

A Snapshot OF PA BEEF PRODUCTION • 2024 •



PA is the top cattle-producing state in the Northeast U.S.



PA ranks 5th in population with **12,931,957**



US States - Ranked by Population 2022 (worldpopulationreview.com)

PA ranks 34th in all cattle and calf production with **1,370,000**



USDA/NASS 2021 State Agriculture Overview for Pennsylvania



9 : 1 ratio of people to cattle

There are **12,000** beef cattle farms and **25,000** total cattle farms in the state



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7,300+ beef and dairy producers are in the BQA program



MEET YOUR HARD-WORKING PA BEEF PRODUCER:

Average age of 56

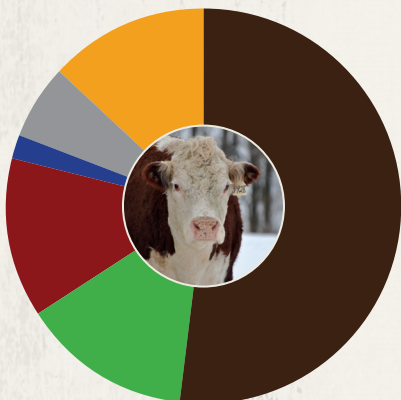


60% have been in the industry for 15+



70% have fewer than 50 head of cattle

PRIMARY OPERATIONS:



- 52%: Cow/calf
- 14%: Retail/freezer beef
- 13%: Feedlot/finisher
- 2%: Backgrounder/stocker
- 6%: Dairy beef
- 13%: Personal use

GREATEST CHALLENGES:

- » Access to land and capital
- » Government regulations
- » Infrastructure challenges
- » USDA inspected packing facilities for direct marketing



- » 68% Keep cattle from calf to slaughter
- » 18% Grass-fed

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