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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 890,000 head as of December 1, 2015. The latest inventory was 1 percent above last month but 2 percent below the December 1, 2014 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 125,000 head of fed cattle during November 2015. This was 11 percent below last month's marketings but 4 percent above the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 140,000 head of cattle and calves were placed on feed during November, 28 percent below the previous month's placements and 10 percent below November 2014 placements. Of the number placed in November, 25 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 25 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 21 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 29 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for November, 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 10.8 million head on December 1, 2015. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2014. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.60 million head, 11 percent below 2014. Placements are the lowest for November since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.53 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 470,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 391,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 310,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 430,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.53 million head, 4 percent above 2014. Other disappearance totaled 74,000 head during November, unchanged from 2014.

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