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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 247,000 head as of February 1, 2015. The latest inventory was down 1 percent from last month's inventory and 9 percent below February 1, 2014. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 23,000 head of fed cattle during January 2015, down 11 percent from the previous month and 28 percent below the January 2014 marketings of 32,000 head. An estimated 30,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during January 2015, 15 percent above last month, but 3 percent below the January 2014 placements of 31,000 head. Other disappearance for January, at 9,000 head, was 6,000 head above last month and 8,000 head above last year.

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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on February 1, 2015. The inventory was slightly above February 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million, 11 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.71 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 405,000, 600-699 pounds were 340,000, 700-799 pounds were 477,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 565,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.63 million, 9 percent below 2014. January marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 77,000 during January, 8 percent above 2014.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 81.6 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2015, up from 81.3 on January 1, 2014.

Marketings of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2014 represented 87.2 percent of all cattle marketed from feedlots in the United States, up from 86.9 percent during 2013.

For a full copy of the February 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.