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CATTLE ON FEED

ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 265,000 head as of January 1, 2024. The latest inventory was less than 1 percent below last month's inventory and down 1 percent from January 1, 2023. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 20,000 head of fed cattle during December 2023, unchanged from the previous month but 17 percent below the December 2022 marketings of 24,000 head. An estimated 20,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2023, 31 percent below last month and 17 percent below the December 2022 placements of 24,000 head. Other disappearance for December, at 1,000 head, was the same as last month and last year. Steers and steer calves on hand as of January 1, 2024, totaled 250,000 head, down 3 percent from one year ago. Heifers and heifer calves on hand as of January 1, 2024, totaled 15,000 head, up 5,000 head from one year ago.

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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 11.9 million head on January 1, 2024. The inventory was 2 percent above January 1, 2023. The inventory included 7.20 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.74 million head, up 2 percent from 2023. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million head, 4 percent below 2022. Net placements were 1.64 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 440,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 410,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 380,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 279,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 110,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 85,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.73 million head, 1 percent below 2022. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 head during December, 11 percent above 2022.

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