Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in California for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 21,409 head on May 1, 2022. The inventory was 9% above last month and 1% above May 1, 2021. During April, placements in feedlots totaled 74,000 head, 19% above the previous year. Net placements were 68,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 63,000 head, 3% below April 2021. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head during April, 14% below April 2021.

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% above May 1, 2021. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.81 million head, 1% below 2021. Net placements were 1.76 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.89 million head, 2% below 2021. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 head during April, 2% below 2021.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 570,000 head on May 1, 2022. The inventory was 1% above last month and 5% above May 1, 2021. During April, placements in feedlots totaled 74,000 head, 19% above the previous year. Net placements were 68,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 63,000 head, 3% below April 2021. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head during April, 14% below April 2021.

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.

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