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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in California for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 555,000 head on January 1, 2021. The inventory was unchanged from last month and 3 percent above January 1, 2020. During December, placements in feedlots totaled 65,000 head, 2 percent above the previous year. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 61,000 head, 13 percent below December 2019. Other disappearance totaled 4,000 head during December, unchanged from December 2019.

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, 2021. The inventory was slightly above January 1, 2020. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.84 million head, 1 percent above 2019. Net placements were 1.78 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 435,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 425,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 317,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 110,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.85 million head, 1 percent above 2019. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 head during December, 10 percent below 2019.

Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – States and United States

State	Number on feed ¹				
	January 1 2020	December 1 2020	January 1 2021	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>
Arizona	253	256	260	103	102
California	540	555	555	103	100
Colorado	1,090	1,130	1,110	102	98
Idaho	300	290	285	95	98
Iowa	670	610	610	91	100
Kansas	2,420	2,500	2,500	103	100
Minnesota	135	125	115	85	92
Nebraska	2,460	2,530	2,550	104	101
Oklahoma	330	325	325	98	100
South Dakota	245	250	245	100	98
Texas	2,960	2,900	2,870	97	99
Washington	235	255	235	100	92
Other States	320	310	305	95	98
United States	11,958	12,036	11,965	100	99

State	Placed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December ²	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Arizona	25	30	27	25	1	1
California	64	65	70	61	4	4
Colorado	140	155	145	170	5	5
Idaho	36	41	35	45	1	1
Iowa	72	93	90	91	2	2
Kansas	435	440	430	425	15	15
Minnesota	10	9	14	18	1	1
Nebraska	465	480	470	450	15	10
Oklahoma	59	43	52	42	2	1
South Dakota	40	40	43	43	2	2
Texas	410	380	365	395	15	15
Washington	32	25	36	44	1	1
Other States	40	41	57	44	3	2
United States	1,828	1,842	1,834	1,853	67	60

¹ Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.