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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 July 1, 2024. The inventory was 1% above last month and 2% below July 1, 2023. The inventory included 435,000 steers and steer calves, down 3% from the previous year. This group accounted for 82% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 95,000 head, up 6% from 2023. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 65,000 head, 3% below 2023. Net placements were 59,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 54,000 head, 16% below 2023. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head during June, 25% 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 11.3 million head on July 1, 2024. The inventory was 1% above July 1, 2023. The inventory included 6.82 million steers and steer calves, up 1% from the previous year. This group accounted for 60% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.48 million head, up slightly from 2023. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.56 million head, 7% below 2023. Net placements were 1.51 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.79 million head, 9% below 2023. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during June, 17% below 2023.

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

State	Number on Feed ¹				
	July 1 2023	June 1 2024	July 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.....	253	253	249	98	98
California.....	540	525	530	98	101
Colorado.....	990	960	970	98	101
Idaho.....	295	335	330	112	99
Iowa.....	650	660	650	100	98
Kansas.....	2,400	2,320	2,220	93	96
Minnesota.....	100	105	105	105	100
Nebraska.....	2,330	2,480	2,390	103	96
Oklahoma.....	250	330	325	130	98
South Dakota.....	180	220	205	114	93
Texas.....	2,720	2,840	2,790	103	98
Washington.....	240	245	240	100	98
Other States.....	295	310	300	102	97
United States.....	11,243	11,583	11,304	101	98

State	Placed during June		Marketed during June		Other disappearance ² during June	
	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.....	26	19	27	22	1	1
California.....	67	65	64	54	8	6
Colorado.....	135	150	140	135	5	5
Idaho.....	33	34	42	38	1	1
Iowa.....	60	47	58	56	2	1
Kansas.....	400	310	460	400	10	10
Minnesota.....	13	10	12	9	1	1
Nebraska.....	425	415	525	495	20	10
Oklahoma.....	57	49	56	53	1	1
South Dakota.....	22	24	40	36	2	3
Texas.....	370	365	445	400	15	15
Washington.....	36	39	40	43	1	1
Other States.....	35	37	48	45	2	2
United States.....	1,679	1,564	1,957	1,786	69	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		
	July 1 2023	April 1 2024	July 1 2024	July 1 2023	April 1 2024	July 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	243	246	239	10	10	10
California	450	435	435	90	95	95
Colorado	550	530	500	440	460	470
Idaho	160	195	180	135	150	150
Iowa	495	510	510	155	150	140
Kansas	1,270	1,340	1,220	1,130	1,060	1,000
Minnesota	85	90	90	15	15	15
Nebraska	1,450	1,660	1,510	880	880	880
Oklahoma	135	185	180	115	145	145
South Dakota	110	155	125	70	95	80
Texas	1,500	1,570	1,510	1,220	1,270	1,280
Washington	125	135	130	115	115	110
Other States	195	215	195	100	115	105
United States	6,768	7,266	6,824	4,475	4,560	4,480

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