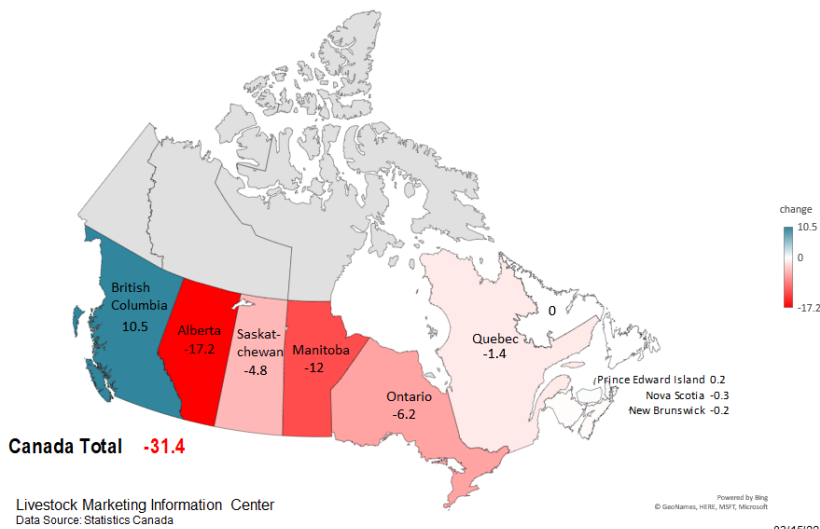


USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and Statistics Canada jointly released on March 4, 2022 two reports: [United States and Canadian Hogs](#) and [United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep](#). In the reports, the U.S. data for hog inventory is as of the December 1 Hogs and Pigs report while the U.S. cattle and sheep inventory data were released on January 31, 2022. The Canadian data in both reports was released on February 28, 2022. Focusing on Canada inventory, all cattle and calves in Canada on January 1, 2022, was 11.1 million head, down marginally by 60,000 head from the prior year. Total beef cow numbers in Canada fell 31,400 head from 2021. Alberta and Saskatchewan accounted for nearly three quarters (72%) of the total beef cow inventory in Canada. Both provinces posted declines of 17,200 and 4,800 head from a year ago. Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec all posted declines while British Columbia was the only province to post an increase in beef cow numbers.

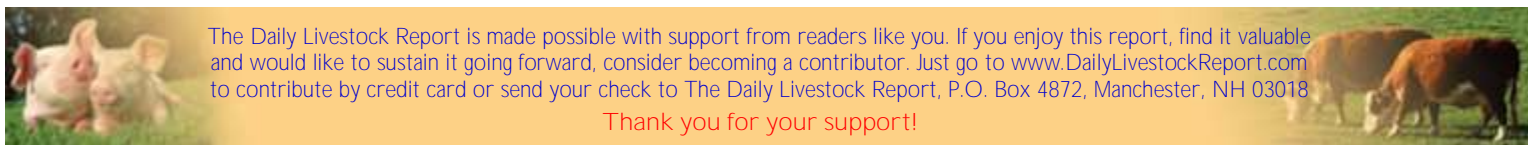
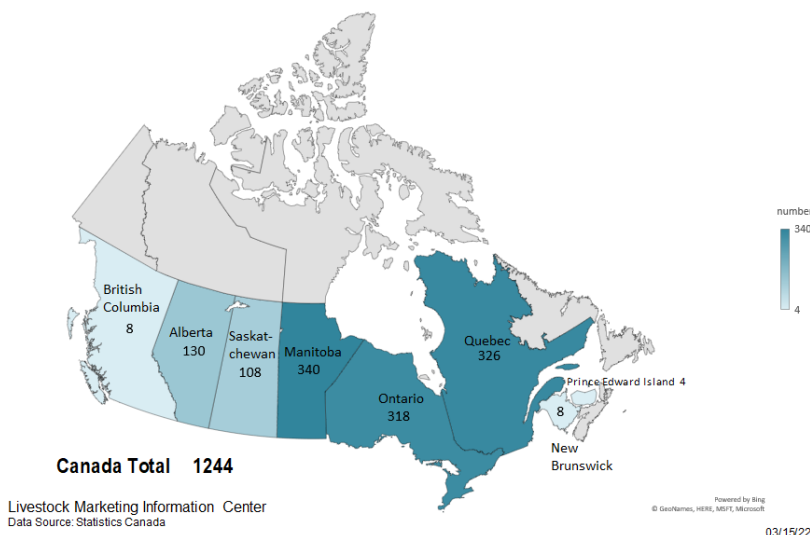
Similar to much of the Western U.S., drought has been an ongoing issue for western Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and part of Manitoba. The North American Drought Monitor defines these three provinces as the Prairie Region. According to the February 11, 2022 North American Drought Monitor (the most recently available as of this writing) 61% of the Prairie Region was classified as Abnormally Dry (D0) or in Moderate to Exceptional Drought (D1 to D4). Persistent drought in the region is likely contributing to the decline in beef cow inventory levels in those provinces.

According to the USDA NASS [report](#), Canadian hog inventory levels on January 1 were up less than one percent to 14.1 million head, the highest in four years. The breeding herd improved slightly by 4,000 head to 1.26 million head while sows farrowed declined marginally by 8,000 head to 1.25 million head. The decreased sows farrowed led to a 18,000 head drop in the pig crop to 14.93 million head. Although both sows farrowed and the pig crop were down from the prior year, the pigs saved per litter calculated to be 11.9 which is an improvement from the 11.85 a year earlier. Sows and gilts inventory according to Statistics Canada increased 4,200 head from a year ago. Manitoba leads Canada in sows and gilts inventory at 340,000 head followed by Quebec (326,000) and Ontario (318,000).

CHANGE IN BEEF COWS 2021 TO 2022 Canada, 1000 Head



SOWS & GILTS JANUARY 1, 2022 Canada, 1000 Head



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