Market placements and prices

2011-2013: Monthly cattle on feed, placements and weights

12,000

11.000

Cattle price indexes and spreads



percent and Missouri jumped

3.6 percent. South Dakota's herd

dropped 3.1 percent in cows, in

part from the devastating Atlas

blizzard of October 2013, while

cow herds decline 2.6 and 2.0

The low cattle supply was

percent while U.S. cash receipts

CME feeder cattle prices began

soaring around September 2013

the U.S. during an ongoing period of low beef supplies. Feeder calf

prices hovered between \$165 per

hundredweight (cwt) through

the last quarter of the year, a

phenomenal rise considering

jumped almost \$700 million. The

evident also in the U.S. total of

cattle sales, which dropped 1

percent, respectively.

Sales and prices

Texas and Montana also saw beef

calf prices in generations, and a dearth of cattle supply, U.S. beef producers entered 2014 with a promising dilemma: whether to cash in on record prices or take

U.S. beef cow inventory on Jan. 1, 2014 dropped just shy of 1 percent over 2013 to 29.04 million head – the lowest beef cow count

Total inventory of cattle and

prices were \$92 per cwt in early

The U.S. remained the global leader in beef production with in 2013, or about 20 percent of the total global beef supply. Yet the U.S. ranks only fifth in the world in total cattle numbers, one position lower than it was a year ago. Among the top 5 beefproducing nations, Brazil saw its output jump 4 percent, followed by China with 1.8 percent, and India with 11.6 percent more beef produced. The European Union and U.S. saw production decline

3.1 and 0.8 percent, respectively.

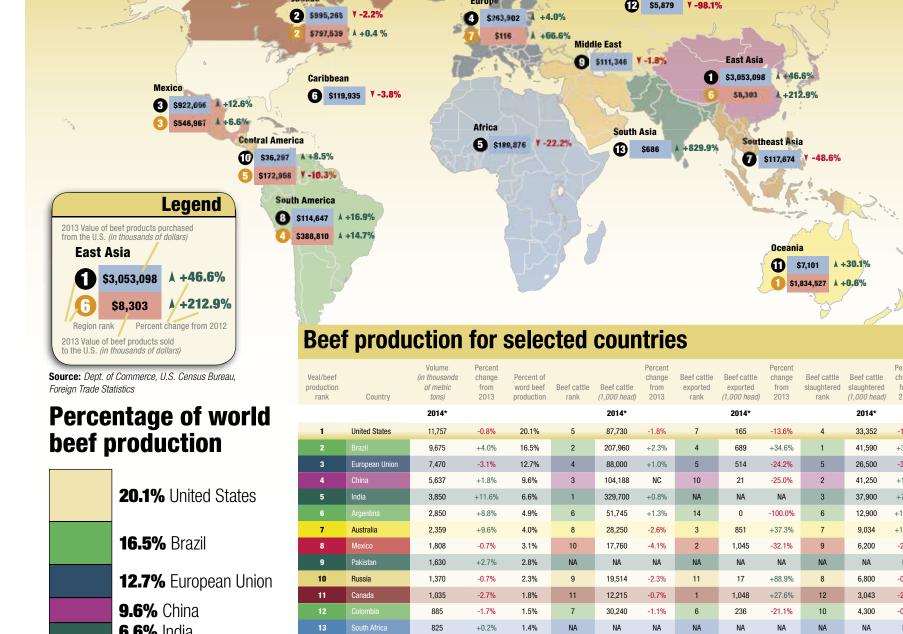
After a narrowing of the trade gap in 2012, export volume of

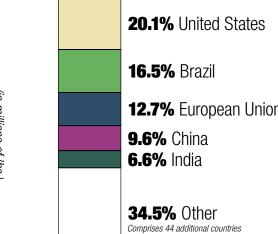
marking the fourth straight year exports outpaced U.S. imports.

One decade after the 2003 bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) case that crippled U.S. beef exports to Japan, that country returned to the top as America's top trading partner. Japan was the top meat exports with 234,615 metric tons shipped, a jump of 54 percent over 2012. Export values to Japan rose 35 percent to \$1.38 billion. Yet the volume of beef sent to Japan is still almost half of what it

Mexico dropped as the top to the No. 2 position, vet saw 12 percent growth in volume and 13 percent in beef value spent for U.S. beef.

Global production and trade













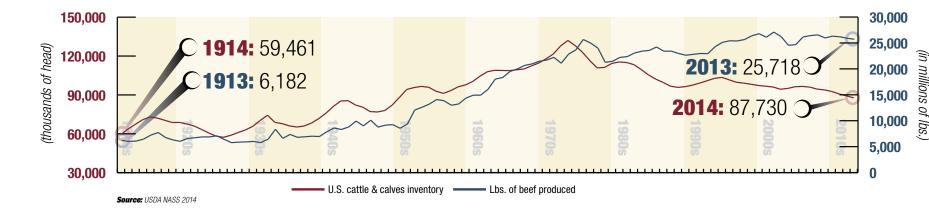
CATTLEMAN 2013 beef statistics

Progressive Cattleman Editor David Cooper Sparked by the highest feeder

calves fell to 87.7 million head, the lowest tally in the U.S. since 1951. Total beef production also dropped 1 percent to 25.7 billion

drought with higher numbers in beef cow inventories, including Kansas with 6.5 percent more cows, Oklahoma went up 2.9

100-year history: U.S. cattle & calves inventory & beef produced



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U.S. beef products export volume and value

U.S. beef exports to select markets

1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013

Top 20 countries buying U.S. beef products (exports)

\$823,348

\$254,427



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25 23 14 107

36 174,800 35 \$293,555

1,250

2 Missouri 1,820 A +3.6%

21 55 27 71

16 693,000 14 \$1,491,105

NA NA 35 58

39 130,000 36 \$248,825

7 Kansas 1,414 A +6.5%

3 4,689,000 3 \$7,755,014

Texas 3,910 Y -2.6%

10,900 151,362

1 2,450 26 72

6,235,000 2 \$10,104,422

3 Oklahoma 1,805 A +2.9%

25,189

8 Kentucky 1,012 Y -1.6%

14 2,090 4 40,141

19 551,000 19 \$835,823

16 Alabama 671 A +3.1%

26 1,240 16 21,149

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20 546,000 23 \$630,458

20 Georgia 480 Y -2.0%

31 262,000 31 \$399,733



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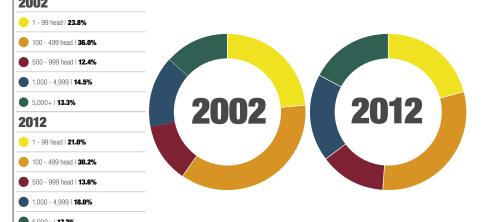




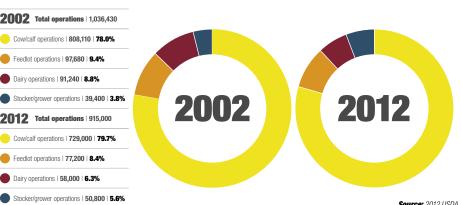
Top 50 beef cow counties



U.S. cattle inventory by operation size

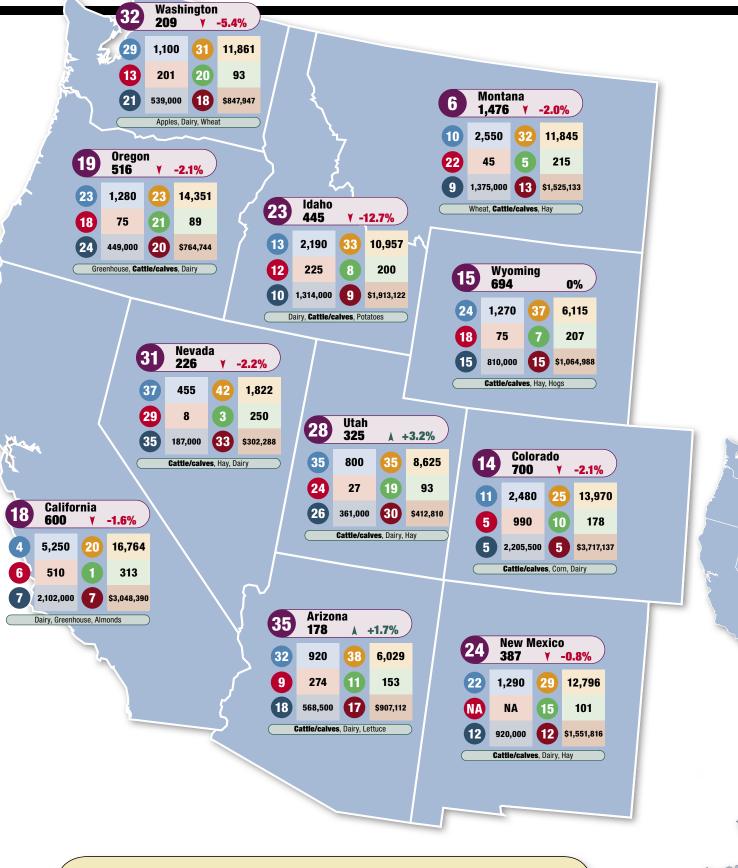


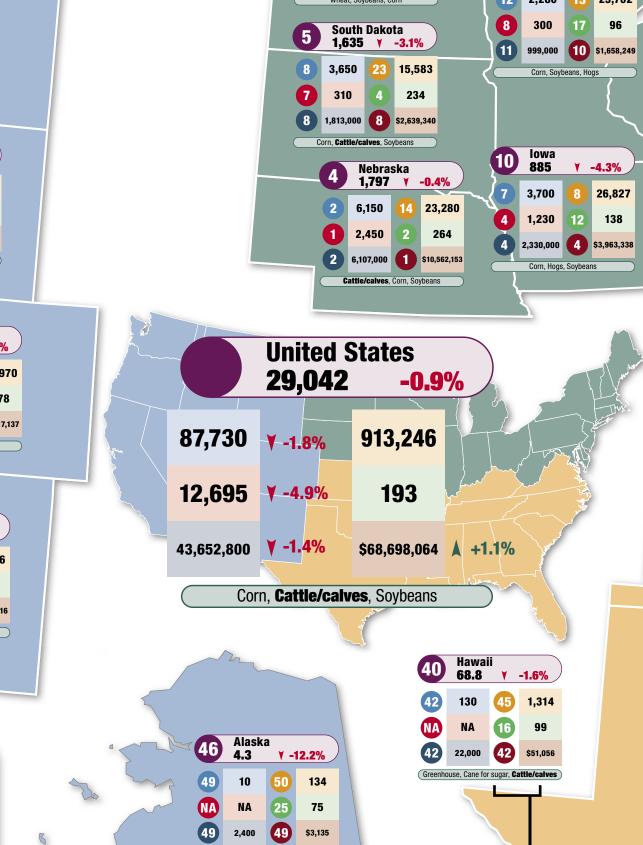
U.S. cattle operations



Stocker/grower operations 50,800 5.6%					Source: 2012 US
10-year growth Live cattle weight production from 2004 to 2013 (thousands of lbs.)		3-year growth Live cattle weight production from 2010 to 2013 (thousands of lbs.)		1-year growth Live cattle weight production from 2012 to 2013 (thousands of lbs.)	
Top 10		Top 10		Top 10	
Nebraska	2,421,282	Nebraska	1,889,758	Nebraska	181,63
Kansas	1,433,322	Texas	1,528,835	ldaho	166,68
Texas	1,403,574	California	940,454	Wisconsin	136,97
lowa	1,016,045	Kansas	784,618	lowa	125,34
California	1,010,741	lowa	654,664	Montana	93,499
Oklahoma	675,144	Wisconsin	589,627	Wyoming	87,521
Wisconsin	652,690	Colorado	433,250	Minnesota	81,537
ldaho	557,418	Oklahoma	426,856	Texas	75,079
New Mexico	550,264	South Dakota	410,302	Arizona	73,737
South Dakota	532,331	ldaho	386,630	Colorado	63,611







14 872,500 16 1,051,764



West region

Cattle/calves (# of head) Calf crop Cattle on feed 2,430,000 10,855,400 Cattle sales 1,879,600 Cattle/calves operations

100-499 head (operations) 15,979 7,293 500+ head (operations)

North region

Cattle/calves (# of head) 10,646,700 5,263,000 Calf crop Cattle on feed 15,189,900 Cattle sales 2,336,100 Calf sales

Cattle/calves operations 100-499 head (operations) 52,705 11,269 500+ head (operations)

Cash receipts

\$24,865,804,000

South region

Cattle/calves (# of head) Cattle on feed Cattle sales Calf sales

Cattle/calves operations

100-499 head (operations) 500+ head (operations)





60,923

