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 283,000 head as of March 1, 2022. The latest inventory was 1 percent above last month’s inventory and up 5 percent from March 1, 2021. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 25,000 head of fed cattle during February 2022, up 9 percent from the previous month and up 4 percent from the March 2021 marketings. An estimated 30,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during February 2022, 3 percent below last month, but 3 percent above the February 2021 placements of 29,000 head. Other disappearance for February, at 1,000 head, was the same as last month and last year.

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 12.2 million head on March 1, 2022. The inventory was 1 percent above March 1, 2021. This is the highest March 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.85 million head, 9 percent above 2021. Net placements were 1.79 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 325,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 505,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 468,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 135,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 55,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.83 million head, 5 percent above 2021. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 head during February, 2 percent above 2021.

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