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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 1,130,000 head as of October 1, 2021. The latest inventory was 5 percent above last month and 2 percent above the October 1, 2020 inventory. The inventory included 640,000 steer and steer calves, 1 percent below the previous year. The number of heifer and heifer calves, at 490,000 head, are up 5 percent from a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 165,000 head of fed cattle during September 2021. This was 3 percent below last month’s marketings and 3 percent below the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 220,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during September 2021, 2 percent above the previous month’s placements, but 10 percent below September 2020 placements. Of the number placed in September, 14 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 23 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 27 percent weighed from 800-899 pounds, and 25 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 11.6 million head on October 1, 2021. The inventory was 1 percent below October 1, 2020. This is the second highest October 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.07 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 4.49 million head, up 2 percent from 2020. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.16 million head, 3 percent below 2020. Net placements were 2.11 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 435,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 360,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 495,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 498,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 275,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 100,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.79 million head, 3 percent below 2020. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 head during September, unchanged from 2020.

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