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The Canadian beef industry is a cyclical and seasonal, commodity based industry characterized by high volumes, low margins and intensive capital requirements. Producers often use the predictability of these cycles and seasonality to their advantage by expanding, selling or maintaining their herd size to correspond with the supply and demand fundamentals of the cycle.

While the duration of cattle cycle can be affected by outside forces such as drought, disease or significant economic events, a typical cattle cycle runs from ten to twelve years. A cycle generally consists of five years of expansion, three years of liquidation, and two years of consolidation.

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