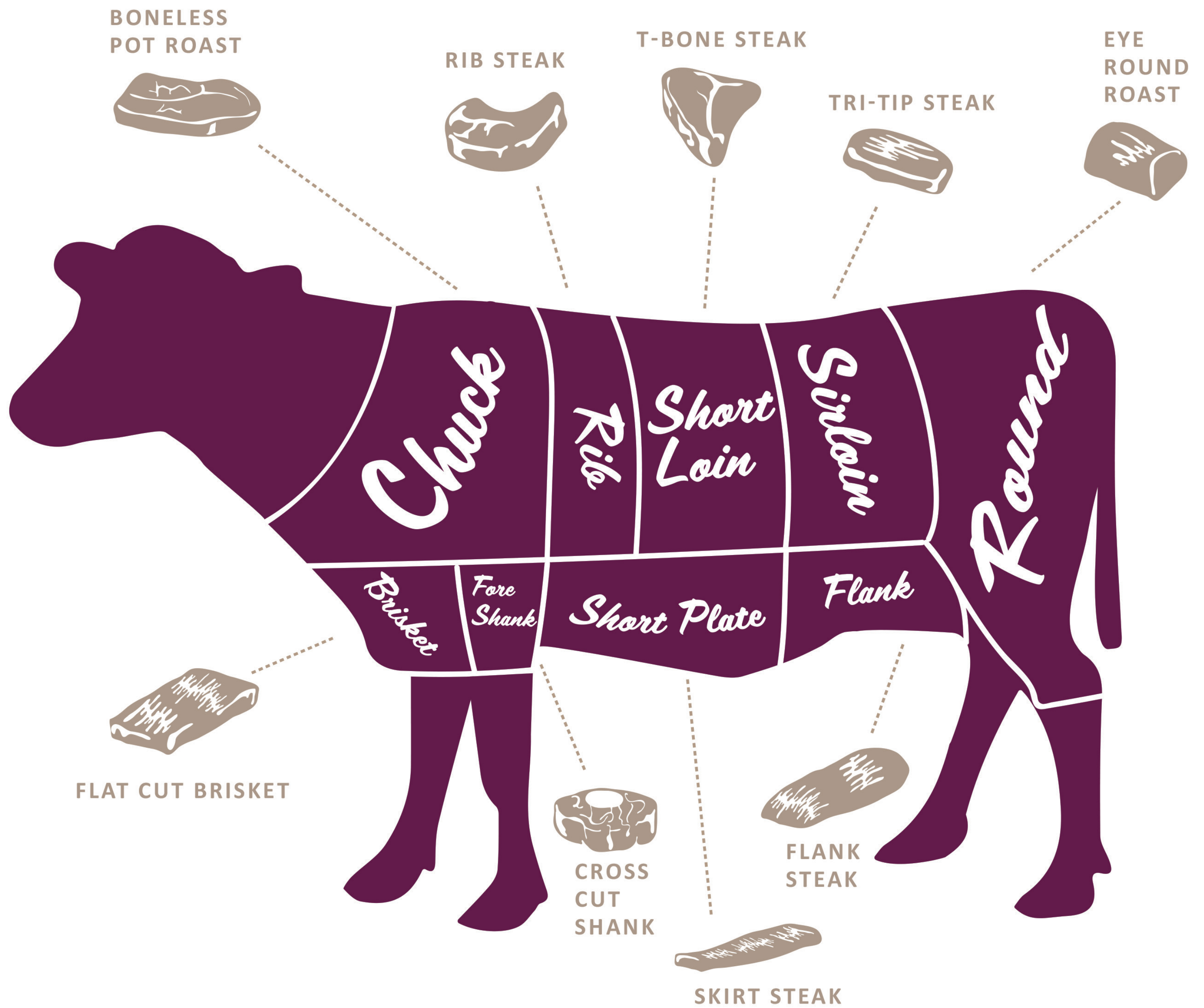


# Beef



There are around 8,000 beef farms in Michigan with an average herd size of 31 head (2012 USDA Farm Census).

The beef lifecycle takes 2-3 years from pasture to plate.

The primary source of ground beef is the chuck, which makes up about one-quarter of a beef carcass.