

Agriculture Fact Sheet

Cattle 2025



- A live steer weighs about 1,000 pounds and yields about 450 pounds of edible meat.
- Beef is regularly eaten in more than 90 percent of all U.S. households.
- There are more than 60 different beef cuts percent to choose from in the U.S.
- Of all the beef eaten by Americans, about 40 percent is in the form of hamburgers.



- In 2025, Mississippi had 810,000 head of cattle on 13,631 farms.
- The production value of cattle in 2025 was \$639 million.
- Chickasaw County, Covington County, Hinds County, Scott County, and Simpson County have the highest inventory of cattle in the state.
- Lean - 100 grams of beef with less than 10 grams of fat, 4.5 grams or less of saturated fat, and less than 95 milligrams of cholesterol.
- Extra Lean - 100 grams of beef with less than 5 grams of fat, less than 2 grams of saturated fat, and less than 95 milligrams of cholesterol.



- Gelatin - the product derived from the bones, horns and skin - is used in the making of marshmallows, ice cream, canned meats and gelatin desserts.
- Insulin is perhaps the best-known pharmaceutical derived from cattle. It is used to treat diabetes mellitus, which afflicts more than 13 million Americans.
- The meat industry is the most regulated industry in the nation, except for the nuclear energy industry.



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