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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 314,000 head as of April 1, 2019. The latest inventory was 1 percent above last month's inventory and 7 percent above April 1, 2018. The inventory included 305,000 steers and steer calves, 7 percent above last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 9,000 head, are down from 10,000 head on hand a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 27,000 head of fed cattle during March 2019, 42 percent above the previous month marketings and 13 percent above the March 2018 marketings. An estimated 31,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during March 2019, 11 percent above last month, but 9 percent below the March 2018 placements of 34,000 head. Other disappearance for March 2019 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 12.0 million head on April 1, 2019. The inventory was 2 percent above April 1, 2018. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.45 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.51 million head, up 8 percent from 2018. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 2.01 million head, 5 percent above 2018. Net placements were 1.95 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 325,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 300,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 595,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 539,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 185,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 70,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.78 million head, 3 percent below 2018. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 head during March, 3 percent above 2018.

For a full copy of the April 2019 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.