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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 1.06 million as of December 1, 2024. The latest inventory was unchanged from last month's inventory and 3 percent above the December 1, 2023 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 130,000 head of fed cattle during November 2024. This was 10 percent below last month's marketings and 13 percent below the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 135,000 head of cattle and calves were placed on feed during November 2024, 36 percent below the previous month's placements and 13 percent below the November 2023 placements. Of the number placed in November, 30 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 22 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 15 percent weighed from 800 to 899 pounds, and 15 percent weighed 900 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for November, 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 12.0 million head on December 1, 2024. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2023. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.80 million head, 4 percent below 2023. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 495,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 420,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 375,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 276,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 145,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 85,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.73 million head, 1 percent below 2023. Other disappearance totaled 55,000 head during November, 2 percent above 2023.

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