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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 900,000 head as of April 1, 2016. The latest inventory was 1 percent above April 1, 2015 inventory and also 1 percent above the previous month's inventory. The inventory included 610,000 steer and steer calves, no change from the previous year. The number of heifer and heifer calves, at 290,000 head, are up 4 percent from a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 150,000 head of fed cattle during March 2016. This was 3 percent below the previous month's marketings, but 7 percent above marketings one year earlier. An estimated 165,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during March, 3 percent below the previous month's placements, but up 10 percent from March 2015 placements. Of the number placed in March, 15 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 18 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 27 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 39 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for March, at 5,000 head, was 5,000 head below last year but no change from last month.

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on April 1, 2016. The inventory was 1 percent above April 1, 2015. The inventory included 7.36 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 68 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.49 million head, up 4 percent from 2015. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.89 million head, 5 percent above 2015. Net placements were 1.83 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 352,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 275,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 495,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 770,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.75 million head, 7 percent above 2015. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 head during March, 10 percent below 2015.

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