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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 990,000 head as of October 1, 2019. The latest inventory was 6 percent above last month, and 1 percent above the October 1, 2018 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 175,000 head of fed cattle during September 2019. This was 15 percent below last month's marketings, but 17 percent above the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 240,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during September 2019, 41 percent above the previous month's placements and 2 percent above September 2018 placements. Of the number placed in September, 13 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 10 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 21 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 29 percent weighed from 800-899 pounds, and 27 percent weighed 900 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for September, at 5,000 head, was the same as last month and last year.

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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 11.3 million head on October 1, 2019. The inventory was 1 percent below October 1, 2018. The inventory included 6.87 million steers and steer calves, down 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.41 million head, up 2 percent from 2018. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.09 million head, 2 percent above 2018. Net placements were 2.03 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 420,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 355,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 460,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 475,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 273,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 110,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.74 million head, 1 percent above 2018. Other disappearance totaled 59,000 head during September, 4 percent above 2018.

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