

Cattle on Feed



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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 10 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.31 million head, up 10 percent from a year ago. This inventory accounts for 81 percent of the total United States cattle and calves on feed. The inventory included 6.61 million steers and steer calves. This group accounts for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.61 million head.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.73 million. Net placements were 1.66 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 457,000, 600-699 pounds were 609,000, 700-799 pounds were 410,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 251,000. This is the first time placements by weight have been published.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.66 million.

Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during December.

U.S. All Cattle on Feed

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States on January 1, 1996, totaled 12.8 million head, up 3 percent from a year ago but down 2 percent from January 1, 1994.

Special Note

Minor revisions have been made in the 7-State cattle on feed data. These changes are included in the data on pages 2 and 9. Page 9 includes all historic January 7-State totals. Historic estimates included feedlots with a peak number of 1,000 head or more and not a capacity of 1,000 head or more. Next month's report will include the 7-State historic data for all months and the final 1995 estimates for the 7 and 13 States.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, January 1, 1994-96

Item	Number			1996 as % of	
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
On Feed Dec 1 Previous Year 1/	8,418	8,198	8,685	103	106
Placed on Feed During Dec	1,215	1,345	1,446	119	108
Fed Cattle Marketed During Dec	1,305	1,432	1,412	108	99
Other Disappearance During Dec 2/	72	80	52	72	65
On Feed Jan 1 1/	8,256	8,031	8,667	105	108

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, December 1, 1993-95

Item	Number			1995 as % of	
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
On Feed Nov 1 1/	8,219	7,988	8,420	102	105
Placed on Feed During Nov	1,610	1,642	1,804	112	110
Fed Cattle Marketed During Nov	1,322	1,370	1,478	112	108
Other Disappearance During Nov 2/	89	62	61	69	98
On Feed Dec 1 1/	8,418	8,198	8,685	103	106

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- 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, January 1, 1994-96

Class	Number			1996 as % of	
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----			Percent	
Class on Feed Jan 1					
Steers and Steer Calves	5,476	5,216	5,588	102	107
Heifers and Heifer Calves	2,720	2,785	3,005	110	108
Cows and Bulls	60	30	74	123	247

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1995-96 1/ 2/

				Jan 1, 1996	
State	Jan 1, 1995	Dec 1, 1995	Number	as % of 1995	as % of Prev. Mo.
		1,000 Head		Percent	
AZ	210	224	222	106	99
CA	400	360	350	88	97
CO	966	1,031	1,050	109	102
ID	255		260	102	
IA	365	380	375	103	99
KS	1,990	2,150	2,160	109	100
NE	1,730	1,920	1,900	110	99
NM			97		
OK	375		412	110	
SD	160		190	119	
TX	2,370	2,620	2,610	110	100
WA	156		161	103	
Oth Sts:			520		
US	9,400		10,307	110	

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- 2/ Missing data not available.

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1994-95 1/

State	During Dec 1995		Number	as % of 1994	as % of Prev. Mo.
	During Dec 1994	During Nov 1995			
	----- 1,000 Head -----			---- Percent ----	
AZ	25	46	23	92	50
CA	70	45	45	64	100
CO	153	212	179	117	84
ID			31		
IA	73	92	45	62	49
KS	380	440	410	108	93
NE	325	490	370	114	76
NM			13		
OK			68		
SD			40		
TX	319	479	374	117	78
WA			24		
Oth Sts:			105		
US			1,727		

1/ Missing data not available.

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 1995

State :	During Dec				
State :	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total

	1,000 Head				
CO	32	60	55	32	179
KS	105	144	118	43	410
NE	55	122	106	87	370
TX	120	183	56	15	374
Oth Sts:	145	100	75	74	394
US	457	609	410	251	1,727

Cattle on Feed: Number Marketed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1994-95 1/

State	During Dec 1994	During Nov 1995	During Dec 1995		
			Number	as % of 1994	as % of Prev. Mo.
	----- 1,000 Head -----		----- Percent -----		
AZ	25	28	24	96	86
CA	50	45	45	90	100
CO	181	194	155	86	80
ID			42		
IA	37	66	49	132	74
KS	385	385	390	101	101
NE	370	321	380	103	118
NM			10		
OK			71		
SD			24		
TX	384	439	369	96	84
WA			41		
Oth Sts:			60		
US			1,660		

1/ Missing data not available.

Cattle on Feed: Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1994-95 1/ 2/

State	During Dec 1994	During Nov 1995	During Dec 1995		
			Number	as % of 1994	as % of Prev. Mo.
	----- 1,000 Head -----		----- Percent -----		
AZ	4	1	1	25	100
CA	10	10	10	100	100
CO	10	5	5	50	100
ID			4		
IA	1	1	1	100	100
KS	15	15	10	67	67
NE	25	19	10	40	53
NM			3		
OK			2		
SD			1		
TX	15	10	15	100	150
WA			1		
Oth Sts:			5		
US			68		

1/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

2/ Missing data not available.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Quarter, State, and United States, 1995-96 1/

	: Steers & Steer Calves			:Heifers & Heifer Calves:			Cows and Bulls		
State	:Jan 1, : 1995	:Oct 1, : 1995	:Jan 1, : 1996	:Jan 1, : 1995	:Oct 1, : 1995	:Jan 1, : 1996	:Jan 1, : 1995	:Oct 1, : 1995	:Jan 1, : 1996
	1,000 Head								
AZ	189	163	204	21	10	18	0	0	0
CA	345	310	310	54	44	38	1	1	2
CO	533	561	580	423	358	460	10	15	10
ID	181	187	191	73	63	69	1	2	0
IA	189	205	229	176	125	145	0	0	1
KS	1,310	1,275	1,420	678	590	700	2	5	40
NE	1,035	905	1,120	681	611	760	14	14	20
NM			55			41			1
OK	250	242	242	124	145	170	1	0	0
SD	90	60	98	66	55	88	4	5	4
TX	1,615	1,544	1,725	752	815	884	3	1	1
WA	100	112	99	55	73	62	1	0	0
Oth Sts			340			175			5
US			6,613			3,610			84

1/ Missing data not available.

Cattle on Feed: Total Number on Feed by State
and United States, January 1, 1995-96 1/

State	1995	1996	as % of 1995
	----- 1,000 Head -----		Percent
AL	8	5	63
AZ	210	222	106
AR	13	18	138
CA	400	350	88
CO	990	1,070	108
GA	15	10	67
ID	270	270	100
IL	280	290	104
IN	200	200	100
IA	910	730	80
KS	2,040	2,210	108
KY	40	25	63
LA	5	3	60
MD	20	17	85
MI	210	200	95
MN	310	335	108
MS	4	4	100
MO	70	100	143
MT	100	105	105
NE	1,940	2,030	105
NV	25	22	88
NJ	4	4	100
NM	155	130	84
NY	25	30	120
NC	15	10	67
ND	100	75	75
OH	225	235	104
OK	380	415	109
OR	100	80	80
PA	80	75	94
SC	7	8	114
SD	340	330	97
TN	27	20	74
TX	2,380	2,630	111
UT	60	60	100
VA	40	35	88
WA	156	166	106
WV	10	9	90
WI	150	150	100
WY	100	95	95
Oth Sts 2/	17	19	112
US	12,431	12,792	103

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2/ Other States include AK, CT, DE, FL, HI, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.

Cattle on Feed: Historic Cattle on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots
7-State Total, January 1, 1992-95 1/

Month	Number on Feed			
	1992	1993	1994	1995
	1,000 Head			
Jan	7,206	8,080	8,256	8,031
	Number Placed on Feed During			
Dec	1,427	1,215	1,345	1,446
	Number Marketed During			
Dec	1,290	1,305	1,432	1,412
	Other Disappearance During			
Dec	82	72	80	52

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Cattle on Feed: Historic Cattle on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, 7-State Total, January 1, 1992-95

Month	Steers & Steer Calves			
	1992	1993	1994	1995
	1,000 Head			
Jan	4,799	5,406	5,476	5,216
	Heifers & Heifer Calves			
Jan	2,370	2,630	2,720	2,785
	Cows and Bulls			
Jan	37	44	60	30

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