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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 970,000 head as of July 1, 2024. The latest inventory was 1 percent above the previous month's inventory but 2 percent below the July 1, 2023 inventory. The inventory included 500,000 steers and steer calves, down 9 percent from the previous year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 470,000 head, is up 7 percent from a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 135,000 head of fed cattle during June 2024. This was 13 percent below the previous month's marketings and 4 percent below the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 150,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during June, 12 percent below the previous month's placements but 11 percent above June 2023 placements. Of the number placed in June, 23 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 17 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 23 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 23 percent weighed 800 to 899 pounds and 13 percent weighed 900 pounds or greater. Other disappearance for June, at 5,000 head, was unchanged from last month and last year.

### UNITED STATES

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 percent above July 1, 2023. The inventory included 6.82 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 4.48 million head, up slightly from 2023. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.56 million head, 7 percent below 2023. Net placements were 1.51 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 255,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 350,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 349,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 165,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 80,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.79 million head, 9 percent below 2023. Marketings were the second lowest for June since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during June, 17 percent below 2023.

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