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CATTLE ON FEED

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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 880,000 head as of February 1, 2016. The latest inventory was up 1 percent from January 1, 2016 but down 1 percent from February 1, 2015. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 130,000 head of fed cattle during January 2016, no change from the December 2015 marketings head but down 7 percent from a year ago. An estimated 145,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during January 2016, up 26 percent from a year ago, and up 7 percent above the December 2015 placements of 135,000. Of the number placed in January, 17 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 21 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 28 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 34 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for January was estimated at 5,000 head, no change from 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 10.7 million head on February 1, 2016. The inventory was slightly below February 1, 2015. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.78 million head, 1 percent below 2015. Net placements were 1.72 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 365,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 494,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 580,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.59 million head, 2 percent below 2015. Marketings are the lowest for January since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during January, 27 percent below 2015. Other disappearance are the lowest for January since the series began in 1996.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 80.3 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2016, down 1 percent from the 81.6 percent on January 1, 2015.

Marketings of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2015 represented 87.2 percent of total cattle marketed from all feedlots in the United States, down slightly from 2014.

For a full copy of the February 2016 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.