022



60,697



Farms and Ranches with Beef Cattle

2021 Census of Agriculture

12.6
million



Total Cattle and Calves in 2021 up 0.9% from 2016

(includes 1.41 million dairy cattle)

2021 Census of Agriculture

3.78
million

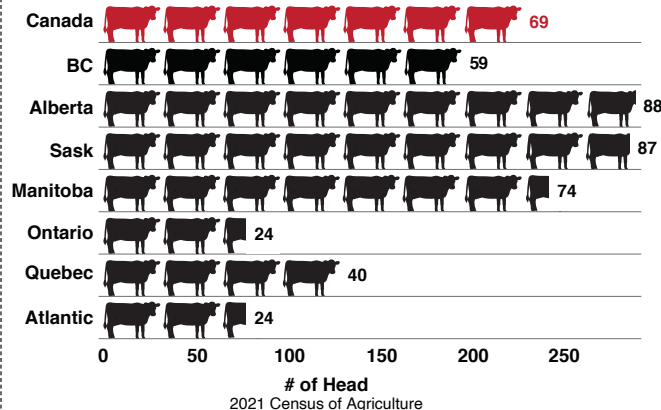


Beef Cows in 2021 up 1.2% from 2016

2021 Census of Agriculture

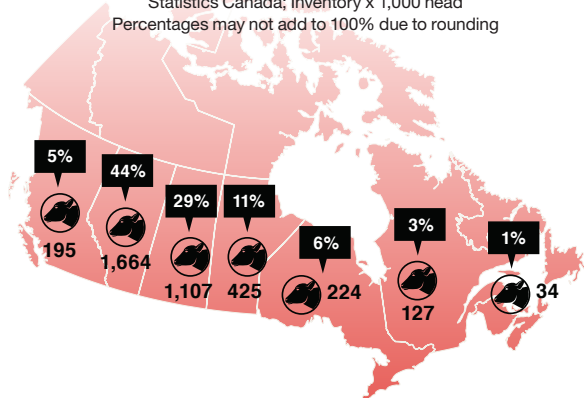
PRODUCTION

Average # of Beef Cows per Farm Reporting Beef Cows

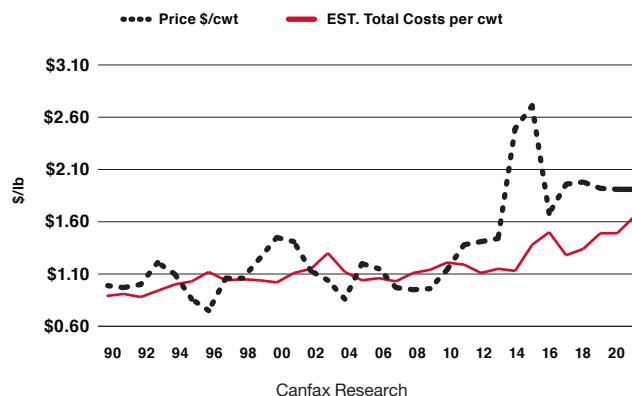


Beef Cows by Province

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

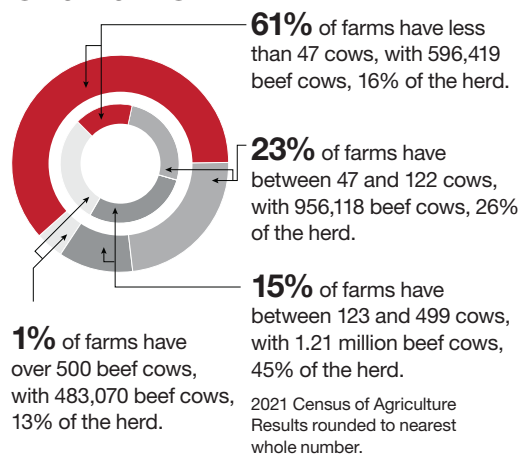


Average Cost of Production vs. Average Returns on an Alberta 550 lb Calf



Did you know...

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

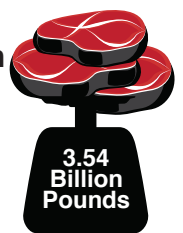


Canada fed **3.2 million cattle** in 2021 (finished to market weight) **up 3.7%** from 2020.

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.



Canfax Research Services

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

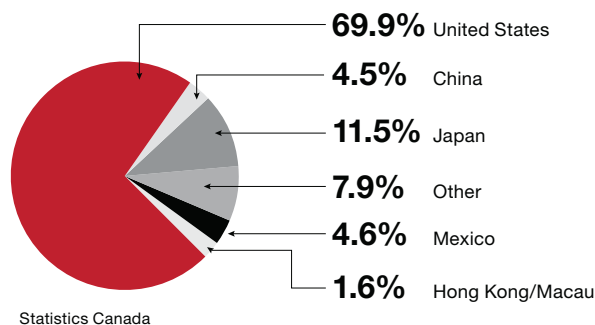
Beef production contributed **\$22 billion** to Canada's GDP (2019-2021 average).

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WHERE CANADA TRADES

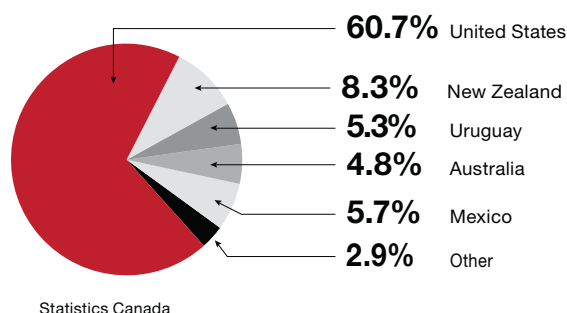
Beef Exports – 2021

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.

Statistics Canada, Canfax, AAFC

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

CANADIAN BEEF CONSUMPTION

What are we really eating?

**37.3 lbs
(16.9 kg)**
per person yearly

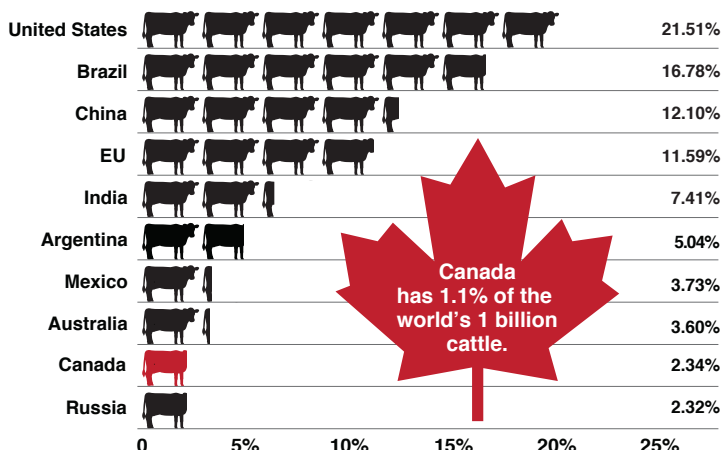
Down 7.2% versus last year.

1 metric tonne = 2,204.6 lbs.

Statistics Canada, Retail weight, 2021

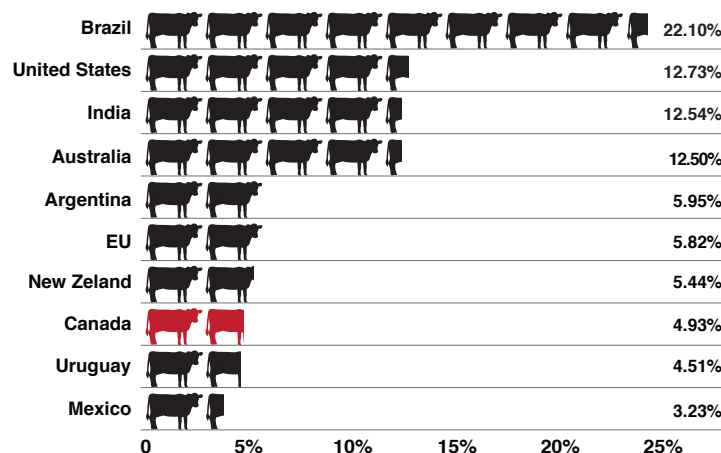
WHERE CANADA FITS

Top 10 Beef Producing Nations – 2022f



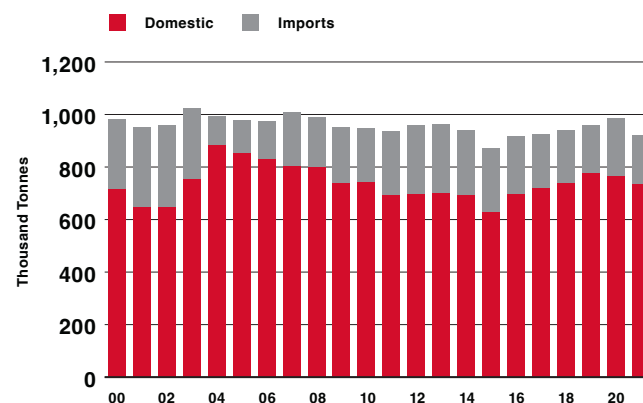
Canada produces 2% of the world's beef supply. Worldwide beef production is forecast to be 58.7 million metric tonnes for 2022f. USDA

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 8th 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