



# IOWA BEEF INDUSTRY COUNCIL

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## Iowa's Beef Cattle Industry Statistics

Total Cattle Inventory in Iowa (as of January 1, 2019; -1.3%)	3,950,000
State Rank All Cattle and Calves (January 1, 2019)	Eighth
Cattle on Feed in Iowa (January 1, 2019; +1.5%)	1,320,000
State Rank Cattle and Calves on Feed (January 1, 2019)	Fourth
Yearly Fed Cattle Marketings (2018; -1.4%)	1,813,000
Number of Feedlots (2017 Census)	5,485
Number of Cattle Operations (2017 Census)	25,367
Number of Farms with Beef Cows (2017 Census)	19,171
Number of Beef Cows (January 1, 2019; unchanged)	950,000
State Rank Number of Beef Cows (January 1, 2019)	Tenth
Number of Farms with Dairy Cows (2017 Census)	1,592
Number of Dairy Cows (January 1, 2019; unchanged)	220,000
State Rank Number of Dairy Cows (January 1, 2019)	Twelfth
Cash Receipts from Cattle and Calves (2017)	\$4.059 Billion
Iowa Jobs Directly Related to the Cattle Industry (2017)	19,016
Iowa Jobs Indirectly Related to the Cattle Industry (2017)	9,570
Iowa Jobs Induced by the Cattle Industry (2017)	4,561

In 2017, Iowa's cattle industry contributed in excess of  
\$6.8 billion in business activity to Iowa's economy

*Sources: Department of Economics, Iowa State University; Iowa Agricultural Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 2019 Cattle Inventory Report and 2017 Census of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).*

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