

Beef Sustainability Facts

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PROTECT OPEN SPACES AND SUPPORT RECREATION

In many places throughout the U.S., **cattle protect open space and coexist with outdoor recreationists** who fish, hike, camp and more! ^{1,2}

MAXIMIZE USE OF LAND

Cattle grazing conserves and regenerates land by making use of rocky, steep, arid terrain that cannot be used for crop production. Cattle are the perfect land conservationists!³

REDUCE CARBON FOOTPRINT

The U.S. has had the **lowest beef greenhouse gas** emissions intensity in the world since 1996. Since 1961, U.S. beef has reduced emissions by nearly 43% while producing 75% more beef per animal. So, U.S. beef farmers and ranchers produce more beef with fewer emissions! ⁴⁻⁷

PROTECT PLANT AND ANIMAL BIODIVERSITY

Many plants and wildlife species including a growing number of endangered species—depend on the grazing and management practices of beef farmers and ranchers to survive and thrive! 1

PROVIDE WILDFIRE PREVENTION

Cattle grazing prevents overgrowth of forages that act as fuel for wildfires.⁸ Cattle grazing is a critical and low-cost part of the solution to proactively fighting and suppressing wildfires!

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