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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 October 1, 2023. The latest inventory was 4 percent above last month but 7 percent below the October 1, 2022 inventory. The inventory included 530,000 steer and steer calves, 10 percent below the previous year. The number of heifer and heifer calves, at 460,000 head, are down 4 percent from a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 150,000 head of fed cattle during September 2023. This was unchanged from last month's marketings and down 9 percent from the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 195,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during September 2023, 56 percent above the previous month's placements, but 7 percent below September 2022 placements. Of the number placed in September, 15 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 13 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 21 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 31 percent weighed from 800-899 pounds, and 21 percent weighed 900 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for September, at 5,000 head, was the same as last month and 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 11.6 million head on October 1, 2023. The inventory was 1 percent above October 1, 2022. This is the second highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 6.95 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.64 million head, up 1 percent from 2022. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.21 million head, 6 percent above 2022. Net placements were 2.15 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 355,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 485,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 521,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 290,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.66 million head, 11 percent below 2022. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during September, 8 percent above 2022.

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