

## Overview of Semi-Annual Cattle Survey

**Project Codes:** January - 150  
July - 152

**Purpose:** Collects inventory, death, and disposition data semi-annually in January and July. Collect annual inventory values and on farm slaughter numbers. The sample is selected based on total number of cattle, further classified by total milk cows and cattle on feed capacity.

### Data Uses:

- Producers can use cattle inventory data to make informed business decisions and plan for head expansion or reduction.
- Processors, warehouses, transportation companies, and government leaders use the data to evaluate expected slaughter volume for future months and determine potential supplies for export.
- Financial institutions use cattle reports in serving the producer's credit needs.

### Survey Information:

- Cattle numbers are published by state each January. In July, only national inventories are published.
- If an operation does not have cattle, follow the screening questions and make sure to ask cattle intentions. Do NOT select the "Out of Business" option in the survey comments.
- (IA/MN Only) Relationship to Cattle on Feed Report in January and July
  - Steers, other heifers, and calves in inventory must include all cattle on feed reported in the steers (660) and heifers (666) on the cattle on feed questionnaire.
  - The "Cattle and Calves on Feed" inventory is recorded on the cattle on feed questionnaire in the cattle on feed inventory (652).
  - The "Cattle and Calves on Feed" capacity is recorded on the January cattle on feed questionnaire in the cattle on feed total capacity (676).



# CATTLE REPORT - January 1, 2025

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**TARGET OPERATOR** needs to be making day to day decisions on the operation in order to collect any data for this survey. If the target operator no longer has cattle, but is still farming, make a record level comment in CAPI but do not mark as out of business.

**Enumerator is responsible for entering any address/phone changes into CAPI**

Please make corrections to name, address, and ZIP Code, if necessary.

The information you provide will be used for statistical purposes only. Your response will be kept confidential and any person who willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you or your operation is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both. This survey is conducted in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2018, Title III of Pub. L. No. 115-435, codified in 44 U.S.C. Ch. 35 and other applicable Federal laws. For more information on how we protect your information please visit: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality>. Response is voluntary.

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1. Please verify name and mailing address of this operation.

Make any corrections necessary (including the correct operation name) on the label and continue.

2. Were any cattle or calves, regardless of ownership, on this operation on January 1, 2025 or at any time during 2024? (Cattle and calves on grazing land leased on a fee per head or animal unit month (AUM) basis should be included by the cattle owner, excluded by the land owner.)

1 ☐ Yes - Go to item 3, page 2

3 ☐ No - a. Will there be any cattle or calves, regardless of ownership, on this operation during 2025?

1 ☐ Yes - Enter code 1

3 ☐ No - Enter code 3

2 ☐ Don't Know - Enter code 2

CODE

493

b. Were you (the individual named on the label) operating a farm or ranch on January 1, 2025?

1 ☐ Yes - Go to Section 3, back page

3 ☐ No - Go to Section 2, page 7

3. Are the day-to-day decisions for this operation made by one individual, a hired manager, or partners? Check one.

- 1 ☐ One Individual - Go to Section 1, page 4
- 2 ☐ A hired manager - Go to Section 1, page 4
- 3 ☐ Partners - Continue

**You must select the radio button in CAPI to answer this question. It will then route you to the next question.**

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- a. How many partners make the day-to-day decisions?  
[Enter number of partners, including operator, and then continue.] ...

4. Please identify the other person(s) in this partnership, then continue.  
[Verify partners' names and make necessary corrections if names

**Enter the number of partners and VERIFY contact information. Make updates as necessary.**

☐ Check if verified

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check if cell phone

Did this partner operate land individually on June 1, 2024?

1 ☐ Yes 3 ☐ No

☐ Check if verified

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check if cell phone

Did this partner operate land individually on June 1, 2024?

1 ☐ Yes 3 ☐ No

**Make sure to select all radio buttons.**

☐ Check if verified

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check if cell phone

Did this partner operate land individually on June 1, 2024?

1 ☐ Yes 3 ☐ No

☐ Check if verified

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check if cell phone

Did this partner operate land individually on June 1, 2024?

1 ☐ Yes 3 ☐ No

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This guide is meant to help you understand the relationships between the questions so you can clarify unusual situations. Some examples of how you might clarify relationships are "Oh, you must have all spring calving" or "Do you keep your dairy bulls, or sell them?" or "Someone else raises your calves? We need to make sure we record them as moved off the operation."

Doing this is not questioning what the operator is telling you, it's showing that you understand the data you are gathering, and helping the operator get it in the correct place.

Any updates to make this guide better are appreciated.

## Section 1 - Cattle and Calves

1. On January 1, 2025 were any cattle or calves, regardless of ownership, on the total acres operated? (Cattle and calves on grazing land leased on a fee per head or animal unit month (AUM) basis should be included by the cattle owner, excluded by the land owner.)

1 ☐ Yes - Go to item 2

3 ☐ No - Were any cattle or calves, regardless of ownership, on the total acres operated at any time during 2024?

1 ☐ Yes - Go to item 4b

3 ☐ No - Go to Section 3, back page

Boxes 351/354 or 352/355

If target operator has beef or milk cows, we expect:

a. beef or milk heifers

b. a calf crop

If not, make a note.

2. Of the total number of cattle and calves on hand January 1, how

a. beef cows, including beef heifers that had calved?.....

NUMBER

+ 351

b. milk cows, including any dry cows or milk heifers that had calved?

EXCLUDE any heifers not yet freshened. If no milk cows, go to item 2c.....

+ 352

NUMBER

i. How many cows were milked on January 1?.....

349

ii. How much milk was produced that day?

(Only one day's production.).....

502 Gals.

OR

501 Lbs.

c. bulls weighing 500 pounds or more?.....

+ 353

d. heifers that had not calved, weighing 500 pounds or more:

i. for beef cow replacement?.....

+ 354

NUMBER

(a) How many of these beef cow replacement heifers are expected to calve during 2025?.....

376

ii. for milk cow replacement?.....

+ 355

(a) How many of these milk cow replacement heifers are expected to calve during 2025?.....

377

iii. other heifers weighing 500 pounds or more?.....

+ 356

Boxes 356 and 357 will never be milked. Meat production only.

e. steers weighing 500 pounds or more?.....

+ 357

f. heifer, steer, and bull calves weighing less than 500 pounds, including newborn calves?.....

+ 358

3. [Add items 2a through 2f and verify the total.]

Then the total cattle and calves on hand January 1 was: .....

= 350

**Box 355** - If milk heifers are being raised by someone else, 355 will be blank or a very low number. If the respondent is a custom heifer raiser, there will be heifers and very few, if any, milk cows.

**Box 356** - It is not common to have 'other heifers' on dairy operations.

**Calf Crop** for 2024 (Calves born on grazing land leased on a fee per head or animal unit month (AUM) basis should be included by the cattle owner, excluded by the land owner.)

4. Of the calves born on the total acres operated during 2024, **EXCLUDE** calves purchased.

**Box 363**

Should be close to the number of calves in inventory (358) unless:

- a. calves were purchased or  
b. calves born early last year and already over 500 lbs  
Make a note in either case.

NUMBER

363

- b. (Of the calves born on the total acres operated during 2024, how many) were sold, moved off this operation, or slaughtered by January 1?

364

**Box 364** - Help the target operator remember any bull calves they may have sold, if this is a dairy operation. If the target operator has calves moved to another farm to be raised, record them here (if they were born since January).

- c. had died by January 1? **EXCLUDE** calves born dead.

2% - 10% of total calves

5. [Add items 4a through 4c and verify the total.]

Then the total calves born during 2024 was? .....

366

- a. Of these calves born, how many were born in the six month period, July 1 through December 31, 2024? .....

341

**Box 341 or Box 362 in July** should be about equal to 1/2 of milk cows (352) on a dairy.

**Death and Losses** (Cattle and calves that died or were lost on grazing land leased on a fee per head or animal unit month (AUM) basis should be included by the cattle owner, excluded by the land owner.)

NUMBER

6. How many cattle weighing 500 pounds or more died or were lost from all causes during 2024? .....

367

7. How many calves weighing less than 500 pounds died or were lost from all causes during 2024? **EXCLUDE** calves born dead. ....

368

**Cattle and Calves on Feed**

We need to know about the cattle and calves on feed. Their ration would include grain, silage, and other feed.

**Box 652**

If there are **no steers or other heifers** in inventory (356 and 357), this should be blank.

If there are steers or other heifers in inventory (356 and 357), only include them in box 652 if they are fed a **protein ration** and will be **shipped directly to a slaughter market**.

Exclude animals that are "on pasture", animals for home slaughter, and veal.

8. Are there any cattle and calves on feed that will be shipped directly from your feedlot to slaughter market?

INCLUDE cattle being fed by you for slaughter market.  
**EXCLUDE**

- any of your cattle being custom fed in feedlots operated by others.
- cattle being "backgrounded only" for sale as feeders, for later placement on feed in another feedlot, or to be returned to pasture.
- "Cows and Bulls" on feed.

1 ☐ Yes - Go to item 9

3 ☐ No -

Did you operate a feedlot or feeding facility on the total acres operated at any time since January 1, 2024?

1 ☐ Yes - Go to item 10

3 ☐ No - Go to item 12

9. How many cattle and calves were on feed January 1 that will be shipped directly from your feedlot to slaughter market? .....

NUMBER

652

10. What was the total capacity of your feedlot on January 1? .....

NUMBER

676

If capacity is 1,000 or greater, Go to item 12

11. During 2024, how many cattle and calves on feed were shipped directly to slaughter market from your feedlot? .....

NUMBER

678

Inventory Values for Cattle and Calves on hand January 1, 2025.

Only complete for cattle on hand.

12. What is the average value per head of the following: [Report to nearest dollar.]

Dollars per Head

- a. Beef cows?.....
- b. Heifers kept for beef cow replacement weighing 500 pounds or more?.....
- c. Milk cows?.....
- d. Heifers kept for milk cow replacement weighing 500 pounds or more?.....
- e. Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more?.....
- f. Other heifers weighing 500 pounds or more?.....
- g. Steers weighing 500 pounds or more?.....
- h. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds?.....

190
192
266
267
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Slaughter for Consumption by this Operation

Only report cattle slaughtered for operation's household.

13. During 2024, how many cattle and calves were custom slaughtered at commercial establishments for consumption by this operation?.....

CATTLE

CALVES

268

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14. During 2024, how many cattle and calves were slaughtered on this operation for consumption by this operation?

INCLUDE mobile slaughtering.

EXCLUDE custom slaughter at commercial establishments. ....

270

271

1 - Incomplete, has cattle	498
2 - Incomplete, cattle presence unknown	
3 - Valid Zero	



## Section 2 - Change in Operator

Complete this section only if the answers to item 2 and 2b on the face page are both "No".

1. Has the operation (named on the label) been sold, rented or turned over to someone else?

<sub>1</sub> ☐ Yes - Go to item 2      <sub>3</sub> ☐ No - Continue

a. Will the land be used for any agricultural purpose by you (the operator), or anyone else in the next year?  
INCLUDE growing crops or raising livestock.

<sub>1</sub> ☐ Yes - Continue      <sub>3</sub> ☐ No - Continue      <sub>2</sub> ☐ Don't Know - Continue

Regardless of answer to item 1a, write a note to explain the situation, and then go to Section 3, back page

**This section should only be filled out for an out of business operation.  
(All NO answers on the front page)**

2. Was the operator (named on label) operating a farm or ranch on June 1, 2024?

<sub>1</sub> ☐ Yes - Continue      <sub>3</sub> ☐ No - Continue

3. Please provide the following information for the operation that has taken over the land:

a. What is the name and address of the new operation?

Operation Name:			
Operator Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone:	(      )	-	Check if cell phone <input type="checkbox"/>

b. Was the (item 3a) new operation in business before June 1, 2024?

<sub>1</sub> ☐ Yes - Go to Section 3, back page      <sub>3</sub> ☐ No - Continue

c. Is the (item 3a) new operation managed?

<sub>1</sub> ☐ Yes - Go to Section 3, back page      <sub>3</sub> ☐ No - Continue

d. Were any of the individuals associated with the (item 3a) operation operating land individually before June 1, 2024?

<sub>1</sub> ☐ Yes - Go to Section 3, back page      <sub>3</sub> ☐ No - Go to Section 3, back page

**In CAPI, you will be routed to this section if all the screening questions in the introduction section are answered no.**

## Section 3 - Conclusion

1. Do you (the operator named on the label) make any day-to-day decisions for another farm or ranch?

1 ☐ Yes - Continue

3 ☐ No - Go to Conclusion: Contact Information

a. What is the name of the other operation(s)?...

Operation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Was this additional operation in business before June 1, 2024?

1 ☐ Yes - Continue

3 ☐ No - Continue

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (       ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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### Conclusion: Contact Information

Operator Email:

Operator Phone:

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Operation Email: (if different from above)

Operation Phone: (if different from above)

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Check to receive  
results by email  
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Respondent Name:

Respondent Phone (if different from above)

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Date: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

This completes the survey. Thank you for your help. The results will be available on the release date at: [nass.usda.gov/results](https://nass.usda.gov/results)

In CAPI:

For Complete and Refusal: Enter Response, Respondent, and Mode

For Inaccessible: Enter Response and Mode

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Response	Respondent	Mode	Enum.	Eval.	Change	Office Use for POID				
1-Comp	9901	1-Op/Mgr	9902	1-PASI (Mail)	9903	9998	9900	9985	9989	_____
2-R		2-Sp		2-PATI (Tel)						
3-Inac		3-Acct/Bkpr		3-PAPI (Face-to-Face)						
4-Office Hold		4-Partner		6-Email						
5-R – Est		9-Oth		7-Fax						
6-Inac – Est				19-Other						
7-Off Hold – Est										
S/E Name										