

# SECTOR PROFILE AT A GLANCE

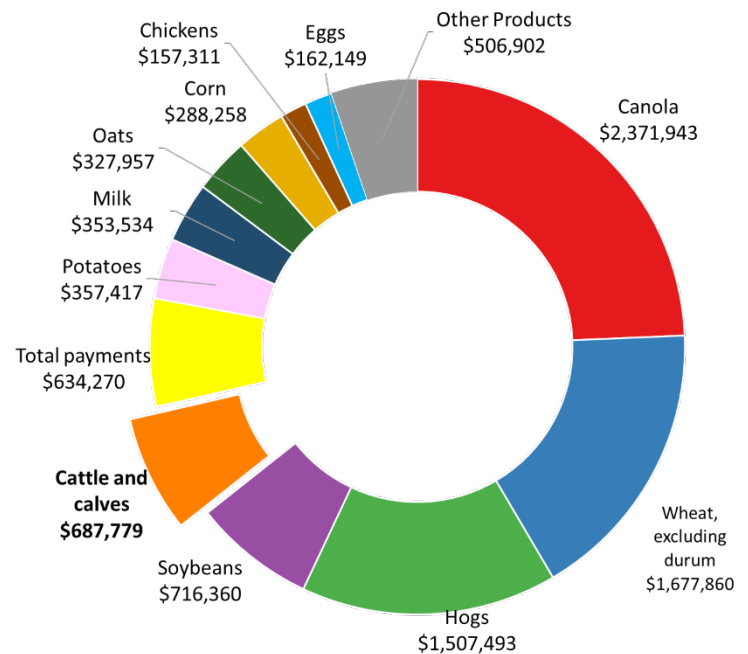
## Beef Cattle



### Highlights

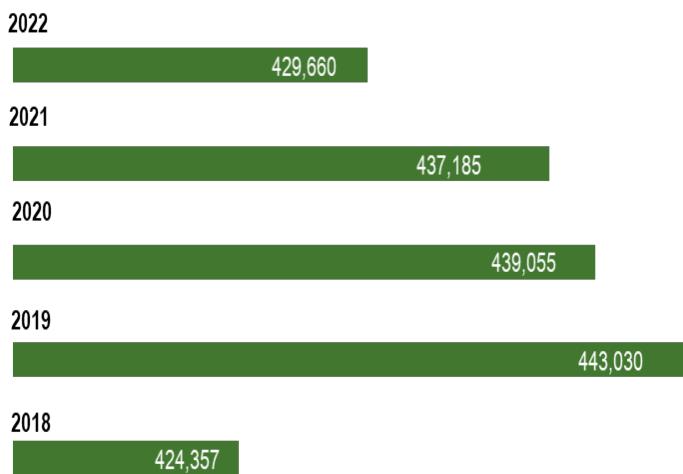
- In 2022, Manitoba sold 429,660 head and reported \$688 million in cash receipts for cattle and calves.
- Feeder cattle prices in 2022 were the second highest on record, following 2015.
- Economic contribution of the cattle industry (direct and indirect) is \$1.1 billion for total output, \$299 million to GDP.
- Manitoba is home to Canada's third largest beef cowherd of 392,700 head, representing 11 per cent of the national herd.
- Ranches are strategically located throughout the province to utilize pastures, crown lands, forage and water supplies for sustainable and cost effective beef production.

### Farm Cash Receipts (2022, '000 of dollars)



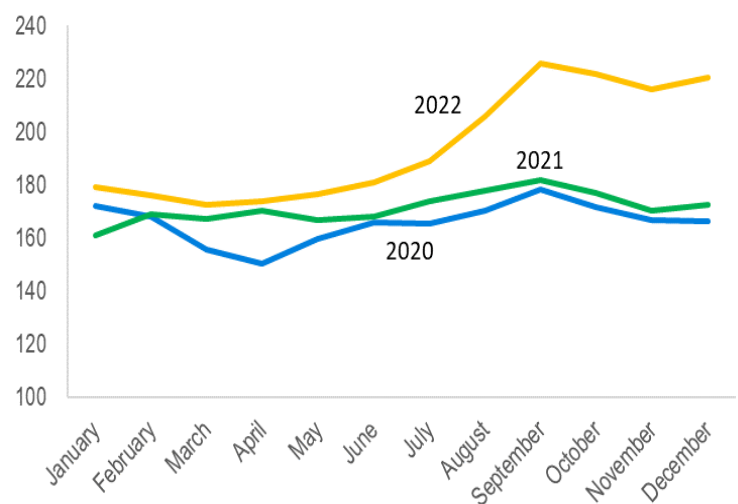
Source: Statistics Canada

### Sales (head)



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### Prices (feeder cattle, dollars per cwt, monthly)

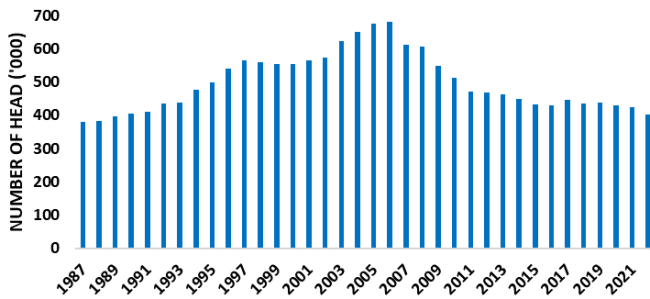


Source: Statistics Canada 32-10-0077-01

## Inventory

- As of July 1, 2022, there were 1.02 million head of cattle on farms including 402,400 beef cows. As of January 1, 2023, there are 960,000 cattle and 392,700 beef cows on farms. The herd size is showing contraction due to the 2021 drought and economic conditions facing cattle ranchers.

## Beef Cows on Farms ('000 head, July 1)



Source: Statistics Canada, 32-10-0130-01

## Marketing, Processing and Trade

- Manitoba origin cattle processed in Canada numbered 90,800 head in 2022. In Manitoba, one federal and 15 provincial plants processed 41,435 cattle and calves.
- In 2022, Manitoba cattle sales were two per cent lower than in 2021.
- Manitoba auction marts handled 309,907 head, in 2022, five per cent less cattle, compared to 2021. The largest number of sales were in October and November.
- Within Canada, the majority of cattle are sent to Alberta. Ontario was the most popular destination for calf sales, followed by Saskatchewan and Alberta.
- In 2022, Manitoba exported 98,960 head of live cattle at a value of \$162 million, primarily to the United States.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Manitoba beef producers support wildlife habitat and biodiversity with grazing management planning.
- There is a long history of beef producers doing the right thing for their land and their cattle. They are committed to sustainability producing food for all of us.
- The average Canadian consumes 40 pounds of beef and veal annually.
- Seventy-seven per cent of Manitoba's beef cattle are on cow-calf operations, 15 per cent on feeder and stocker operations, and seven per cent on feeding operations.
- The beef industry encourages producers to enroll in the Verified Beef Production + (VBP+) program that reviews on-farm records and audits animal care, biosecurity and environmental stewardship practices.

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