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 287,000 head as of May 1, 2022. The latest inventory was 1 percent above last month’s inventory and 4 percent above the May 1, 2021 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 26,000 head of fed cattle during April 2022, down 7 percent from the previous month but up 13 percent from the April 2021 marketings. An estimated 29,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April 2022, 6 percent below last month but up 4 percent from April 2021 placements of 28,000 head. Other disappearance for April 2022, at 1,000 head, was no change from last month or 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 12.0 million head on May 1, 2022. The inventory was 2 percent above May 1, 2021. This is the highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.81 million head, 1 percent below 2021. Net placements were 1.76 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 270,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 415,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 489,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 210,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 70,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.89 million head, 2 percent below 2021. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 head during April, 2 percent below 2021.

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