

Cattle on Feed



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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up Slightly

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.40 million head on March 1, 1999. The inventory was up slightly from the 10.38 million head on March 1, 1998 and 1 percent above March 1, 1997.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.79 million, 20 percent above 1998 but 1 percent below 1997. Net placements were 1.72 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 333,000, 600-699 pounds were 492,000, 700-799 pounds were 596,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 367,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.82 million, 1 percent below 1998 but 1 percent above 1997.

Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during February, 6 percent below 1998 but 7 percent above 1997.

Cattle on Feed in Historic 7 States Up Slightly

Cattle on feed March 1, 1999, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.86 million, up slightly from the previous year and 1 percent above March 1, 1997.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.54 million, 20 percent above 1998 but 1 percent below 1997.

Marketings during February totaled 1.55 million, 2 percent below 1998 and slightly below 1997.

Other disappearance during February was 42,000 head, 25 percent below 1998 but the same as 1997.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, March 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 Feb 1 ¹	10,341	10,794	10,499	102	97
Placed on Feed During Feb	1,797	1,496	1,788	99	120
Fed Cattle Marketed During Feb	1,802	1,845	1,822	101	99
Other Disappearance During Feb ²	61	69	65	107	94
On Feed Mar 1 ¹	10,275	10,376	10,400	101	100

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On Feed Jan 1 ¹	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 ²	92	99	70	76	71
On Feed Feb 1 ¹	10,341	10,794	10,499	102	97

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, March 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 Feb 1 ²	8,813	9,180	8,907	101	97
Placed on Feed During Feb	1,552	1,290	1,543	99	120
Fed Cattle Marketed During Feb	1,554	1,579	1,550	100	98
Other Disappearance During Feb ³	42	56	42	100	75
On Feed Mar 1 ²	8,769	8,835	8,858	101	100

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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 Jan 1 ²	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 ³	65	78	47	72	60
On Feed Feb 1 ²	8,813	9,180	8,907	101	97

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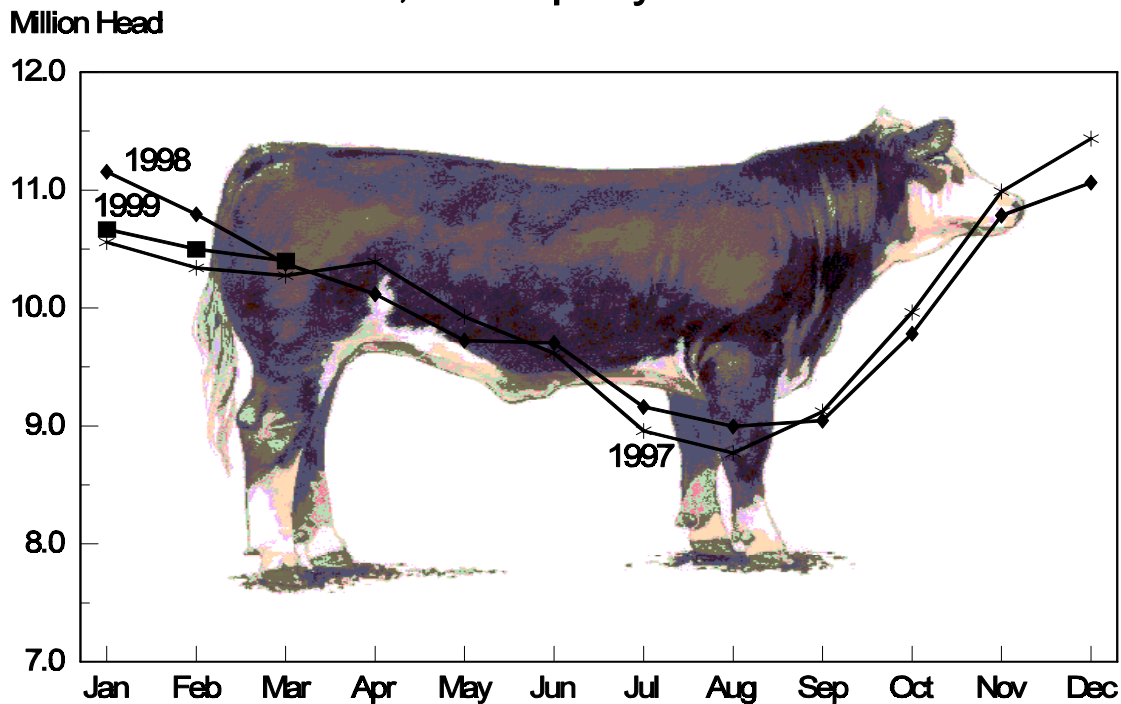
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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1998-99 ¹**

State	Mar 1, 1998	Feb 1, 1999	Mar 1, 1999		
			Number	as % of 1998	as % of Feb
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	220	202	203	92	100
CA	375	385	385	103	100
CO	1,030	1,140	1,130	110	99
ID	270	270	275	102	102
IA	350	350	350	100	100
KS	2,120	2,020	2,020	95	100
NE	2,120	2,150	2,160	102	100
NM	108	113	107	99	95
OK	375	385	365	97	95
SD	173	184	184	106	100
TX	2,620	2,660	2,610	100	98
WA	175	195	181	103	93
Oth Sts	440	445	430	98	97
US	10,376	10,499	10,400	100	99

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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 Feb 1998	During Jan 1999	During Feb 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	28	25	27	96	108
CA	30	45	45	150	100
CO	205	260	235	115	90
ID	48	50	57	119	114
IA	27	56	46	170	82
KS	360	410	380	106	93
NE	330	450	410	124	91
NM	9	12	8	89	67
OK	45	60	54	120	90
SD	25	31	33	132	106
TX	310	425	400	129	94
WA	34	37	43	126	116
Oth Sts	45	62	50	111	81
US	1,496	1,923	1,788	120	93

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

State	During February									
	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	19	37	54	52	76	85	56	61	205	235
KS	46	60	111	140	136	120	67	60	360	380
NE	26	49	86	103	126	138	92	120	330	410
TX	53	92	142	124	90	148	25	36	310	400
Oth Sts	72	95	50	73	89	105	80	90	291	363
US	216	333	443	492	517	596	320	367	1,496	1,788
	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

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

State	During Feb 1998	During Jan 1999	During Feb 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	18	28	25	139	89
CA	45	55	40	89	73
CO	265	250	240	91	96
ID	44	55	45	102	82
IA	41	40	45	110	113
KS	420	490	370	88	76
NE	350	400	390	111	98
NM	19	16	13	68	81
OK	77	80	71	92	89
SD	27	30	32	119	107
TX	440	475	440	100	93
WA	34	37	51	150	138
Oth Sts	65	65	60	92	92
US	1,845	2,021	1,822	99	90

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

State	During Feb 1998	During Jan 1999	During Feb 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	10	1	1	10	100
CA	5	5	5	100	100
CO	10	10	5	50	50
ID	4	10	7	175	70
IA	1	1	1	100	100
KS	10	10	10	100	100
NE	10	10	10	100	100
NM	1	1	1	100	100
OK	3	5	3	100	60
SD	1	1	1	100	100
TX	10	10	10	100	100
WA	4	4	6	150	150
Oth Sts	0	2	5	0	250
US	69	70	65	94	93

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