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Pacific Region Cattle on Feed

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in California for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 510,000 head on December 1, 2023. The inventory was 1% above last month and 1% above December 1, 2022. During November, placements in feedlots totaled 65,000 head, 8% above 2022. Net placements were 60,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 55,000 head, 4% above 2022. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head during November, 29% below 2022.

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, 2023. The inventory was 3% above December 1, 2022. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.87 million head, 2% below 2022. Net placements were 1.81 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.75 million head, 7% below 2022. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 head during November, 5% below 2022.

Cattle on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots - States and United States

	Number on Feed ¹									
State	December 1 2022			November 1 2023		December 1 2023	Percent of previous year		Percent of previous month	
	1,000 head		1,000 head		1,000 head		percent		percent	
Arizona	268 505 1,040 315 630 2,330 95 2,610 280 220 2,810		258 505 1,030 315 650 2,520 100 2,540 315 220			266 510 1,030 320 640 2,500 100 2,580 325 230 2,910	,	99 101 99 102 102 107 105 99 116 105	103 101 100 102 98 99 100 102 103 105	
Washington Other States		270 320		270 320		270 325		100 102	100 102	
United States	1	11,693		11,943		12,006	103		101	
State	Placed during November			Marketed during November			Other disappearance ² during November			
	2022	2023		2022		2023	2022	2022		
	1,000 head	1,000 head		1,000 head		1,000 head	1,000 head		1,000 head	
Arizona	23 60 145 53 95 420 17 505 38 71 370 50 58		29 65 155 50 88 385 15 490 49 59 390 41 52		25 53 170 42 94 410 16 480 47 59 410 39 46	20 55 150 43 97 395 14 440 38 48 365 40		1 7 5 1 1 10 1 15 1 2 10 1 2	1 5 5 2 1 10 1 10 1 1 15 1	
United States	1,905		1,868		1,891	1,751		57	54	

¹ Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.