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Pacific Region Cattle on Feed

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in California for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 520,000 head on January 1, 2025. The inventory was 2% above last month and unchanged from January 1, 2024. The inventory included 420,000 steers and steer calves, up 1% from the previous year. This group accounted for 80% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 100,000 head, down 5% from 2024. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 65,000 head, 16% below 2023. Net placements were 59,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 49,000 head, 20% below 2023. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head during December, unchanged from 2023.

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% below January 1, 2024. The inventory included 7.25 million steers and steer calves, up 1% from the previous year. This group accounted for 61% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.58 million head, down 3% from 2024. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.64 million head, 3% below 2023. Net placements were 1.58 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.74 million head, 1% above 2023. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 head during December, 2% below 2023.

Number on Feed 1

Cattle on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots - States and United States

	Number on Feed '											
State	January 1 2024		December 1 2024		January 1 2025	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month					
	1,000 head 1,000 head			1,000 head		percent	percent					
Arizona	:	265 520 1,020 335 630 2,480 105 2,560 335 230 2,860 270 320	232 510 1,060 330 660 2,420 105 2,600 365 235 2,880 260 325		233 520 1,050 330 650 2,400 (NA) 2,580 360 230 2,780 255 435	88 100 103 99 103 97 (NA) 101 107 100 97 94	100 102 99 100 98 99 (NA) 99 99 98 97 98					
United States	1	1,930	11,982		11,823	99	99					
State	Placed during December		Marketed during December			Other disappearance 2 during December						
	2023	2023 2024			2024	2023	2024					
Arizona	1,000 head 20 77 135 45 83 395 16 435 43 37 330 38 44	1,000 head 23 65 135 41 86 410 (NA) 460 35 38 255 31 63	1,000 head	20 61 140 39 92 405 10 440 32 35 365 37 48	1,000 head 21 49 135 40 95 420 (NA) 465 39 42 345 35 56	1,000 head 1 6 5 1 1 10 15 1 2 15 1	1,000 head 1 6 10 1 1 10 (NA) 15 1 1 10 10 2					
United States	1698	1,642	1	,724	1,742	60	59					

(NA) Not available.

¹Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed Inventory by Class in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – States and United States

	Number on Feed ¹									
State	S	teers and steer calves		Heifers and heifer calves						
Cidio	January 1 2024	October 1 2024	January 1 2025	January 1 2024	October 1 2024	January 1 2025				
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head				
Arizona	250	220	218	15	10	15				
California	415	420	420	105	95	100				
Colorado	540	525	550	480	475	500				
Idaho	180	175	175	155	155	155				
lowa	475	510	500	155	150	150				
Kansas	1,380	1,340	1,410	1,100	1,030	990				
Minnesota	85	85	(NA)	20	15	(NA)				
Nebraska	1,590	1,530	1,630	970	940	950				
Oklahoma	195	190	205	140	155	155				
South Dakota	135	110	135	95	85	95				
Texas	1,610	1,560	1,570	1,250	1,260	1,210				
Washington	145	135	140	125	120	115				
Other States	195	200	295	125	110	140				
United States	7,195	7,000	7,248	4,735	4,600	4,575				

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