Tennessee’s Beef Cattle Herd  
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There are an estimated 883,000 beef cows that have calved and 135,000 beef heifers for beef cow replacements on Tennessee’s 42,344 beef farms beginning 2015.  
   
Tennessee’s 2014 calf crop was 840,000 calves (latest available count).  
   
Tennessee was home to some 1,856,316 beef cattle during 2014, on 62.27% of Tennessee farms.  
  
Tennessee ranks 13th in the USA for the number of beef cows that have calved.  
  
Tennessee began 2014 with some 68,000 farms having 10,900,000 acres for an average of 160 acres per farm.  
  
Sales from all Tennessee agricultural commodities during 2013 was $4,126,429.00 however, gross income from cattle and calves during 2014 was $840,042.00 accounting for 20.3% of Tennessee’s agricultural income.  
  
Tennessee has 13 cattle harvesting facilities all across the state.  
  
Currently, Tennessee has 25 livestock marketing facilities (stockyards and tele-marketing) at which farmers market their cattle and calves from Mountain City to Memphis.  
  
The top 6 counties for beef cattle during 2014: Greene, Lincoln, Giles, Bedford Lawrence, and Maury.  
  
Tennessee Loves Beef as the citizens spend $2,320,818,060.00 annually on beef and beef products.  
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On average Americans spend $357.27 per year on beef and beef products.  
“Beef It’s What’s For Dinner”  
   
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