



Wisconsin Ag News – Cattle & Calves



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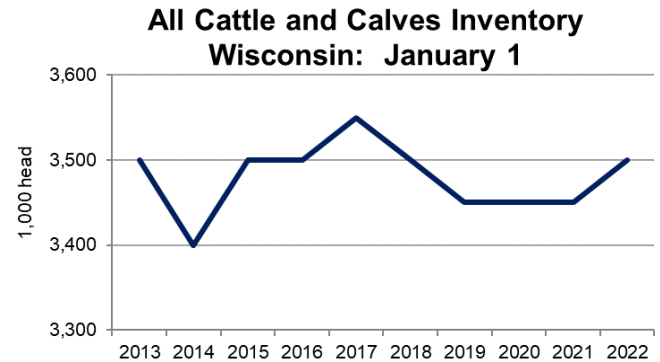
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All cattle and calves in Wisconsin as of January 1, 2022, totaled 3.50 million head, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Cattle* report. This was up 50,000 head from January 1, 2021. **Beef cows**, at 295,000 head, were up 5,000 head from last year. **Milk cow** inventory was up 15,000 head at 1.28 million head.

All heifers 500 pounds and over were up 2 percent at 830,000 head. **Heifers for beef cow replacement** were up 6 percent from 2021 at 90,000 head; **heifers for milk cow replacement**, at 660,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year; and **all other heifers** were up 23 percent at 80,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were up 11 percent from last year at 400,000 head. **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** were unchanged at 30,000 head. **Calves under 500 pounds** on January 1, 2022, totaled 670,000 head, down 4 percent from last year.

The 2021 **calf crop** was estimated at 1.40 million head, down 1 percent from the 2020 calf crop. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2022, totaled 270,000 head, up 8 percent from one year ago.



Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, Wisconsin and United States, January 1, 2021-2022

| Class | Wisconsin | | | United States | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 as % of 2021 | 2021 | 2022 | 2022 as % of 2021 |
| | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent) |
| All cattle and calves | 3,450 | 3,500 | 101 | 93,790 | 91,902 | 98 |
| All cows that have calved | 1,550 | 1,570 | 101 | 40,286 | 39,500 | 98 |
| Beef cows | 290 | 295 | 102 | 30,844 | 30,125 | 98 |
| Milk cows | 1,260 | 1,275 | 101 | 9,442 | 9,375 | 99 |
| Heifers 500 pounds and over | | | | | | |
| For beef cow replacement | 85 | 90 | 106 | 5,803 | 5,612 | 97 |
| For milk cow replacement | 660 | 660 | 100 | 4,609 | 4,451 | 97 |
| Other heifers | 65 | 80 | 123 | 9,789 | 9,714 | 99 |
| Steers 500 pounds and over | 360 | 400 | 111 | 16,788 | 16,580 | 99 |
| Bulls 500 pounds and over | 30 | 30 | 100 | 2,211 | 2,110 | 95 |
| Calves under 500 pounds | 700 | 670 | 96 | 14,305 | 13,936 | 97 |
| Cattle on feed ¹ | 250 | 270 | 108 | 14,667 | 14,693 | 100 |
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2021 as % of 2020 | 2020 | 2021 | 2021 as % of 2020 |
| Calf crop | 1,410 | 1,400 | 99 | 35,496 | 35,085 | 99 |

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

United States Cattle Inventory

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2022 totaled 91.9 million head, 2 percent below the 93.8 million head on January 1, 2021.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 39.5 million head, were 2 percent below the 40.3 million head on January 1, 2021. Beef cows, at 30.1 million head, were down 2 percent from a year ago. Milk cows, at 9.38 million head, were down 1 percent from the previous year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2022 totaled 19.8 million head, 2 percent below the 20.2 million head on January 1, 2021. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.61 million head, were down 3 percent from a year ago. Milk replacement heifers, at 4.45 million head, were down 3 percent from the previous year. Other heifers, at 9.71 million head, were 1 percent below a year earlier.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2022 totaled 16.6 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2021.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over as of January 1, 2022 totaled 2.11 million head, down 5 percent from January 1, 2021.

Calves under 500 pounds as of January 1, 2022 totaled 13.9 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2021.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 14.7 million head on January 1, 2022. The inventory is up slightly from the January 1, 2021 total of 14.7 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 81.9 percent of the total cattle on feed on January 1, 2022, up slightly from the previous year. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds (outside of feedlots) at 25.5 million head, was 3 percent below January 1, 2021.

Calf Crop Down 1 Percent

The 2021 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 35.1 million head, down 1 percent from the previous year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2021 were estimated at 25.6 million head, down 1 percent from the first half of 2020. Calves born during the second half of 2021 were estimated at 9.46 million head, 27 percent of the total 2021 calf crop.

Revisions

All inventory and calf crop estimates for July 1, 2020, January 1, 2021, and July 1, 2021 were reviewed using calf crop, official slaughter, import and export data, and the relationship of new survey information to the prior surveys. Based on the findings of this review, July 1, 2020 all cattle and calves increased by 0.1 percent. January 1, 2021 all cattle and calves increased by 0.2 percent and 2020 calf crop increased by 1.0 percent. July 1, 2021 all cattle and calves decreased by 0.1 percent and 2021 calf crop decreased slightly.