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CATTLE ON FEED

ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 233,000 head as of January 1, 2025. The latest inventory was less than 1 percent above last month's inventory, but down 12 percent from January 1, 2024. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 21,000 head of fed cattle during December 2024, up 5 percent from the previous month and 5 percent above the December 2023 marketings of 20,000 head. An estimated 23,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2024, 5 percent above last month and 15 percent above the December 2023 placements of 20,000 head. Other disappearance for December, at 1,000 head, was the same as last month and last year. Steers and steer calves on hand as of January 1, 2025, totaled 218,000 head, down 13 percent from one year ago. Heifers and heifer calves on hand as of January 1, 2025, totaled 15,000 head, unchanged from last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on January 1, 2025. The inventory was 1 percent below January 1, 2024. The inventory included 7.25 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.58 million head, down 3 percent from 2024. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.64 million head, 3 percent below 2023. Net placements were 1.58 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 380,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 375,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 287,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 115,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million head, 1 percent above 2023. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 head during December, 2 percent below 2023.

For a full copy of the January 2025 *Cattle on Feed* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.