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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 269,000 head as of January 1, 2018. The latest inventory was 3 percent above last month's inventory and up 8 percent from January 1, 2017. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 20,000 head of fed cattle during December 2017, down 17 percent from the previous month and 33 percent below the December 2016 marketings of 30,000 head. An estimated 29,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2017, 15 percent below last month and 3 percent below the December 2016 placements of 30,000 head. Other disappearance for December, at 1,000 head, was the same as last month and last year. Steers and steer calves on hand as of January 1, 2018 totaled 258,000 head, up 7 percent from one year ago. Heifers and heifer calves on hand as of January 1, 2018 totaled 11,000 head, up 38 percent or 3,000 head from one year ago.

### 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 11.5 million head on January 1, 2018. The inventory was 8 percent above January 1, 2017. The inventory included 7.34 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.15 million head, up 16 percent from 2017. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.80 million head, 1 percent above 2016. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 470,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 410,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 445,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 279,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 100,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.75 million head, 1 percent below 2016. Other disappearance totaled 74,000 head during December, 35 percent above 2016.

For a full copy of the January 2018 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).