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## CATTLE ON FEED

### COLORADO

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 August 1, 2024. The latest inventory was 1 percent below the previous month's inventory and down 2 percent from the August 1, 2023 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 150,000 head of fed cattle during July 2024, 11 percent above last month and up 25 percent from the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 145,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during July 2024, 3 percent below last month's placements but 26 percent above the July 2023 placements. Of the number placed in July, 21 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 17 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 21 percent weighed 800 to 899 pounds and 17 percent weighed 900 pounds or greater. Other disappearance for July 2024, at 5,000 head, was the same as last month and 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 11.1 million head on August 1, 2024. The inventory was slightly above August 1, 2023. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.70 million head, 6 percent above 2023. Net placements were 1.65 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 390,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 265,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 385,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 387,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 200,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 75,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.86 million head, 8 percent above 2023. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during July, 14 percent below 2023.

For a full copy of the August 2024 *Cattle on Feed* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).