

Cattle on Feed



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U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.63 million head on January 1, 1999. The inventory was 5 percent below January 1, 1998 but 1 percent above January 1, 1997. The inventory included 6.44 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.14 million head, down 4 percent from 1998.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.50 million, 4 percent below 1997 and 12 percent below 1996. Net placements were 1.41 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 396,000, 600-699 pounds were 492,000, 700-799 pounds were 362,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 246,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.81 million, 4 percent above 1997 and 8 percent above 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 85,000 during December, the same as 1997 but 1 percent below 1996.

Cattle on Feed in Historic 7 States Down 5 Percent

Cattle on feed January 1, 1999, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.02 million, down 5 percent from the previous year but 1 percent above January 1, 1997. The inventory included 5.43 million steers and steer calves, down 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.55 million head, down 2 percent from 1998.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.24 million, 5 percent below 1997 and 13 percent below 1996.

Marketings during December totaled 1.55 million, 4 percent above 1997 and 10 percent above 1996.

Other disappearance during December was 69,000 head, 1 percent above both 1997 and 1996.

U.S. All Cattle on Feed Down 3 Percent

Cattle on feed January 1, 1999, from all feedlots in the United States, totaled 13.2 million, down 3 percent from the 13.6 million on January 1, 1998 but slightly above January 1, 1997.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, January 1, 1997-99**

Item	Number			1999 as % of	
	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed Dec 1 ¹	10,633	11,436	*11,033	104	96
Placed on Feed During Dec	1,695	1,552	1,496	88	96
Fed Cattle Marketed During Dec	1,684	1,748	1,813	108	104
Other Disappearance During Dec ²	86	85	85	99	100
On Feed Jan 1 ¹	10,558	11,155	10,631	101	95

* Revised.

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, December 1, 1996-98**

Item	Number			1998 as % of	
	1996	1997	1998	1996	1997
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed Nov 1 ¹	10,073	10,988	10,755	107	98
Placed on Feed During Nov	2,348	2,207	*2,056	88	93
Fed Cattle Marketed During Nov	1,695	1,674	1,700	100	102
Other Disappearance During Nov ²	93	85	78	84	92
On Feed Dec 1 ¹	10,633	11,436	*11,033	104	96

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, January 1, 1997-99**

Item	Number			1999 as % of	
	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Class on Feed Jan 1					
Steers and Steer Calves	6,398	6,796	6,438	101	95
Heifers and Heifer Calves	4,069	4,300	4,140	102	96
Cows and Bulls	91	59	53	58	90

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, January 1, 1997-99¹**

Item	Number			1999 as % of	
	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed Dec 1 ²	9,003	9,718	9,409	105	97
Placed on Feed During Dec	1,423	1,304	1,235	87	95
Fed Cattle Marketed During Dec	1,415	1,499	1,554	110	104
Other Disappearance During Dec ³	68	68	69	101	101
On Feed Jan 1 ²	8,943	9,455	9,021	101	95

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Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, December 1, 1996-98¹**

Item	Number			1998 as % of	
	1996	1997	1998	1996	1997
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed Nov 1 ²	8,534	9,390	9,195	108	98
Placed on Feed During Nov	1,953	1,826	1,725	88	94
Fed Cattle Marketed During Nov	1,418	1,429	1,448	102	101
Other Disappearance During Nov ³	66	69	63	95	91
On Feed Dec 1 ²	9,003	9,718	9,409	105	97

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, January 1, 1997-99¹**

Item	Number			1999 as % of	
	1997	1998	1999	1997	1998
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Class on Feed Jan 1					
Steers and Steer Calves	5,410	5,803	5,432	100	94
Heifers and Heifer Calves	3,455	3,615	3,552	103	98
Cows and Bulls	78	37	37	47	100

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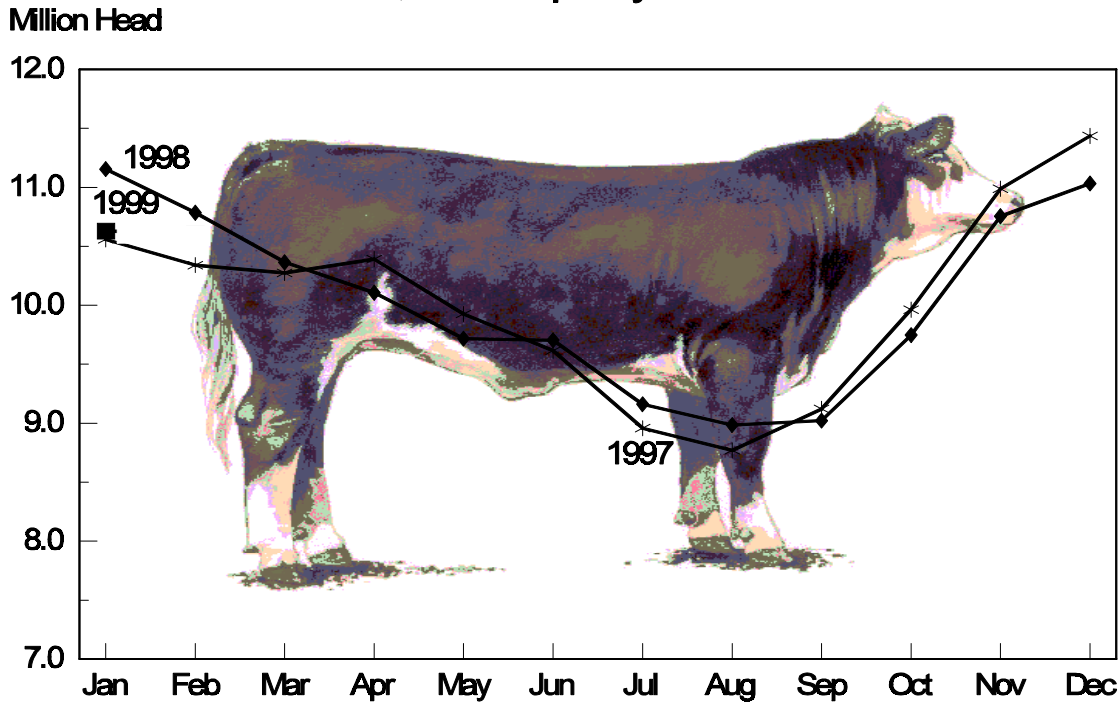
**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1998-99 ¹**

State	Jan 1, 1998	Dec 1, 1998	Jan 1, 1999		
			Number	as % of 1998	as % of Dec
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	245	214	206	84	96
CA	400	410	400	100	98
CO	1,120	1,190	1,140	102	96
ID	285	*285	285	100	100
IA	360	325	335	93	103
KS	2,310	2,250	2,110	91	94
NE	2,170	2,160	2,110	97	98
NM	123	110	118	96	107
OK	430	430	410	95	95
SD	180	179	184	102	103
TX	2,850	2,860	2,720	95	95
WA	192	205	193	101	94
Oth Sts	490	415	420	86	101
US	11,155	*11,033	10,631	95	96

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**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1997-98**

State	During Dec 1997	During Nov 1998	During Dec 1998		
			Number	as % of 1997	as % of Nov
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	30	36	22	73	61
CA	55	70	50	91	71
CO	165	210	160	97	76
ID	48	*70	55	115	79
IA	44	59	48	109	81
KS	350	420	320	91	76
NE	330	450	330	100	73
NM	14	18	19	136	106
OK	60	70	58	97	83
SD	40	38	32	80	84
TX	330	480	305	92	64
WA	26	40	32	123	80
Oth Sts	60	95	65	108	68
US	1,552	*2,056	1,496	96	73

* Revised.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 1997-98**

State	During December									
	Less 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	32	43	60	55	51	42	22	20	165	160
KS	60	70	128	110	110	100	52	40	350	320
NE	70	57	99	120	86	81	75	72	330	330
TX	79	101	152	122	66	58	33	24	330	305
Oth Sts	125	125	80	85	77	81	95	90	377	381
US	366	396	519	492	390	362	277	246	1,552	1,496
	During November									
	Less 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	54	83	63	57	56	41	37	29	210	210
KS	127	130	145	120	134	110	84	60	490	420
NE	110	140	119	130	86	85	95	95	410	450
TX	150	187	215	154	103	101	52	38	520	480
Oth Sts	215	200	132	96	120	100	110	*100	577	*496
US	656	740	674	557	499	437	378	*322	2,207	*2,056

* Revised.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Marketed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1997-98**

State	During Dec 1997	During Nov 1998	During Dec 1998		
			Number	as % of 1997	as % of Nov
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	26	25	28	108	112
CA	50	55	55	110	100
CO	195	180	200	103	111
ID	54	50	50	93	100
IA	38	33	36	95	109
KS	440	410	440	100	107
NE	350	310	370	106	119
NM	10	14	9	90	64
OK	57	65	76	133	117
SD	26	23	26	100	113
TX	400	435	425	106	98
WA	42	40	40	95	100
Oth Sts	60	60	58	97	97
US	1,748	1,700	1,813	104	107

**Cattle on Feed: Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1997-98 ¹**

State	During Dec 1997	During Nov 1998	During Dec 1998		
			Number	as % of 1997	as % of Nov
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	2	2	2	100	100
CA	15	5	5	33	100
CO	10	10	10	100	100
ID	9	5	5	56	100
IA	1	1	2	200	200
KS	10	20	20	200	100
NE	10	10	10	100	100
NM	1	1	2	200	200
OK	3	5	2	67	40
SD	2	2	1	50	50
TX	20	15	20	100	133
WA	2	2	4	200	200
Oth Sts	0	0	2	0	0
US	85	78	85	100	109

¹ 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,
by Quarter, State, and United States, 1998-99**

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows and Bulls		
	Jan 1, 1998	Oct 1, 1998	Jan 1, 1999	Jan 1, 1998	Oct 1, 1998	Jan 1, 1999	Jan 1, 1998	Oct 1, 1998	Jan 1, 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AZ	223	170	187	22	31	19	0	0	0
CA	360	355	365	39	39	35	1	1	0
CO	635	600	675	480	395	460	5	5	5
ID	190	181	199	94	63	82	1	1	4
IA	225	151	205	135	109	129	0	0	1
KS	1,380	1,310	1,260	920	775	840	10	5	10
NE	1,300	1,000	1,220	850	750	870	20	10	20
NM	54	46	60	69	44	58	0	0	0
OK	235	230	255	190	159	155	5	1	0
SD	96	81	109	78	52	69	6	3	6
TX	1,680	1,500	1,520	1,169	1,169	1,199	1	1	1
WA	108	111	113	84	74	79	0	0	1
Oth Sts	310	210	270	170	110	145	10	5	5
US	6,796	5,945	6,438	4,300	3,770	4,140	59	32	53

**Cattle on Feed: Total Number on Feed by State
and United States, January 1, 1998-99 ¹**

State	1998 <i>1,000 Head</i>	1999 <i>1,000 Head</i>	as % of 1998 <i>Percent</i>
AL	4	4	100
AZ	245	206	84
AR	10	15	150
CA	400	400	100
CO	1,140	1,160	102
GA	5	2	40
ID	295	295	100
IL	250	240	96
IN	170	165	97
IA	1,000	1,020	102
KS	2,370	2,160	91
KY	20	15	75
LA	1		
MD	15	13	87
MI	200	200	100
MN	265	270	102
MS	3		
MO	100	105	105
MT	80	70	88
NE	2,300	2,240	97
NV	24	16	67
NJ	4	4	100
NM	123	118	96
NY	30	30	100
NC	10	8	80
ND	70	75	107
OH	175	180	103
OK	435	415	95
OR	60	65	108
PA	75	75	100
SC	7	6	86
SD	310	355	115
TN	20	15	75
TX	2,860	2,730	95
UT	40	40	100
VA	30	30	100
WA	200	200	100
WV	10	10	100
WI	155	150	97
WY	85	100	118
Oth Sts ²	12	12	100
US	13,608	13,214	97

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² Other States include AK, CT, DE, FL, HI, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT. Includes LA and MS for 1999.

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