

Nebraska Beef Council

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USDA Ranking of States with the Most Cattle

The cattle inventory in the United States topped 94 million head in 2018. Texas leads the way with 12.5 million cattle followed by Nebraska at 6.8 million and Kansas with 6.3 million.

Thirty-one states have over 1 million head of cattle and fourteen states have over 2 million cattle. The nine states with over 3 million head of cattle represent over half of the total U.S. cattle population.

More than 13% of the cattle in the United States are in Texas while over 7% reside in Nebraska.

Cattle inventory in the United States:

Rk	State	Cattle Inventory
1	Texas	12,500,000
2	Nebraska	6,800,000
3	Kansas	6,300,000
4	California	5,200,000
5	Oklahoma	5,100,000
6	Missouri	4,450,000
7	Iowa	4,000,000
8	South Dakota	4,000,000
9	Wisconsin	3,500,000
10	Colorado	2,850,000
11	Montana	2,550,000
12	Idaho	2,400,000
13	Minnesota	2,350,000
14	Kentucky	2,160,000
15	North Dakota	1,860,000
16	Tennessee	1,830,000
17	Arkansas	1,760,000
18	Florida	1,630,000
19	Pennsylvania	1,620,000
20	New Mexico	1,510,000
21	New York	1,480,000
22	Virginia	1,480,000
23	Alabama	1,340,000

34	Wyoming	1,320,000
25	Ohio	1,300,000
26	Oregon	1,270,000
27	Michigan	1,160,000
28	Washington	1,160,000
29	Illinois	1,150,000
30	Georgia	1,070,000
31	Arizona	1,000,000
32	Mississippi	930,000
33	Indiana	870,000
34	Louisiana	820,000
35	North Carolina	810,000
36	Utah	800,000
37	Nevada	465,000
38	West Virginia	395,000
39	South Carolina	340,000
40	Vermont	260,000
41	Maryland	193,000
42	Hawaii	144,000
43	Maine	82,000
44	Connecticut	50,000
45	Massachusetts	38,000
46	New Hampshire	37,000
47	New Jersey	29,000
48	Delaware	17,000
49	Alaska	14,000
50	Rhode Island	5,000

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