



Iowa's Beef Cattle Industry Statistics

Total Cattle Inventory in Iowa (as of January 1, 2025; 1.4%)	3,500,000
State Rank All Cattle and Calves (January 1, 2025)	Eighth
Cattle on Feed in Iowa (January 1, 2025; +2.5%)	1,210,000
State Rank Cattle and Calves on Feed (January 1, 2025)	Fourth
Yearly Fed Cattle Marketings (2023; -4.4%)	1,624,000
Number of Feedlots (2022 Census)	4,102
Number of Cattle Operations (2022 Census)	21,750
Number of Farms with Beef Cows (2022 Census)	17,214
Number of Beef Cows (January 1, 2025; -1.9%)	825,000
State Rank Number of Beef Cows (January 1, 2025)	Twelfth
Number of Farms with Dairy Cows (2022 Census)	1,016
Number of Dairy Cows (January 1, 2025; 2.1%)	245,000
State Rank Number of Dairy Cows (January 1, 2025)	Eleventh
Cash Receipts from Cattle and Calves (2023)	\$5.877 Billion
Iowa Jobs Directly Related to the Cattle Industry (2023)	16,665
Iowa Jobs Indirectly Related to the Cattle Industry (2023)	9,308
Iowa Jobs Induced by the Cattle Industry (2023)	5,079

In 2023, Iowa's cattle industry contributed in excess of
\$9.45 billion in business activity to Iowa's economy

*Sources: Department of Economics, Iowa State University; **Iowa Agricultural Statistics**, U.S. Department of Agriculture; **2024 Cattle Report** and **2022 Census of Agriculture**, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).*