

FAST FACTS

June 2025



60,697



**Farms and Ranches
with Beef Cattle**

2021 Census of Agriculture

**10.9
million**



Total Cattle and Calves

January 1, 2025
Down 0.7% from
January 1, 2024

(includes 1.4 million dairy cattle)

Statistics Canada

**3.38
million**

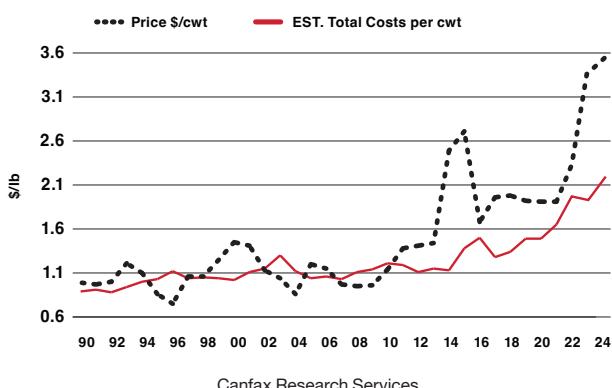
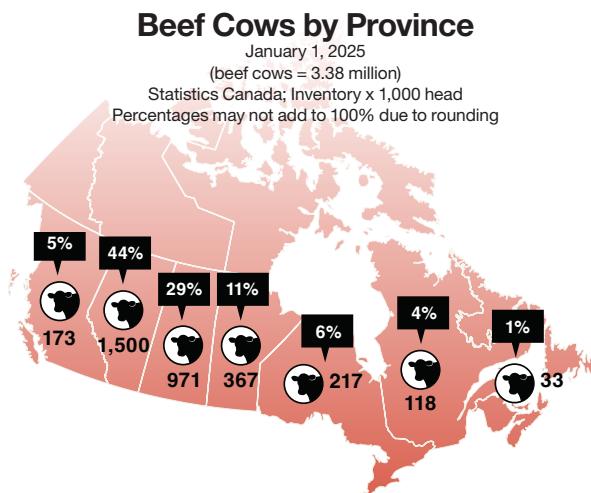
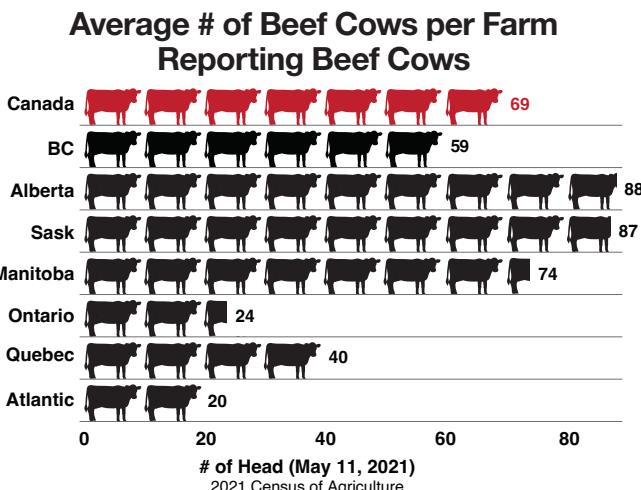


Beef Cows
January 1, 2025
Down 1.2% from
January 1, 2024

Statistics Canada

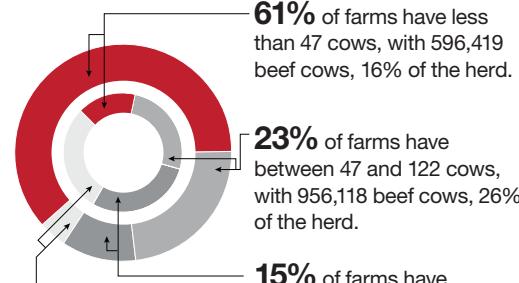


PRODUCTION



Did you know...

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



1% of the farms have 13% of the beef cows, between 500 and 2,499 on each farm.

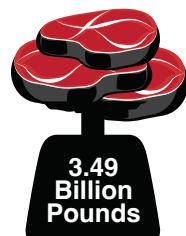
Canada fed 3.15 million cattle in 2024 (finished to market weight) up 1% from 2023.

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

In 2024, Canada produced 3.49 billion pounds of beef, (including offals), up 0.6% from 2023.

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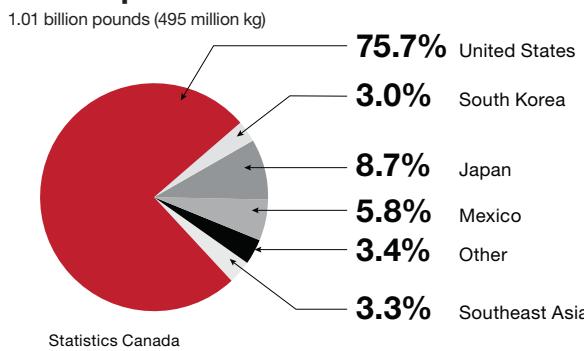
Cattle and calf cash receipts in 2024 totaled \$16.8 billion, up 11% from 2023. Statistics Canada

Beef production contributed \$34 billion to Canada's GDP (2022-2024 average).

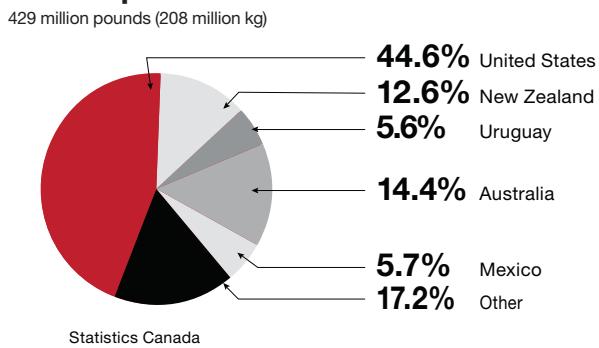
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WHERE CANADA TRADES

Beef Exports – 2024



Beef Imports – 2024



In 2024, Canada exported 52% of total beef and cattle produced in Canada.

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In 2024, 45% of Canadian production was exported (excluding slaughter cattle).

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Canadian beef exports were valued at **\$4.93 billion** in 2024, down 1.8% from \$5.02 billion in 2023.

Statistics Canada

CANADIAN BEEF CONSUMPTION

What are we really eating?

35.21 lbs (16.0 kg)
per person yearly

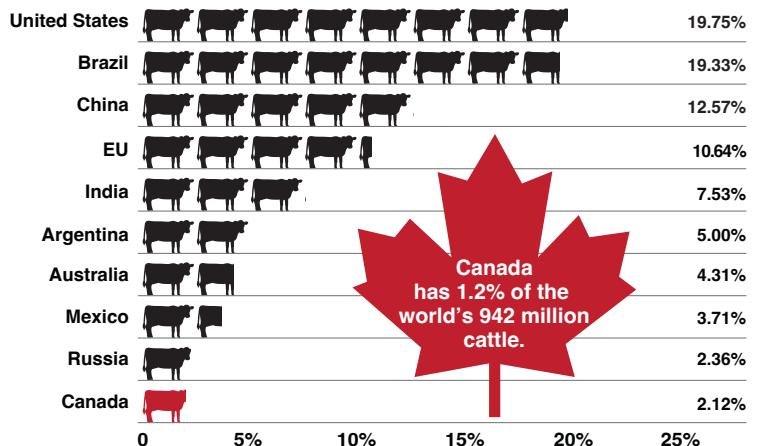
Down 1.7% versus last year.

1 metric tonne = 2,204.6 lbs.

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WHERE CANADA FITS

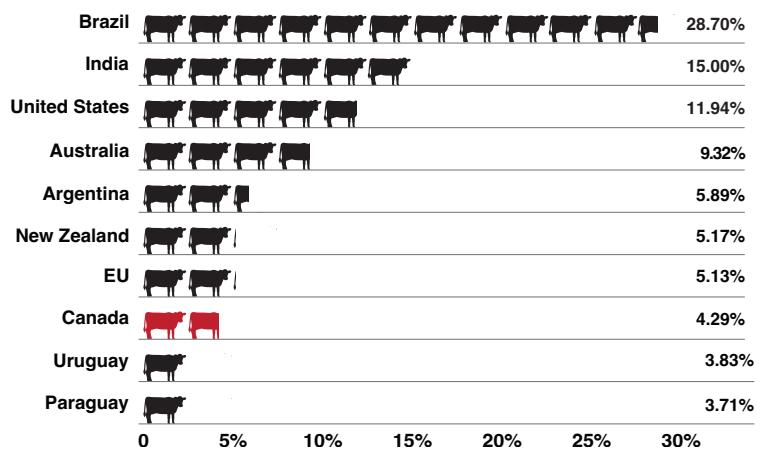
Top 10 Beef Producing Nations – 2025f



Canada produces 2% of the world's beef supply. Worldwide beef production is forecast to be 61.6 million metric tonnes in 2025.

USDA

Top 10 Beef Exporting Nations – 2025f (excludes live slaughter exports)



Total world exports in 2025 are forecast to be 13.1 million metric tonnes and Canada is projected to be the 8th largest beef exporter in the world (excluding live slaughter exports).

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Canadian Beef Consumption

