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CATTLE ON FEED

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 960,000 head as of June 1, 2024. This latest inventory is up 1 percent from last month's inventory but 4 percent below the June 1, 2023 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 155,000 head of fed cattle during May 2024, 9 percent below last month but 7 percent above the May 2023 marketings. An estimated 170,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during May 2024, up 26 percent from a month ago but 3 percent below the May 2023 placements. Of the number placed in May, 18 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 15 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 26 percent weighed 800 to 899 pounds, and 18 percent weighed 900 pounds or greater. Other disappearance for May 2024 is estimated at 5,000 head, unchanged from last month, but 5,000 head below last year.

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on June 1, 2024. The inventory was slightly below June 1, 2023. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.05 million head, 4 percent above 2023. Net placements were 1.98 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 315,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 485,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 531,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 230,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.96 million head, slightly above 2023. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 head during May, 16 percent below 2023.

For a full copy of the June 2024 *Cattle on Feed* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.