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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 1,030,000 head as of July 1, 2019. The latest inventory was 3 percent below the previous month's inventory, but 11 percent above the July 1, 2018 inventory. The inventory included 520,000 steers and steer calves, no change from the previous year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 510,000 head, are up 24 percent from a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 160,000 head of fed cattle during June 2019. This was 7 percent above the previous month's marketings, but no change from the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 135,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during June, 16 percent below the previous month's placements and 7 percent below June 2018 placements. Of the number placed in June, 19 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 15 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 22 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 22 percent weighed 800 to 899 pounds and 22 percent weighed 900 pounds or greater. Other disappearance for June, at 5,000 head, was down 5,000 head from last month and the same as 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 11.5 million head on July 1, 2019. The inventory was 2 percent above July 1, 2018. This is the highest July 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.01 million steers and steer calves, down 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.47 million head, up 8 percent from 2018. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.76 million head, 2 percent below 2018. Net placements were 1.69 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 385,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 295,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 391,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 390,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 185,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 110,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.95 million head, 3 percent below 2018. Other disappearance totaled 66,000 head during June, 14 percent above 2018.

UNITED STATES ALL CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 13.6 million head on July 1, 2019. The inventory is up 2 percent from the July 1, 2018 total of 13.3 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 84.4 percent of the total cattle on feed on July 1, 2019, down slightly from previous year.

For a full copy of the July 2019 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.