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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 240,000 head as of July 1, 2015. The latest inventory was 1 percent above last month's inventory but 12 percent below July 1, 2014. The inventory included 236,000 steers and steer calves, 12 percent below last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 4,000 head, are even from a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 25,000 head of fed cattle during June 2015, down 4 percent from the previous month, but up 14 percent from the June 2014 marketings. An estimated 28,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during June 2015, 12 percent above last month and 40 percent above the June 2014 placements of 20,000 head. Other disappearance for June 2015 was 1,000 head, no change from last year or last month.

### 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 10.2 million head on July 1, 2015. The inventory was 2 percent above July 1, 2014. The inventory included 6.91 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 67 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.33 million head, down 7 percent from 2014. July 1, 2015 heifers and heifer calves inventory is the lowest percent of total July inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.48 million, 1 percent above 2014. Net placements were 1.41 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000, 600-699 pounds were 250,000, 700-799 pounds were 336,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 545,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.75 million, 5 percent below 2014. Marketings are the lowest for June since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during June, 8 percent below 2014.

For a full copy of the July 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).