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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 272,000 head as of January 1, 2022. The latest inventory was 1 percent above last month's inventory and up 4 percent from January 1, 2021. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 27,000 head of fed cattle during December 2021, down 7 percent from the previous month but 8 percent above the December 2020 marketings of 25,000 head. An estimated 30,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during December 2021, 11 percent above last month but 6 percent below the December 2020 placements of 32,000 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, 2022 totaled 267,000 head, up 4 percent from one year ago. Heifers and heifer calves on hand as of January 1, 2022 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, 2022. The inventory was 1 percent above January 1, 2021. This is the second highest January 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.36 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.68 million head, up 2 percent from 2021. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.96 million head, 6 percent above 2020. Placements were the highest for December since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.91 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 510,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 470,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 450,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 333,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 105,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.86 million head, slightly above 2020. Marketings were the second highest for December since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 head during December, 10 percent below 2020.

For a full copy of the January 2022 *Cattle on Feed* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.