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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 515,000 head on October 1, 2024. The inventory was 1 percent below last month and 2 percent above October 1, 2023. The inventory included 420,000 steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 82 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 95,000 head, down 5 percent from 2023. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 61,000 head, 42 percent above 2023. Net placements were 55,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 60,000 head, 30 percent above 2023. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head during September, 14 percent 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 11.6 million head on October 1, 2024. The inventory was slightly below October 1, 2023. The inventory included 7.00 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.60 million head, down 1 percent from 2023. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.16 million head, 2 percent below 2023. Net placements were 2.10 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.70 million head, 2 percent above 2023. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during September, 2 percent below 2023.

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

State	Number on Feed ¹				
	October 1 2023	September 1 2024	October 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	254	233	230	91	99
California	505	520	515	102	99
Colorado	990	970	1,000	101	103
Idaho	300	315	330	110	105
Iowa	650	660	660	102	100
Kansas	2,500	2,280	2,370	95	104
Minnesota	95	95	100	105	105
Nebraska	2,420	2,320	2,470	102	106
Oklahoma	290	330	345	119	105
South Dakota	185	185	195	105	105
Texas	2,850	2,750	2,820	99	103
Washington	255	245	255	100	104
Other States	310	295	310	100	105
United States	11,604	11,198	11,600	100	104

State	Placed during September		Marketed during September		Other disappearance ² during September	
	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	25	16	17	18	1	1
California	43	61	46	60	7	6
Colorado	195	185	150	150	5	5
Idaho	60	63	43	46	2	2
Iowa	78	72	67	71	1	1
Kansas	505	505	405	405	10	10
Minnesota	14	16	13	10	1	1
Nebraska	610	610	450	450	10	10
Oklahoma	56	57	29	40	2	2
South Dakota	49	47	33	36	1	1
Texas	465	425	340	340	15	15
Washington	43	42	32	31	1	1
Other States	55	57	39	41	1	1
United States	2,198	2,156	1,664	1,698	57	56

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		
	October 1 2023	July 1 2024	October 1 2024	October 1 2023	July 1 2024	October 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.....	244	239	220	10	10	10
California.....	405	435	420	100	95	95
Colorado.....	530	500	525	460	470	475
Idaho.....	165	180	175	135	150	155
Iowa.....	480	510	510	170	140	150
Kansas.....	1,350	1,220	1,340	1,150	1,000	1,030
Minnesota.....	80	90	85	15	15	15
Nebraska.....	1,490	1,510	1,530	930	880	940
Oklahoma.....	155	180	190	135	145	155
South Dakota.....	105	125	110	80	80	85
Texas.....	1,630	1,510	1,560	1,220	1,280	1,260
Washington.....	135	130	135	120	110	120
Other States.....	195	195	200	115	105	110
United States.....	6,964	6,824	7,000	4,640	4,480	4,600

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