

# A Snapshot OF PA BEEF PRODUCTION



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



PA ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in population with **12,805,537**



PA ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in all cattle & calves with **1,620,000**

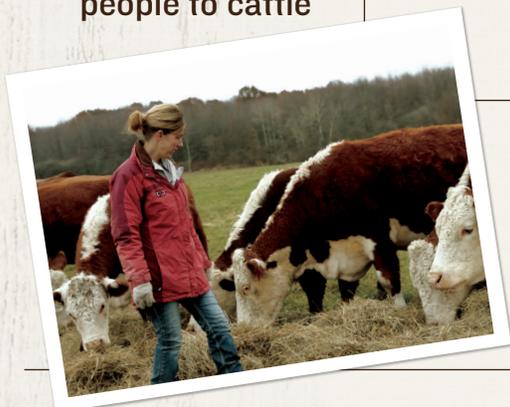


12 : 1 ratio of people to cattle

There are 11,800 beef cattle farms and 25,100 total cattle farms



**4,700** beef and dairy producers are BQA certified



## MEET YOUR HARD-WORKING PA PRODUCER:

Average age is 52

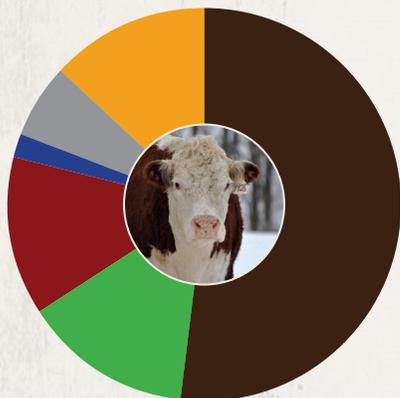


60% have been in the industry for 15+ yrs



70% have less than 50 head of cattle

## PRIMARY OPERATIONS:



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

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

## GREATEST CHALLENGES:

- » Access to land and capital
- » Government regulations



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