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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in California for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 555,000 head on January 1, 2022. The inventory was 1% above last month and unchanged from January 1, 2021. The inventory included 470,000 steers and steer calves, unchanged from the previous year. This group accounted for 85% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 85,000 head, unchanged from 2021. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 67,000 head, 3% above the previous year. Net placements were 62,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 57,000 head, down 7% from December 2020. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head during December, 25% above 2020.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on January 1, 2022. The inventory was 1% above January 1, 2021. The inventory included 7.36 million steers and steer calves, down 1% from the previous year. This group accounted for 61% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.68 million head, up 2% from 2021. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.96 million head, 6% above 2020. Net placements were 1.91 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.86 million head, slightly above 2020. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 head during December, 10% below 2020.

Cattle on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – States and United States

State	Number on Feed ¹				
	January 1 2021	December 1 2021	January 1 2022	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>
Arizona.....	262	270	272	104	101
California.....	555	550	555	100	101
Colorado.....	1,110	1,140	1,130	102	99
Idaho.....	285	310	310	109	100
Iowa.....	610	610	600	98	98
Kansas.....	2,500	2,480	2,490	100	100
Minnesota.....	115	105	100	87	95
Nebraska.....	2,550	2,580	2,600	102	101
Oklahoma.....	325	300	310	95	103
South Dakota.....	245	235	230	94	98
Texas.....	2,870	2,880	2,920	102	101
Washington.....	235	210	210	89	100
Other States.....	305	315	310	102	98
United States.....	11,967	11,985	12,037	101	100

State	Placed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance ² during December	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	<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>
Arizona.....	32	30	25	27	1	1
California.....	65	67	61	57	4	5
Colorado.....	155	165	170	170	5	5
Idaho.....	41	41	45	40	1	1
Iowa.....	93	87	91	94	2	3
Kansas.....	440	450	425	430	15	10
Minnesota.....	9	11	18	15	1	1
Nebraska.....	480	505	450	475	10	10
Oklahoma.....	43	46	42	34	1	2
South Dakota.....	40	43	43	45	2	3
Texas.....	380	445	395	395	15	10
Washington.....	25	30	44	29	1	1
Other States.....	41	43	44	46	2	2
United States.....	1,844	1,963	1,853	1,857	60	54

¹ Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Cattle on Feed Inventory by Class in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – States and United States

State	Number on Feed ¹					
	Steers and steer calves			Heifers and heifer calves		
	January 1 2021	October 1 2021	January 1 2022	January 1 2021	October 1 2021	January 1 2022
	<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>
Arizona.....	257	265	267	5	5	5
California.....	470	460	470	85	80	85
Colorado.....	630	640	635	480	490	495
Idaho.....	150	165	160	135	140	150
Iowa.....	445	460	450	165	140	150
Kansas.....	1,340	1,380	1,340	1,160	1,150	1,150
Minnesota.....	95	75	85	20	15	15
Nebraska.....	1,590	1,400	1,590	960	980	1,010
Oklahoma.....	190	160	165	135	135	145
South Dakota.....	140	120	135	105	80	95
Texas.....	1,770	1,660	1,760	1,100	1,070	1,160
Washington.....	130	100	110	105	100	100
Other States.....	195	180	195	110	100	115
United States.....	7,402	7,065	7,362	4,565	4,485	4,675

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