



# Fun Facts about Beef Cattle

The United States and Australia are the top beef producing countries in the world.

More than 100 medicines used by humans come from beef cattle.

One cowhide can produce enough leather to make 20 footballs, 18 soccer balls, 18 volleyballs, or 12 basketballs.

Among the 50 states, Kansas is number 1 in beef processing and number 3 in beef production.

Cattle are ruminant animals. They have a stomach with four compartments, which allows them to eat feeds like grass and hay which humans cannot eat.

When the average beef cow chews feed it causes over 40,000 jaw movements per day.

Cattle consume less than 2/10ths of 1% of all water used in the United States.

Cattle outnumber humans in nine states: Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, and Wyoming.

A beef cow spends 6 hours eating and 8 hours chewing its cud each day.

Hamburger meat from 1 steer would equal 720 quarter-pound hamburgers, enough to feed a family of 4 everyday for 6 months.