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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 900,000 head as of May 1, 2016. The latest inventory represents no change from last month or from the May 1, 2015 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 135,000 head of fed cattle during April 2016. This was 10 percent below the previous month's marketings, but 13 percent above the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 145,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April 2016, 12 percent below the previous month's placements, but no change from April 2015 placements. Of the number placed in April, 17 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 14 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 45 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for April, at 10,000 head, was 5,000 head above last month but 5,000 head below 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 May 1, 2016. The inventory was 1 percent above May 1, 2015. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.66 million head, 7 percent above 2015. Net placements were 1.59 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 334,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 225,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 390,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 715,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.66 million head, 1 percent above 2015. Other disappearance totaled 76,000 head during April, 15 percent above 2015.

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