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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 530,000 head on April 1, 2024. The inventory was 2% above last month and 1% above April 1, 2023. The inventory included 435,000 steers and steer calves, down 1% from the previous year. This group accounted for 82% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 95,000 head, up 12% from 2023. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 65,000 head, 11% below 2023. Net placements were 59,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 49,000 head, 20% below 2023. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head during March, 14% below 2023.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on April 1, 2024. The inventory was 1% above April 1, 2023. The inventory included 7.27 million steers and steer calves, up 2% from the previous year. This group accounted for 61% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.56 million head, up 1% from 2023. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.75 million head, 12% below 2023. Net placements were 1.69 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.71 million head, 14% below 2023. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during March, 8% above 2023.

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

State	Number on Feed ¹				
	April 1 2023	March 1 2024	April 1 2024	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	257	258	256	100	99
California	525	520	530	101	102
Colorado	980	1,020	990	101	97
Idaho	320	345	345	108	100
Iowa	640	650	660	103	102
Kansas	2,430	2,400	2,400	99	100
Minnesota	95	105	105	111	100
Nebraska	2,530	2,560	2,540	100	99
Oklahoma	260	330	330	127	100
South Dakota	220	245	250	114	102
Texas	2,810	2,820	2,840	101	101
Washington	255	255	245	96	96
Other States	325	330	330	102	100
United States	11,647	11,838	11,821	101	100

State	Placed during March		Marketed during March		Other disappearance ² during March	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	<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	28	22	30	23	1	1
California	73	65	61	49	7	6
Colorado	155	135	180	160	5	5
Idaho	37	36	41	35	1	1
Iowa	109	105	107	93	2	2
Kansas	460	400	480	390	10	10
Minnesota	15	14	14	13	1	1
Nebraska	480	450	470	460	10	10
Oklahoma	43	41	52	40	1	1
South Dakota	44	40	37	33	2	2
Texas	455	365	415	330	10	15
Washington	40	29	39	38	1	1
Other States	53	44	51	42	2	2
United States	1,992	1,746	1,977	1,706	53	57

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		
	April 1 2023	January 1 2024	April 1 2024	April 1 2023	January 1 2024	April 1 2024
	<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	247	250	246	10	15	10
California	440	415	435	85	105	95
Colorado	545	540	530	435	480	460
Idaho	175	180	195	145	155	150
Iowa	485	475	510	155	155	150
Kansas	1,330	1,380	1,340	1,100	1,100	1,060
Minnesota	80	85	90	15	20	15
Nebraska	1,650	1,590	1,660	880	970	880
Oklahoma	145	195	185	115	140	145
South Dakota	135	135	155	85	95	95
Texas	1,560	1,610	1,570	1,250	1,250	1,270
Washington	140	145	135	115	125	110
Other States	210	195	215	115	125	115
United States	7,142	7,195	7,266	4,505	4,735	4,555

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