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CATTLE ON FEED

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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 1,020,000 head as of March 1, 2024. The latest inventory was up 1 percent from February 1, 2024 and up 1 percent from March 1, 2023. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 140,000 head of fed cattle during February 2024, up 4 percent from the previous month but down 7 percent from the February 2023 marketings. An estimated 155,000 head of cattle and calves were placed on feed during February 2024, 15 percent above last month and the February 2023 placements. Of the number placed in February, 16 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 23 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 26 percent weighed 800 to 899 pounds and 16 percent weighed 900 pounds or greater. Other disappearance for February, at 5,000 head, was down 5,000 head from last month and unchanged from 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 11.8 million head on March 1, 2024. The inventory was 1 percent above March 1, 2023. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.89 million head, 10 percent above 2023. Placements were the highest for February since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.83 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 330,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 515,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 485,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 150,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 50,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.79 million head, 3 percent above 2023. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during February, 3 percent below 2023.

For a full copy of the March 2024 *Cattle on Feed* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.