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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 1,140,000 head as of December 1, 2021. The latest inventory was 1 percent below last month’s inventory, but 1 percent above the December 1, 2020 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 165,000 head of fed cattle during November 2021. This was 3 percent above last month’s marketings and 10 percent above the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 160,000 head of cattle and calves were placed on feed during November 2021, 14 percent below the previous month’s placements and 3 percent below the November 2020 placements. Of the number placed in November, 31 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 22 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 16 percent weighed from 800 to 899 pounds, and 13 percent weighed 900 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for November, 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 12.0 million head on December 1, 2021. The inventory was slightly below December 1, 2020. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.97 million head, 4 percent above 2020. Net placements were 1.91 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 565,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 485,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 405,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 296,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 130,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.87 million head, 5 percent above 2020. Marketings were the highest for November since the series began in 1996. November 2021 included one additional day of slaughter compared to last year. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 head during November, unchanged from 2020.

For a full copy of the December 2021 Cattle on Feed report please visit www.nass.usda.gov