# Canada's Beef Industry ASI ACIS

June 2019



59,784



# Farms and Ranches with Beef Cattle

2016 Agriculture Census

11.45 million



# Total Cattle and Calves Down 1% from 2018

(includes 1.4 million dairy cattle)
Statistics Canada

3.66 million



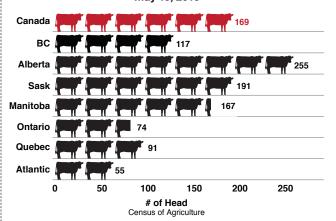
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## **PRODUCTION**

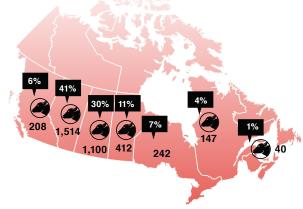
#### Average # of Beef Cattle per Farm

May 10, 2016

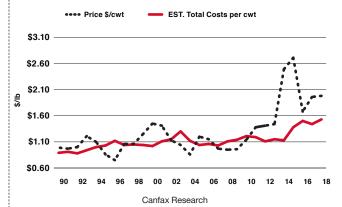


#### **Beef Cows by Province**

January 1, 2019 (beef cows = 3.66 million) All inventories in 1,000 head



# Average Cost of Production vs. Average Returns on an Alberta 550 lb Calf



### Did you know...

The average beef cow herd size in Canada is 69.

2016 Agriculture Cencus

# There are a lot of small cattle farms...



4% of the farms have

29% of the beef cows

has over 273 cows.

**61%** of the farms have 16% of the beef cows and each of these farms has less than 47 cows.

23% of the farms have 26% of the beef cows and each of these farms has between 47 and 122 cows.

11% of the farms have 29% of the beef cows and each of these farms has between 123 and 272 cows.

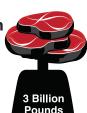
and each of these farms 2016 Agriculture Census

Canada fed **2.9 million cattle** in 2018 (finished to market weight) **up 1%** from 2017.

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Western Canada finishes 76% of all fed cattle in Canada. Canfax

In 2018, Canada produced **3.08 billion pounds of beef,** up 2.7% from 2017.



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Cattle and calf cash receipts in 2018 totaled \$9.07 billion, steady with 2017. Statistics Canada

Beef production contributed **\$18 billion to Canada's GDP** (2014-2018 average).

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