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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 270,000 head as of October 1, 2021. The latest inventory was less than 1 percent above last month's inventory but 5 percent above October 1, 2020. The inventory included 265,000 steers and steer calves, 5 percent above last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 5,000 head, are unchanged from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 19,000 head of fed cattle during September 2021, 17 percent below the previous month and 14 percent below the September 2020 marketings. An estimated 21,000 head of cattle and calves were placed on feed, 11 percent above the previous month and 31 percent above the September 2020 placements. Other disappearance for September 2021 was 1,000 head, the same as last month and 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 11.6 million head on October 1, 2021. The inventory was 1 percent below October 1, 2020. This is the second highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.07 million steers and steer calves, down 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.49 million head, up 2 percent from 2020. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.16 million head, 3 percent below 2020. Net placements were 2.11 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 435,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 360,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 495,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 498,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 275,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 100,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.79 million head, 3 percent below 2020. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 head during September, unchanged from 2020.

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