

# BEEF NEWS



## Indiana Beef Council Indiana Beef Cattle Association *News Release*



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## *May is Beef Month*



(Indianapolis) - Raising beef is a complex process, but throughout the entire journey, one thing remains constant – the shared commitment to raising cattle in a safe, humane and environmentally sustainable way by using the latest technology and resources. Currently, more than 700,000 cattle farms and ranches in the United States, with an average herd size of 40 cattle, produce 19 percent of the world's beef. Of these operations, 97 percent are family-owned.

Estimates are between 970 million and 1.4 billion cattle live on the planet. India has the largest cattle inventory in the world, followed by Brazil and China. Those three countries are home to roughly 64% of the world's cattle.

The U.S. has the fourth largest cattle inventory in the world, with more than 94 million head of beef cattle. The U.S. provides 19 percent of the world's beef, but only has 10 percent of the world's cattle. Texas is the top producer of beef in the U.S., followed by Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma and South Dakota. The average American eats about 61 pounds of beef each year.

From the farmers and ranchers to the processors, thousands of people play an integral role in the journey of beef from the field to the market. Please join Indiana's beef producers in celebrating all those involved in the process throughout May with National Beef Month. But don't limit your celebration to just one month when you can feast on this wholesome, delicious food all year round! Celebrate beef throughout the rest of the year.