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# Pacific Region Cattle on Feed

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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 525,000 head on April 1, 2023. The inventory was 1 % above last month and 7 % below April 1, 2022. The inventory included 440,000 steers and steer calves, down 6 % from the previous year. This group accounted for 84% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 85,000 head, down 11 % from 2022. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 73,000 head, 6 % above 2022. Net placements were 66,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 61,000 head, 5 % above 2022. Other disappearance totaled 7,000 head during March, 17 % above 2022.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on April 1, 2023. The inventory was 4 % below April 1, 2022. The inventory included 7.12 million steers and steer calves, down 6 % from the previous year. This group accounted for 61% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.50 million head, down 2 % from 2022. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.99 million head, 1 % below 2022. Net placements were 1.94 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.98 million head, 1 % below 2022. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 head during March, unchanged from 2022.

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

State	Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>				
	April 1 2022	March 1 2023	April 1 2023	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 .....	285	260	257	90	99
California .....	565	520	525	93	101
Colorado .....	1,100	1,010	980	89	97
Idaho .....	305	325	320	105	98
Iowa .....	620	620	620	100	100
Kansas .....	2,510	2,460	2,430	97	99
Minnesota .....	100	95	95	95	100
Nebraska .....	2,660	2,530	2,530	95	100
Oklahoma .....	290	270	260	90	96
South Dakota .....	230	215	220	96	102
Texas .....	2,950	2,780	2,810	95	101
Washington .....	225	255	255	113	100
Other States .....	305	310	310	102	100
United States .....	12,145	11,650	11,612	96	100

State	Placed during March		Marketed during March		Other disappearance <sup>2</sup> during March	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	<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 .....	31	28	28	30	1	1
California .....	69	73	58	61	6	7
Colorado .....	180	165	195	190	5	5
Idaho .....	37	37	41	41	1	1
Iowa .....	110	109	108	107	2	2
Kansas .....	490	460	480	480	10	10
Minnesota .....	15	15	14	14	1	1
Nebraska .....	470	470	490	460	10	10
Oklahoma .....	45	43	54	52	1	1
South Dakota .....	35	44	37	37	3	2
Texas .....	435	455	415	415	10	10
Washington .....	37	40	31	39	1	1
Other States .....	51	53	49	51	2	2
United States .....	2,005	1,992	2,000	1,977	53	53

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>					
	Steers and steer calves			Heifers and heifer calves		
	April 1 2022	January 1 2023	April 1 2023	April 1 2022	January 1 2023	April 1 2023
	<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.....	280	257	247	5	10	10
California.....	470	435	440	95	80	85
Colorado.....	655	580	545	445	460	435
Idaho.....	170	165	175	135	155	145
Iowa.....	470	465	475	150	155	145
Kansas.....	1,370	1,270	1,330	1,140	1,120	1,100
Minnesota.....	85	80	80	15	15	15
Nebraska.....	1,680	1,600	1,650	980	1,000	880
Oklahoma.....	160	150	145	130	125	115
South Dakota.....	145	125	135	85	85	85
Texas.....	1,770	1,560	1,560	1,180	1,210	1,250
Washington.....	120	150	140	105	115	115
Other States.....	195	195	195	110	120	115
United States.....	7,570	7,032	7,117	4,575	4,650	4,495

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