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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 830,000 head as of July 1, 2015. The latest inventory was 2 percent below July 1, 2014 inventory and 7 percent below the previous month's inventory. The inventory included 560,000 steer and steer calves, up 2 percent from the previous year. The number of heifer and heifer calves, at 270,000 head, are down 10 percent from a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 125,000 head of fed cattle during June 2015. This was 4 percent below the previous month's marketings, and 17 percent below marketings one year earlier. An estimated 80,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during June, 43 percent below the previous month's placements, and 16 percent below from June 2014 placements. Of the number placed in March, 20 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 15 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 15 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 30 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for June, at 15,000 head, was 5,000 head below last month but 10,000 head above 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 10.2 million head on July 1, 2015. The inventory was 2 percent above July 1, 2014. The inventory included 6.91 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 67 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.33 million head, down 7 percent from 2014. July 1, 2015 heifers and heifer calves inventory is the lowest percent of total July inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.48 million, 1 percent above 2014. Net placements were 1.41 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000, 600-699 pounds were 250,000, 700-799 pounds were 336,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 45,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.75 million, 5 percent below 2014. Marketings are the lowest for June since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during June, 8 percent below 2014.

For a full copy of the July 2015 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).