

Cattle on Feed



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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 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 10.38 million head on April 1, 1999. The inventory was 3 percent above April 1, 1998 but slightly below April 1, 1997. The inventory included 6.28 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.05 million head, up 4 percent from 1998.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 2.02 million, 18 percent above 1998 and 3 percent above 1997. Net placements were 1.95 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 357,000, 600-699 pounds were 468,000, 700-799 pounds were 739,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 457,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.98 million, 5 percent above 1998 and 12 percent above 1997.

Other disappearance totaled 71,000 during March, 24 percent below 1998 and 17 percent below 1997.

Cattle on Feed in Historic 7 States Up 3 Percent

Cattle on feed April 1, 1999, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.89 million, up 3 percent from the previous year but slightly below April 1, 1997. The inventory included 5.33 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.53 million head, up 6 percent from 1998.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.73 million, 22 percent above 1998 and 2 percent above 1997.

Marketings during March totaled 1.66 million, 5 percent above 1998 and 11 percent above 1997.

Other disappearance during March was 52,000 head, 25 percent below 1998 and 16 percent below 1997.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, April 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 Mar 1 ¹	10,275	10,376	*10,410	101	100
Placed on Feed During Mar	1,966	1,709	2,021	103	118
Fed Cattle Marketed During Mar	1,764	1,873	1,976	112	105
Other Disappearance During Mar ²	86	94	71	83	76
On Feed Apr 1 ¹	10,391	10,118	10,384	100	103

* Revised.

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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	*1,798	100	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	*10,410	101	100

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, April 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 Apr 1					
Steers and Steer Calves	6,386	6,188	6,283	98	102
Heifers and Heifer Calves	3,939	3,879	4,053	103	104
Cows and Bulls	66	51	48	73	94

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, April 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 Mar 1 ²	8,769	8,835	*8,868	101	100
Placed on Feed During Mar	1,694	1,421	1,731	102	122
Fed Cattle Marketed During Mar	1,497	1,580	1,658	111	105
Other Disappearance During Mar ³	62	69	52	84	75
On Feed Apr 1 ²	8,904	8,607	8,889	100	103

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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	*1,553	100	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	*8,868	101	100

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, April 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 Apr 1					
Steers and Steer Calves	5,417	5,245	5,331	98	102
Heifers and Heifer Calves	3,431	3,325	3,527	103	106
Cows and Bulls	56	37	31	55	84

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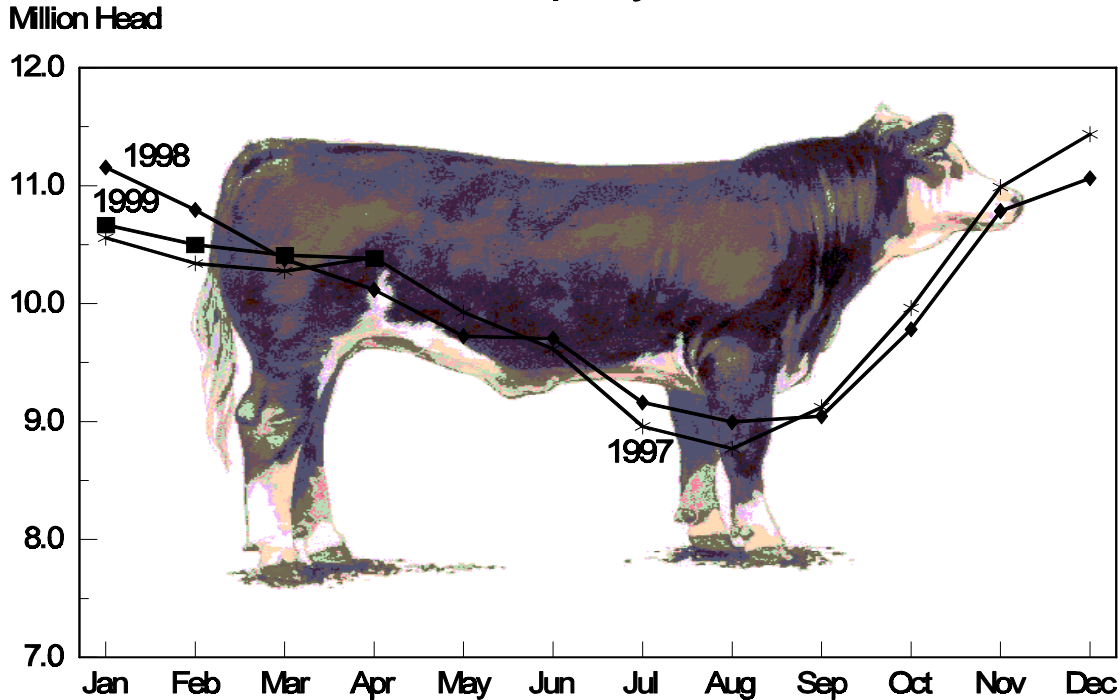
**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1998-99 ¹**

State	Apr 1, 1998	Mar 1, 1999	Apr 1, 1999		
			Number	as % of 1998	as % of Mar
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	212	203	214	101	105
CA	370	385	385	104	100
CO	1,000	1,130	1,120	112	99
ID	285	275	280	98	102
IA	325	*360	360	111	100
KS	2,100	2,020	2,070	99	102
NE	2,060	2,160	2,180	106	101
NM	91	107	94	103	88
OK	370	365	345	93	95
SD	167	184	182	109	99
TX	2,540	2,610	2,560	101	98
WA	178	181	179	101	99
Oth Sts	420	430	415	99	97
US	10,118	*10,410	10,384	103	100

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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 Mar 1998	During Feb 1999	During Mar 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	25	27	39	156	144
CA	50	45	55	110	122
CO	190	235	240	126	102
ID	55	57	58	105	102
IA	26	*56	57	219	102
KS	360	380	430	119	113
NE	290	410	380	131	93
NM	12	8	13	108	163
OK	80	54	69	86	128
SD	29	33	45	155	136
TX	480	400	530	110	133
WA	47	43	46	98	107
Oth Sts	65	50	59	91	118
US	1,709	*1,798	2,021	118	112

* Revised.

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

State	During March									
	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	16	50	30	55	80	82	64	53	190	240
KS	28	45	108	105	156	185	68	95	360	430
NE	17	38	54	67	102	148	117	127	290	380
TX	77	109	187	165	168	204	48	52	480	530
Oth Sts	85	115	69	76	100	120	135	130	389	441
US	223	357	448	468	606	739	432	457	1,709	2,021
	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	*110	80	*95	291	*373
US	216	333	443	492	517	*601	320	*372	1,496	*1,798

* Revised.

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

State	During Mar 1998	During Feb 1999	During Mar 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	25	25	27	108	108
CA	45	40	50	111	125
CO	210	240	240	114	100
ID	37	45	49	132	109
IA	50	45	56	112	124
KS	360	370	370	103	100
NE	340	390	350	103	90
NM	28	13	24	86	185
OK	80	71	86	108	121
SD	30	32	46	153	144
TX	550	440	565	103	128
WA	38	51	42	111	82
Oth Sts	80	60	71	89	118
US	1,873	1,822	1,976	105	108

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

State	During Mar 1998	During Feb 1999	During Mar 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	8	1	1	13	100
CA	10	5	5	50	100
CO	10	5	10	100	200
ID	3	7	4	133	57
IA	1	1	1	100	100
KS	20	10	10	50	100
NE	10	10	10	100	100
NM	1	1	2	200	200
OK	5	3	3	60	100
SD	5	1	1	20	100
TX	10	10	15	150	150
WA	6	6	6	100	100
Oth Sts	5	5	3	60	60
US	94	65	71	76	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		
	Apr 1, 1998	Jan 1, 1999	Apr 1, 1999	Apr 1, 1998	Jan 1, 1999	Apr 1, 1999	Apr 1, 1998	Jan 1, 1999	Apr 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	192	187	206	20	19	8	0	0	0
CA	325	365	350	40	35	35	5	0	0
CO	580	675	695	415	460	420	5	5	5
ID	197	199	186	87	82	89	1	4	5
IA	193	205	220	131	129	140	1	1	0
KS	1,310	1,260	1,200	780	840	860	10	10	10
NE	1,245	1,220	1,280	800	870	885	15	20	15
NM	39	60	44	52	58	50	0	0	0
OK	215	255	215	152	155	130	3	0	0
SD	90	109	107	72	69	69	5	6	6
TX	1,400	1,520	1,380	1,139	1,199	1,179	1	1	1
WA	112	*116	115	66	*82	61	0	1	3
Oth Sts	290	*290	285	125	*155	127	5	5	3
US	6,188	*6,461	6,283	3,879	*4,153	4,053	51	53	48

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