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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 256,000 head as of April 1, 2024. The latest inventory was 1 percent below last month's inventory and less than 1 percent below April 1, 2023. The inventory included 246,000 steers and steer calves, less than 1 percent below last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 10,000 head, are unchanged from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 23,000 head of fed cattle during March 2024, 8 percent below the previous month's marketings and 23 percent below the March 2023 marketings. An estimated 22,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during March 2024, unchanged from last month but 21 percent below March 2023 placements of 28,000 head. Other disappearance for March 2024 is estimated at 1,000 head, no change from last month or 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 11.8 million head on April 1, 2024. The inventory was 1 percent above April 1, 2023. The inventory included 7.27 million steers and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.56 million head, up 1 percent from 2023. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.75 million head, 12 percent below 2023. Net placements were 1.69 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 260,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 460,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 466,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 170,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 60,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.71 million head, 14 percent below 2023. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during March, 8 percent above 2023.

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