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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 260,000 head as of January 1, 2021. The latest inventory was 2 percent above last month's inventory and up 3 percent from January 1, 2020. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 25,000 head of fed cattle during December 2020, up 9 percent from the previous month but 7 percent below the December 2019 marketings of 27,000 head. An estimated 30,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2020, 36 percent above last month and 20 percent above the December 2019 placements of 25,000 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, 2021 totaled 255,000 head, up 3 percent from one year ago. Heifers and heifer calves on hand as of January 1, 2021 totaled 5,000 head, unchanged from one year ago.

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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 January 1, 2021. The inventory was slightly above January 1, 2020. The inventory included 7.40 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.57 million head, down slightly from 2020. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.84 million head, 1 percent above 2020. Placements were the second highest for January since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.78 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 435,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 425,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 317,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 110,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.85 million head, 1 percent above 2020. Marketings were the second highest for January since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 head during December, 10 percent below 2020.

For a full copy of the January 2021 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.