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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 October 1, 2015. The latest inventory was virtually even with last month's inventory but 5 percent below October 1, 2014. The inventory included 236,000 steers and steer calves, 5 percent below last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 4,000 head, are up 33 percent from a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 17,000 head of fed cattle during September 2015, no change from the previous month but down 29 percent from the September 2014 marketings. An estimated 18,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during September 2015, 14 percent below last month and 10 percent below the September 2014 placements of 20,000 head. Other disappearance for September 2015, at 2,000 head, was the same as last month but 1,000 head above last year.

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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 10.2 million head on October 1, 2015. The inventory was 2 percent above October 1, 2014. The inventory included 6.93 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 68 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.29 million head, down 7 percent from 2014. October 1, 2015 heifers and heifer calves inventory is the lowest percent of total October inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 1.93 million head, 4 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.87 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 290,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 416,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 830,000 head. Placements are the lowest for September since the series began in 1996. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.64 million head, 2 percent below 2014. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during September, 12 percent below 2014.

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