

Glossary:Bovine

Statistics Explained

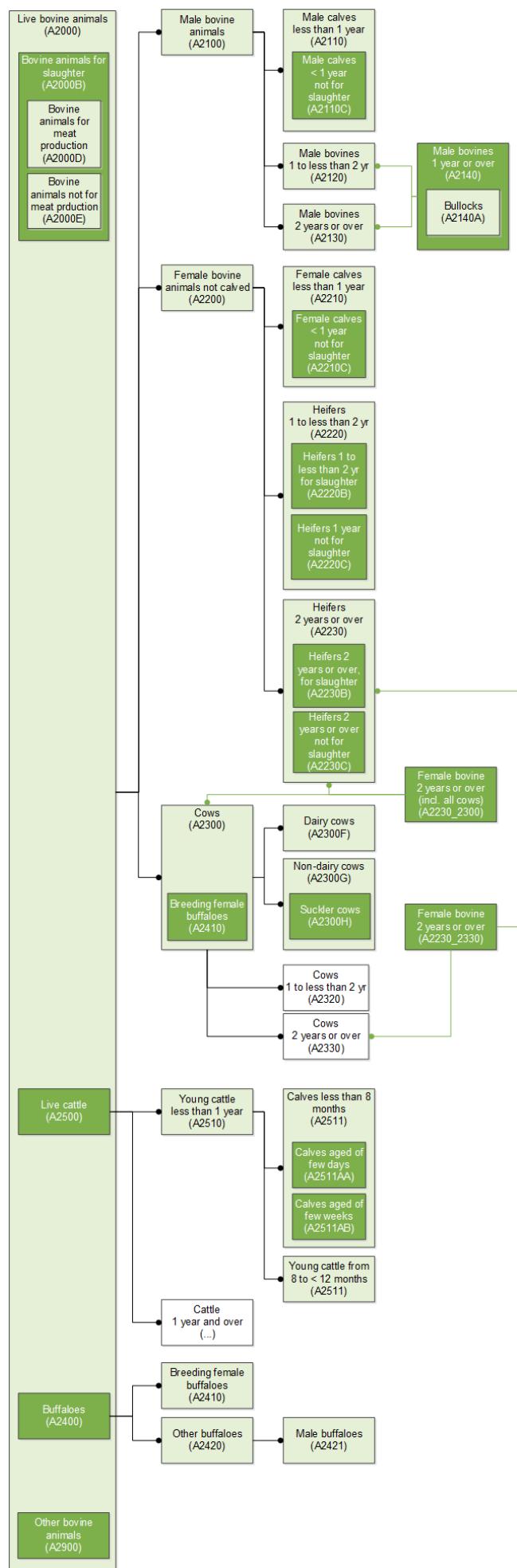
A **bovine** refers to a domestic animal of the species *Bos taurus* ([cattle](#)) or *Bubalus bubalis* (water buffalo), and also includes hybrids like *Beefalo* .

A distinction can be made by the age of the animal (less than one year old, aged between one and two years, and two years and over), with a further division between male and female bovines.

Female bovines aged one year old and over are divided into **heifers** (female bovines that have not yet calved) and [cows](#) (a female bovine that has calved, including animals that are less than 2 years). The latter are further divided into [dairy cows](#) and others.

Includes

- Cattle (*Bos taurus* , L.)
- Buffalo, such as water buffalo (*Bubalus bubalis* L.)
- Bison (*Bison* spp.)
- Hybrids, such as Beefalo (*Bos Taurus xBison bison*)



Further information

- [Economic accounts for agriculture](#) (ESMS metadata file — aact_esms)
- [Structure of agricultural holdings](#) (ESMS metadata file — ef_esms)

Related concepts

- [Cattle](#)
- [Cow](#)

Statistical data

- [Agriculture statistics at regional level](#)