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CATTLE ON FEED

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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 241,000 head as of April 1, 2015. The latest inventory was 1 percent below last month's inventory and 13 percent below April 1, 2014. The inventory included 237,000 steers and steer calves, 13 percent below last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 4,000 head, are down 20 percent from a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 21,000 head of fed cattle during March 2015, up 11 percent from the previous month but down 12 percent from the March 2014 marketings. An estimated 25,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during March 2015, 32 percent above last month, but 17 percent below the March 2014 placements of 30,000 head. Other disappearance for March 2015, at 6,000 head, was 2,000 head above last month and 5,000 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 10.8 million head on April 1, 2015. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2014. The inventory included 7.46 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 69 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.34 million head, down 10 percent from 2014. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.81 million, slightly above 2014. Net placements were 1.74 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 275,000, 700-799 pounds were 449,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 720,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent below 2014. March marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 6 percent above 2014.

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