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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 990,000 head as of July 1, 2023. The latest inventory was 1 percent below the previous month's inventory and 7 percent below the July 1, 2022 inventory. The inventory included 550,000 steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 440,000 head, is down 10 percent from a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 140,000 head of fed cattle during June 2023. This was 3 percent below the previous month's marketings and 15 percent below the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 135,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during June, 23 percent below the previous month's placements and 4 percent below June 2022 placements. Of the number placed in June, 22 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 22 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 22 percent weighed 800 to 899 pounds and 15 percent weighed 900 pounds or greater. Other disappearance for June, at 5,000 head, was down 5,000 head from last month but the same as last year.

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on July 1, 2023. The inventory was 2 percent below July 1, 2022. The inventory included 6.73 million steers and steer calves, down 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.47 million head, unchanged from 2022. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.68 million head, 3 percent above 2022. Net placements were 1.61 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 390,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 275,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 380,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 368,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 185,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 80,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.96 million head, 5 percent below 2022. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 head during June, unchanged from 2022.

For a full copy of the July 2023 *Cattle on Feed* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.