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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 790,000 head as of August 1, 2015. The latest inventory was 5 percent below last month but even with August 1, 2014 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 125,000 head of fed cattle during July 2015. This was the same as last month's marketings but 14 percent below marketings one year earlier. An estimated 90,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during July, 13 percent above the previous month's placements but no change from July 2014 placements. Of the number placed in July, 22 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 17 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 17 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 44 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for July, at 5,000 head, was 10,000 head below last month but the same as 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 10.0 million head on August 1, 2015. The inventory was 3 percent above August 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.55 million head, 1 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.49 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 235,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 327,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 620,000 head. Placements are the lowest for July since the series began in 1996. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.73 million head, 3 percent below 2014. Marketings are the lowest for July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during July, 11 percent below 2014.

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