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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 1,100,000 head as of December 1, 2019. The latest inventory was 3 percent above last month's inventory and 9 percent above the December 1, 2018 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 150,000 head of fed cattle during November 2019. This was 3 percent below last month's marketings, but 3 percent above the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 185,000 head of cattle and calves were placed on feed during November 2019, 23 percent below the previous month's placements, but 32 percent above the November 2018 placements. Of the number placed in November, 32 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 22 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 16 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 16 percent weighed from 800 to 899 pounds, and 14 percent weighed 900 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for November, at 5,000 head, was the same as 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 12.0 million head on December 1, 2019. The inventory was 2 percent above December 1, 2018. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.09 million head, 5 percent above 2018. Net placements were 2.03 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 620,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 500,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 423,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 310,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 130,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 110,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.81 million head, 3 percent below 2018. Other disappearance totaled 65,000 head during November, 19 percent below 2018.

For a full copy of the December 2019 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)