

The US Cattle Industry

Source: 2012 Ag Census

The Cattle

93.6 million cattle

31.2 million beef cows

6.4 million replacement heifers

9.35 million dairy cows

35 million calves

Top Cattle States

- 1. Texas**
- 2. Nebraska**
- 3. Kansas**
- 4. California**
- 5. Oklahoma**

- 10. Colorado**

The Farms & Ranches

913,000 Total cattle & calf farms

728,000 – Beef cattle farms

91% family or individually owned

11% operated by women

26,500 – Feedlots

80% family or individually owned

5% operated by women

64,000 – Dairy Cow farms

58.3 – average age of principal farmer/rancher



Colorado Cattle Industry

Source: 2012 Ag Census

Colorado Cattle

2.85 million cattle

800,000 beef cows

200,000 beef replacement heifers

155,000 milk cows

175,000 calves

850,000 steers

Colorado Farms & Ranches

13,970 Total cattle & calf farms

11,267 – Beef cattle farms

91% family or individually owned

415 – Feedlots

80% family or individually owned

517 – Dairy Cow farms

58.9 – average age of principal farmer/rancher

Jokes

Knock-knock
Who's there?
Cow's go...
Cow's go WHO?
Cows go MOO, not who!

Q: What do you call a cow that has just had a baby?

A: De-calf-inated!

Q: What do you call sleeping male cattle?

A: Bull-dozers!

Q: What does a cow ride when her car is broken?

A: A COW-asaki MOO-torcycle!

Q: Where do cows go on their space vacation?

A: The Moooon!

Q: What is a cow's favorite party game?

A: MOO-sical chairs

Q: How does a cow do math?

A: A COW-culator!

Q: What do cows read at the breakfast table?

A: The moospaper!

Q: Where do cows go on dates?

A: The moovies!

Fun Facts

When animals graze in the pasture, they have to tear the grass by moving their heads. Cattle don't have any cutting teeth in the front of their upper jaw, so they can't just bite the grass off.

The rumen can hold 40 gallons – that is as big as a bathtub! What sport uses a pigskin? Football. Many footballs are made out of cowhide, not pig skin!

Beef by-products allow us to use 99% of every beef animal.

Cattle use their tails as fly swatters.

Cattle spend 6 hours a day eating and 8 hours a day chewing cud.

A cow stands up and sits down about 14 times a day.

Cattle can detect odors up to five miles away

Adult cattle have 32 teeth. Many people do, too.

Cattle can see color.

Hay ranks third, behind pasture and corn, as the most popular livestock feed.

There are 207 bones in a cow's body.