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CATTLE ON FEED

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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 275,000 head as of May 1, 2021. The latest inventory was 1 percent above last month's inventory and 4 percent above the May 1, 2020 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 23,000 head of fed cattle during April 2021, down 15 percent from the previous month but up 10 percent from the April 2020 marketings. An estimated 27,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April 2021, 10 percent below last month but up 8 percent from April 2020 placements of 25,000 head. Other disappearance for April 2021, at 1,000 head, was 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 May 1, 2021. The inventory was 5 percent above May 1, 2020. This is the second highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.82 million head, 27 percent above 2020. Net placements were 1.77 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 250,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 420,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 481,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 220,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 70,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.94 million head, 33 percent above 2020. Other disappearance totaled 55,000 head during April, 21 percent below 2020. Other disappearance was the lowest for April since the series began in 1996.

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