MAJORITY OF CATTLE ARE MARKETED FOR CONSUMPTION

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SOURCES OF INCOME FOR COW-CALF OPERATIONS

- 15.8% of cow-calf operations act as a primary source of income for producers.
- 81.3% of cow-calf operations act as a supplemental source of income for producers.

Cow-Calf Operation is the Primary Source of Income by Herd Size

- 71.9% of large operations
- 32.4% of medium operations
- 7.5% of small operations

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PRECONDITIONING PRACTICES BEFORE SALE

Percentage of Cattle Castrated Before Sale

- 60.1% on small operations
- 83.6% on medium operations
- 91.7% on large operations

62% of commercial operations castrated calves before sale.

59.8% of operations used conventional channels to market their beef calves.

42.5% of all operations provided buyers with information about their calf health program before sale.

DESTINATIONS OF WEANED CALVES

- 59.4% sale barn/auction
- 28.8% feedlot
- 3.6% stocker/backgrounder
- 2.9% another cow-calf operation
- 5.1% order buyer/dealer
- 0.2% other

92.2% of calves were born without horns in 2017.

GENERAL HEALTH PRACTICES AMONG COW-CALF PRODUCERS

- 8.1% of operations used pneumatic darts on any cattle.
- 1.1% of cattle were injected using pneumatic darts.

93.8% of producers said they would contact a private veterinarian if they suspected a case of Foot-and-Mouth Disease on their operation.