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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 285,000 head as of March 1, 2018. The latest inventory was up 2 percent from last month's inventory and 18 percent above March 1, 2017. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 24,000 head of fed cattle during February 2018, down 8 percent from the previous month and down 11 percent from the February 2017 marketings. An estimated 30,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during February 2018, down 21 percent from the previous month, but 11 percent above the February 2017 placements. Other disappearance for February 2018 is estimated at 1,000 head, no change from last month or 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 11.7 million head on March 1, 2018. The inventory was 9 percent above March 1, 2017. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.82 million head, 7 percent above 2017. Net placements were 1.76 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 325,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 335,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 537,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 420,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 150,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 50,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.68 million head, 2 percent above 2017. Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during February, 2 percent above 2017.

For a full copy of the March 2018 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.