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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 294,000 head as of April 1, 2018. The latest inventory was 3 percent above last month's inventory and 23 percent above April 1, 2017. The inventory included 284,000 steers and steer calves, 25 percent above last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 10,000 head, are down from 11,000 head on hand a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 24,000 head of fed cattle during March 2018, no change from the previous month, but down 14 percent from the March 2017 marketings. An estimated 34,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during March 2018, 13 percent above last month and 31 percent above the March 2017 placements of 26,000 head. Other disappearance for March 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 April 1, 2018. The inventory was 7 percent above April 1, 2017. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.54 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 4.19 million head, up 14 percent from 2017. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.92 million head, 9 percent below 2017. Net placements were 1.85 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 285,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 530,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 531,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 185,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 75,000 head.

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