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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 253,000 head as of January 1, 2020. The latest inventory was 1 percent below last month's inventory and down 14 percent from January 1, 2019. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 27,000 head of fed cattle during December 2019, up 4 percent from the previous month and 13 percent above the December 2018 marketings of 24,000 head. An estimated 25,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2019, 7 percent below last month and 19 percent below the December 2018 placements of 31,000 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, 2020 totaled 248,000 head, down 13 percent from one year ago. Heifers and heifer calves on hand as of January 1, 2020 totaled 5,000 head, down 50 percent or 5,000 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 12.0 million head on January 1, 2020. The inventory was 2 percent above January 1, 2019. The inventory included 7.37 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.59 million head, up 4 percent from 2019. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.83 million head, 3 percent above 2019. Net placements were 1.76 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 455,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 413,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 295,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 95,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 105,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.83 million head, 5 percent above 2018. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 head during December, 11 percent below 2018.

For a full copy of the January 2020 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).