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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 780,000 head as of September 1, 2015. The latest inventory was 1 percent below last month but even with the September 1, 2014 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 135,000 head of fed cattle during August 2015. This was 8 percent above last month's marketings but 10 percent below marketings one year earlier. An estimated 130,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during August, 44 percent above the previous month's placements but 10 percent below August 2014 placements. Of the number placed in August, 15 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 8 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 23 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 54 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for August, at 5,000 head, was the same as last month and 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 9.99 million head on September 1, 2015. The inventory was 3 percent above September 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.63 million head, 5 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.57 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 215,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 362,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 660,000 head. Placements are the lowest for August since the series began in 1996. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.59 million head, 6 percent below 2014. Marketings are the lowest for August since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 head during August, 9 percent below 2014

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