

# Cattle on Feed



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## U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 3 Percent

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.50 million head on February 1, 1999. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 1998 but 2 percent above February 1, 1997.

**Placements** in feedlots during January totaled 1.92 million, 11 percent above 1998 and 2 percent above 1997. Net placements were 1.85 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 379,000, 600-699 pounds were 623,000, 700-799 pounds were 599,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 322,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during January totaled 2.02 million, 2 percent above 1998 and slightly above 1997.

**Other disappearance** totaled 70,000 during January, 29 percent below 1998 and 24 percent below 1997.

## Cattle on Feed in Historic 7 States Down 3 Percent

**Cattle on feed** February 1, 1999, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.91 million, down 3 percent from the previous year but 1 percent above February 1, 1997.

**Placements** in feedlots during January totaled 1.67 million, 12 percent above 1998 and slightly above 1997.

**Marketings** during January totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent above 1998 and 1 percent above 1997.

**Other disappearance** during January was 47,000 head, 40 percent below 1998 and 28 percent below 1997.

## 1998 Cattle on Feed and Annual Size Group Estimates

This report contains the monthly 1998 cattle on feed estimates for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head. Minor revisions were made to 1998 estimates. Also included are the number of feedlots, inventory, and annual marketings by size group for 1998.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and  
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,  
United States, February 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 Jan 1 <sup>1</sup>	10,558	11,155	*10,667	101	96
Placed on Feed During Jan	1,887	*1,726	1,923	102	111
Fed Cattle Marketed During Jan	2,012	*1,988	2,021	100	102
Other Disappearance During Jan <sup>2</sup>	92	99	70	76	71
On Feed Feb 1 <sup>1</sup>	10,341	*10,794	10,499	102	97

\* Revised.

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

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	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 <sup>1</sup>	10,633	11,436	*11,063	104	97
Placed on Feed During Dec	1,695	1,552	*1,512	89	97
Fed Cattle Marketed During Dec	1,684	1,748	*1,823	108	104
Other Disappearance During Dec <sup>2</sup>	86	85	85	99	100
On Feed Jan 1 <sup>1</sup>	10,558	11,155	*10,667	101	96

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and  
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,  
7 States, February 1, 1997-99 <sup>1</sup>**

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 Jan 1 <sup>2</sup>	8,943	9,455	9,021	101	95
Placed on Feed During Jan	1,663	1,492	1,671	100	112
Fed Cattle Marketed During Jan	1,728	1,689	1,738	101	103
Other Disappearance During Jan <sup>3</sup>	65	78	47	72	60
On Feed Feb 1 <sup>2</sup>	8,813	9,180	8,907	101	97

<sup>1</sup> The 7 States include AZ, CA, CO, IA, KS, NE, and TX.

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Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,  
7 States, January 1, 1997-99 <sup>1</sup>**

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 <sup>2</sup>	9,003	9,718	*9,404	104	97
Placed on Feed During Dec	1,423	1,304	*1,250	88	96
Fed Cattle Marketed During Dec	1,415	1,499	*1,564	111	104
Other Disappearance During Dec <sup>3</sup>	68	68	69	101	101
On Feed Jan 1 <sup>2</sup>	8,943	9,455	9,021	101	95

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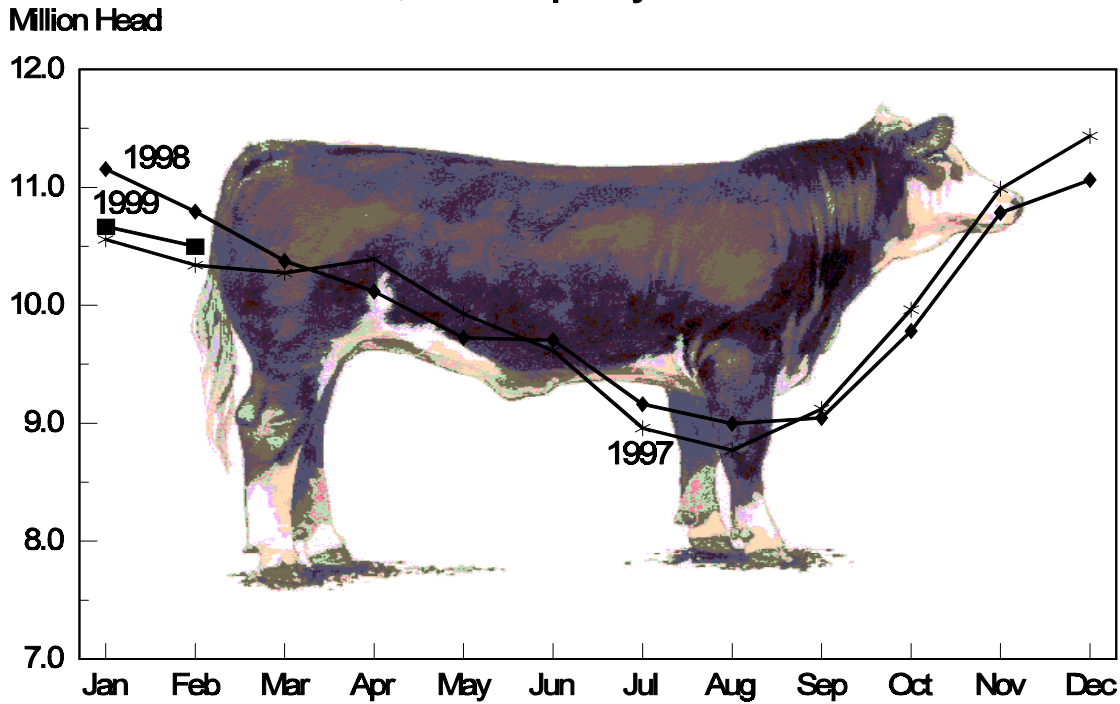
**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,  
by Month, State, and United States 1998-99 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Feb 1, 1998	Jan 1, 1999	Feb 1, 1999		
			Number	as % of 1998	as % of Jan
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	220	206	202	92	98
CA	395	400	385	97	96
CO	1,100	1,140	1,140	104	100
ID	270	285	270	100	95
IA	365	335	350	96	104
KS	2,190	2,110	2,020	92	96
NE	2,150	2,110	2,150	100	102
NM	119	118	113	95	96
OK	410	410	385	94	94
SD	176	184	184	105	100
TX	2,760	2,720	2,660	96	98
WA	*179	*199	195	109	98
Oth Sts	460	*450	445	97	99
US	*10,794	*10,667	10,499	97	98

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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 1998-99**

State	During Jan 1998	During Dec 1998	During Jan 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	21	22	25	119	114
CA	50	50	45	90	90
CO	230	*170	260	113	153
ID	48	55	50	104	91
IA	46	*53	56	122	106
KS	360	320	410	114	128
NE	390	330	450	115	136
NM	11	19	12	109	63
OK	61	58	60	98	103
SD	27	32	31	115	97
TX	395	305	425	108	139
WA	*37	*33	37	100	112
Oth Sts	50	65	62	124	95
US	*1,726	*1,512	1,923	111	127

\* Revised.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity  
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 1997-99**

State	During January									
	Less 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	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>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	21	34	76	93	96	83	37	50	230	260
KS	42	60	131	160	133	140	54	50	360	410
NE	46	52	114	143	130	166	100	89	390	450
TX	118	123	154	149	91	115	32	38	395	425
Oth Sts	90	110	85	78	100	95	*76	95	*351	378
US	317	379	560	623	550	599	*299	322	*1,726	1,923
	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	*45	60	*59	51	*45	22	*21	165	*170
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	*87	95	90	377	*387
US	366	*398	519	*496	390	*371	277	*247	1,552	*1,512

\* Revised.

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

State	During Jan 1998	During Dec 1998	During Jan 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	24	28	28	117	100
CA	50	55	55	110	100
CO	230	*210	250	109	119
ID	56	50	55	98	110
IA	40	36	40	100	111
KS	470	440	490	104	111
NE	400	370	400	100	108
NM	14	9	16	114	178
OK	78	76	80	103	105
SD	30	26	30	100	115
TX	475	425	475	100	112
WA	*46	40	37	80	93
Oth Sts	75	58	65	87	112
US	*1,988	*1,823	2,021	102	111

\* Revised.

**Cattle on Feed: Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,  
by Month, State, and United States 1998-99<sup>1</sup>**

State	During Jan 1998	During Dec 1998	During Jan 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	22	2	1	5	50
CA	5	5	5	100	100
CO	20	10	10	50	100
ID	7	5	10	143	200
IA	1	2	1	100	50
KS	10	20	10	100	50
NE	10	10	10	100	100
NM	1	2	1	100	50
OK	3	2	5	167	250
SD	1	1	1	100	100
TX	10	20	10	100	50
WA	4	4	4	100	100
Oth Sts	5	2	2	40	100
US	99	85	70	71	82

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

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,  
by Month, State, 7-States, and United States, 1998 <sup>1</sup>**

State	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1
	<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	245	220	220	212	205	214
CA	400	395	375	370	370	375
CO	1,120	1,100	1,030	1,000	970	980
ID	285	270	270	285	270	260
IA	360	365	350	325	310	290
KS	2,310	2,190	2,120	2,100	2,020	1,990
NE	2,170	2,150	2,120	2,060	2,000	1,800
NM	123	119	108	91	79	78
OK	430	410	375	370	355	370
SD	180	176	173	167	167	160
TX	2,850	2,760	2,620	2,540	2,420	2,640
WA	192	*179	*175	*178	*168	156
7 States	9,455	9,180	8,835	8,607	8,295	8,289
Oth Sts	490	460	440	420	390	390
US	11,155	*10,794	*10,376	*10,118	*9,724	9,703
	Jul 1	Aug 1	Sep 1	Oct 1	Nov 1	Dec 1
	<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	200	196	200	201	205	214
CA	390	395	395	395	400	410
CO	880	840	840	1,000	1,170	1,190
ID	235	215	220	245	270	285
IA	265	245	235	260	*295	*320
KS	1,870	1,930	1,950	2,090	2,260	2,250
NE	1,600	1,460	1,520	1,760	2,030	2,160
NM	82	86	90	90	107	110
OK	360	370	380	390	430	430
SD	146	134	124	136	166	179
TX	2,620	2,640	2,610	2,670	2,830	2,860
WA	153	*150	*161	*189	*211	*210
7 States	7,825	7,706	7,750	8,376	*9,190	*9,404
Oth Sts	360	*335	*320	*355	*410	*445
US	9,161	*8,996	*9,045	*9,781	*10,784	*11,063

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**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
	<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	60	51	22	165
KS	60	128	110	52	350
NE	70	99	86	75	330
TX	79	152	66	33	330
Oth Sts	125	80	77	95	377
US	366	519	390	277	1,552
	During January				
	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total
	<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	21	76	96	37	230
KS	42	131	133	54	360
NE	46	114	130	100	390
TX	118	154	91	32	395
Oth Sts	90	85	100	*76	*351
US	317	560	550	*299	*1,726
	During February				
	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total
	<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	19	54	76	56	205
KS	46	111	136	67	360
NE	26	86	126	92	330
TX	53	142	90	25	310
Oth Sts	*72	50	89	80	*291
US	*216	443	517	320	*1,496

See footnotes at end of table.

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

State	During March				
	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total
	<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	16	30	80	64	190
KS	28	108	156	68	360
NE	17	54	102	117	290
TX	77	187	168	48	480
Oth Sts	85	*69	100	135	*389
US	223	*448	606	432	*1,709
	During April				
	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total
	<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	30	40	47	43	160
KS	20	65	146	99	330
NE	13	54	124	119	310
TX	79	132	154	75	440
Oth Sts	90	*59	95	100	*344
US	232	*350	566	436	*1,584
	During May				
	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total
	<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	12	31	77	75	195
KS	30	86	175	129	420
NE	11	35	86	128	260
TX	141	170	259	170	740
Oth Sts	*113	70	110	125	*418
US	*307	392	707	627	*2,033

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

State	During June				
	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total
	<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	16	35	50	39	140
KS	43	80	119	88	330
NE	17	33	72	118	240
TX	113	156	156	75	500
Oth Sts	*74	70	90	120	*354
US	*263	374	487	440	*1,564
	During July				
	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total
	<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	17	56	96	56	225
KS	50	130	210	140	530
NE	18	60	86	126	290
TX	132	175	159	64	530
Oth Sts	*90	*57	*90	125	*362
US	*307	*478	*641	511	*1,937
	During August				
	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total
	<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	20	39	78	83	220
KS	60	100	190	130	480
NE	32	58	140	220	450
TX	168	153	133	56	510
Oth Sts	100	*63	*100	*140	*403
US	380	*413	*641	*629	*2,063

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

State	During September				
	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total
	<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	20	40	135	175	370
KS	80	110	170	170	530
NE	69	71	165	265	570
TX	154	179	186	121	640
Oth Sts	*115	*80	140	*215	*550
US	*438	*480	796	*946	*2,660
	During October				
	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total
	<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	58	62	83	142	345
KS	130	130	150	130	540
NE	190	115	140	155	600
TX	203	217	203	127	750
Oth Sts	195	125	*110	165	*595
US	776	649	*686	719	*2,830
	During November				
	Less 600	600-699	700-799	800 Plus	Total
	<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	83	57	41	29	210
KS	130	120	110	60	420
NE	140	130	85	95	450
TX	187	154	101	38	480
Oth Sts	*205	*95	*105	100	*505
US	*745	*556	*442	322	*2,065





**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,  
by Quarter, State, 7-States, and United States, 1998**

State	Steers & Steer Calves				Heifers & Heifer Calves			
	Jan 1	Apr 1	Jul 1	Oct 1	Jan 1	Apr 1	Jul 1	Oct 1
	<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	192	164	170	22	20	36	31
CA	360	325	335	355	39	40	55	39
CO	635	580	475	600	480	415	400	395
ID	190	197	164	181	94	87	70	63
IA	225	193	154	151	135	131	111	109
KS	1,380	1,310	1,160	1,310	920	780	700	775
NE	1,300	1,245	930	1,000	850	800	660	750
NM	54	39	38	46	69	52	44	44
OK	235	215	210	230	190	152	149	159
SD	96	90	83	81	78	72	59	52
TX	1,680	1,400	1,390	1,500	1,169	1,139	1,229	1,169
WA	108	*112	97	*113	84	*66	56	*76
7 States	5,803	5,245	4,608	5,086	3,615	3,325	3,191	3,268
Oth Sts	310	290	245	*230	170	125	110	*120
US	6,796	*6,188	5,445	*5,967	4,300	*3,879	3,679	*3,782
	<b>Cow and Bulls</b>							
	Jan 1	Apr 1	Jul 1	Oct 1				
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>				
AZ		0		0		0		0
CA		1		5		0		1
CO		5		5		5		5
ID		1		1		1		1
IA		0		1		0		0
KS		10		10		10		5
NE		20		15		10		10
NM		0		0		0		0
OK		5		3		1		1
SD		6		5		4		3
TX		1		1		1		1
WA		0		0		0		0
7 States		37		37		26		22
Oth Sts		10		5		5		5
US		59		51		37		32

\* Revised.

**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings,  
by Size of Feedlot, State, and United States 1997-98<sup>1</sup>**

Year and State	Feedlot Capacity in Number of Head					
	1,000 - 1,999			2,000 - 3,999		
	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1997						
AZ				<sup>2</sup> 3	<sup>2</sup> 6	<sup>2</sup> 15
CA	<sup>2</sup> 4	<sup>2</sup> 4	<sup>2</sup> 7			
CO	54	35	60	46	60	100
ID	19	9	19	15	17	27
IA	200	150	220	<sup>2</sup> 110	<sup>2</sup> 210	<sup>2</sup> 364
KS	45	35	60	28	43	80
NE	270	155	310	181	265	510
NM						
OK	<sup>2</sup> 3	<sup>2</sup> 5	<sup>2</sup> 9			
SD	50	34	55	41	57	88
TX	8	8	17	13	22	48
WA	<sup>2</sup> 7	<sup>2</sup> 9	<sup>2</sup> 15			
Oth Sts	191	145	210	85	105	190
US	842	574	954	504	699	1,272
1998						
AZ				<sup>2</sup> 3	<sup>2</sup> 4	<sup>2</sup> 8
CA	<sup>2</sup> 4	<sup>2</sup> 4	<sup>2</sup> 5			
CO	47	25	55	44	55	90
ID	18	15	21	13	11	24
IA	205	138	210	<sup>2</sup> 105	<sup>2</sup> 197	<sup>2</sup> 318
KS	38	30	45	35	50	100
NE	270	150	300	178	265	510
NM						
OK	<sup>2</sup> 5	<sup>2</sup> 7	<sup>2</sup> 15			
SD	54	34	51	43	54	82
TX	7	5	10	6	10	20
WA	<sup>2</sup> 10	<sup>2</sup> 22	<sup>2</sup> 30			
Oth Sts	190	130	190	85	100	190
US	834	531	886	492	670	1,205

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**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings, by  
Size of Feedlot, State, and United States 1997-98 <sup>1</sup> (continued)**

Year and State	Feedlot Capacity in Number of Head					
	4,000 - 7,999			8,000 - 15,999		
	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1997						
AZ						
CA	4	14	16	4	25	27
CO	32	120	210	23	185	345
ID	9	21	33	<sup>2</sup> 17	<sup>2</sup> 238	<sup>2</sup> 475
IA						
KS	30	172	350	34	320	720
NE	118	425	850	64	570	1,160
NM	<sup>2</sup> 6	<sup>2</sup> 23	<sup>2</sup> 63			
OK	9	29	37	5	48	103
SD	17	35	68	<sup>2</sup> 6	<sup>2</sup> 54	<sup>2</sup> 96
TX	28	155	250	25	265	485
WA				4	20	14
Oth Sts	36	118	180	8	48	80
US	308	1,160	2,121	191	1,596	3,149
1998						
AZ						
CA	4	14	13	4	16	26
CO	36	120	215	18	190	310
ID	9	21	33	<sup>2</sup> 15	<sup>2</sup> 238	<sup>2</sup> 501
IA						
KS	32	110	225	32	285	640
NE	118	415	840	65	555	1,140
NM	<sup>2</sup> 6	<sup>2</sup> 26	<sup>2</sup> 45			
OK	7	20	34	5	47	98
SD	17	43	80	<sup>2</sup> 7	<sup>2</sup> 53	<sup>2</sup> 118
TX	19	60	140	27	165	420
WA				<sup>2</sup> 8	<sup>2</sup> 177	<sup>2</sup> 437
Oth Sts	37	120	210	8	30	70
US	310	1,006	1,912	186	1,429	2,956

See footnotes at end of table.

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**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings, by  
Size of Feedlot, State, and United States 1997-98 <sup>1</sup> (continued)**

Year and State	Feedlot Capacity in Number of Head					
	16,000 - 31,999			32,000 and Over		
	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1997						
AZ	3	70	98	3	169	285
CA	5	68	105	7	289	420
CO	11	230	480	8	490	1,360
ID						
IA						
KS	41	925	2,090	17	815	1,910
NE	25	445	975	7	310	625
NM	<sup>2</sup> 4	<sup>2</sup> 100	<sup>2</sup> 166			
OK	3	75	148	6	273	610
SD						
TX	35	750	1,470	38	1,650	3,530
WA	<sup>2</sup> 5	<sup>2</sup> 163	<sup>2</sup> 386			
Oth Sts	5	74	165			
US	137	2,797	5,881	93	4,329	9,412
1998						
AZ	3	56	89	3	146	195
CA	7	105	143	5	261	383
CO	12	240	430	9	510	1,420
ID						
IA						
KS	44	885	2,060	19	750	1,960
NE	26	420	945	8	305	705
NM	<sup>2</sup> 4	<sup>2</sup> 92	<sup>2</sup> 157			
OK	3	66	151	6	270	630
SD						
TX	36	590	1,270	47	1,890	4,200
WA						
Oth Sts	<sup>2</sup> 5	<sup>2</sup> 70	<sup>2</sup> 163			
US	144	2,546	5,507	105	4,485	10,304

See footnotes at end of table.

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**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings, by  
Size of Feedlot, State, and United States 1997-98 <sup>1</sup> (continued)**

Year and State	Feedlot Capacity in Number of Head		
	Total - 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots		
	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1997			
AZ	9	245	398
CA	24	400	575
CO	174	1,120	2,555
ID	60	285	554
IA	310	360	584
KS	195	2,310	5,210
NE	665	2,170	4,430
NM	10	123	229
OK	26	430	907
SD	114	180	307
TX	147	2,850	5,800
WA	16	192	415
Oth Sts	325	490	825
US	2,075	11,155	22,789
1998			
AZ	9	206	292
CA	24	400	570
CO	166	1,140	2,520
ID	55	285	579
IA	310	335	528
KS	200	2,110	5,030
NE	665	2,110	4,440
NM	10	118	202
OK	26	410	928
SD	121	184	331
TX	142	2,720	6,060
WA	18	199	467
Oth Sts	325	450	823
US	2,071	10,667	22,770

<sup>1</sup> Number of feedlots is the number of lots operating at anytime during the year. Inventory is the number on hand January 1 of the following year. The United States totals show the actual number of feedlots, inventory, and number of animals marketed in each size group. The sum of the numbers shown by State under a specified size group may or may not add to the United States total for that size group since for some States size groups are combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

<sup>2</sup> Lots, inventory, and marketings from other size groups are included to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings,  
by Size of Feedlot, Region, and United States 1997-98 <sup>1</sup>**

Year and State	Feedlot Capacity in Number of Head					
	16,000 - 23,999			24,000 - 31,999		
	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1997						
AZ,CA,TX	22	342	613	21	546	1,060
CO,KS,NE	46	810	1,760	31	790	1,785
Oth Sts	8	103	247	9	206	416
US	76	1,255	2,620	61	1,542	3,261
1998						
AZ,CA,TX	26	312	697	20	439	805
CO,KS,NE	48	720	1,630	34	825	1,805
Oth Sts	7	97	191	9	153	379
US	81	1,129	2,518	63	1,417	2,989

See footnotes at end of table.

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**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings, by  
Size of Feedlot, Region, and United States 1997-98 <sup>1</sup> (continued)**

Year and State	Feedlot Capacity in Number of Head					
	32,000 - 49,999			50,000 and Over		
	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
1997						
AZ,CA,TX	30	1,029	2,060	18	1,079	2,175
CO,KS,NE	20	710	1,615	12	905	2,280
Oth Sts	4	150	311	9	456	971
US	54	1,889	3,986	39	2,440	5,426
1998						
AZ,CA,TX	33	1,086	2,253	22	1,211	2,525
CO,KS,NE	22	630	1,600	14	935	2,485
Oth Sts	5	160	390	9	463	1,051
US	60	1,876	4,243	45	2,609	6,061

<sup>1</sup> Number of feedlots is the number of lots operating at anytime during the year. Inventory is the number on hand January 1 of the following year.

**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings,  
Feedlots With Less Than 1,000 Head Capacity,  
by State, and United States 1997-98 <sup>1</sup>**

Year and State	Lots		Inventory		Cattle Marketed	
	<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>1,000 Head</i>	
1997						
IL		6,300		182		300
IN		6,500		159		250
IA		13,000		640		960
MI		4,100		154		210
MN		7,500		172		310
MO		4,000		79		120
NE		4,435		130		280
ND		1,500		47		80
OH		7,500		169		300
SD		3,100		130		220
WI		7,500		144		220
Oth Sts		38,565		447		800
US		104,000		2,453		4,050
1998						
IL		6,300		185		290
IN		6,400		155		220
IA		12,000		685		970
MI		4,000		153		210
MN		7,400		181		280
MO		3,900		87		120
NE		4,335		130		260
ND		1,800		59		80
OH		7,300		173		260
SD		3,500		171		210
WI		7,400		142		230
Oth Sts		37,665		426		770
US		102,000		2,547		3,900

<sup>1</sup> Number of feedlots is the number of lots operating at the end of the year. Inventory is the number on hand January 1 of the following year.

**Cattle on Feed: Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings,  
by Size of Feedlot, United States 1997-98 <sup>1</sup>**

Feedlot Capacity	1997			1998		
	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed	Lots	Inventory	Cattle Marketed
	<i>No.</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Less than 1,000 head	104,000	2,453	4,050	102,000	2,547	3,900
1,000 head or more	2,075	11,155	22,789	2,071	10,667	22,770
All Feedlots	106,075	13,608	26,839	104,071	13,214	26,670

<sup>1</sup> Number of feedlots with capacity less than 1,000 head is the number of lots operating at the end of the year. Number of feedlots with capacity 1,000 head or more is the number of lots operating at anytime during the year. Inventory is the number on hand January 1 of the following year.

## Terms and Definitions of Cattle on Feed Estimates

**Cattle on feed** are animals being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

**Placements** are cattle put into a feedlot, fed a ration which will produce a carcass that will grade select or better, and are intended for the slaughter market.

**Marketings** are cattle shipped out of feedlots to a slaughter market.

**Other disappearance** includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## Reliability of Cattle on Feed Estimates

**Survey Procedures:** During January and July all known feedlots in the U.S. with capacity of 1,000 or more head are surveyed to provide data for cattle on feed estimates. During the other months, all known feedlots from 17 States are surveyed. The 17 States account for 98 percent of the cattle on feed.

**Estimating Procedures:** These cattle on feed estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by each State office. Regional and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from the previous month when setting the current estimates.

**Revision Policy:** Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve month to month relationships. Estimates for the previous month are subject to revision in all States each month when current estimates are made. In February, all monthly estimates for the previous year are reviewed and subject to revisions. The reviews are primarily based on slaughter data, state check-off or brand data, and any other data that may have been received after the original estimate was made. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the Census of Agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date and estimates become final.

**Reliability:** Since all cattle on feed operators are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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