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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 870,000 head as of March 1, 2015. The latest inventory was 2 percent below last month's inventory and 5 percent below the March 1, 2014 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 145,000 head of fed cattle during February 2015. This was 4 percent above the previous month's marketings, but 6 percent below marketings one year earlier. An estimated 130,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during February, down 4 percent from January 2015 placements and down 4 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in February, 19 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 27 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 35 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for February, at 5,000 head, was unchanged from last month but 5,000 head lower than last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on March 1, 2015. The inventory was 1 percent below March 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.52 million, 8 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.46 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 330,000, 600-699 pounds were 270,000, 700-799 pounds were 388,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 535,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.52 million, 2 percent below 2014. February marketings are the lowest since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during February, 13 percent below 2014.

For a full copy of the March 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.