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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 520,000 head on January 1, 2024. The inventory was 2% above last month and 1% above January 1, 2023. The inventory included 415,000 steers and steer calves, down 5% from the previous year. This group accounted for 80% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 105,000 head, up 31% from 2023. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 78,000 head, up 13% from 2022. Net placements were 72,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 62,000 head, up 17% from 2022. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head during December, unchanged from 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 11.9 million head on January 1, 2024. The inventory was 2% above January 1, 2023. The inventory included 7.20 million steers and steer calves, up 2% from the previous year. This group accounted for 60% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.74 million head, up 2% from 2023. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.70 million head, 4% below 2022. Net placements were 1.64 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.73 million head, 1% below 2022. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 head during December, 11% above 2022.

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

State	Number on Feed ¹				
	January 1 2023	December 1 2023	January 1 2024	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>percent</i>
Arizona	267	266	265	99	100
California	515	510	520	101	102
Colorado	1,040	1,030	1,020	98	99
Idaho	320	325	335	105	103
Iowa	620	640	630	102	98
Kansas	2,390	2,500	2,480	104	99
Minnesota	95	100	105	111	105
Nebraska	2,600	2,580	2,560	98	99
Oklahoma	275	325	335	122	103
South Dakota	210	230	230	110	100
Texas	2,770	2,910	2,860	103	98
Washington	265	270	270	102	100
Other States	315	325	320	102	98
United States	11,682	12,011	11,930	102	99

State	Placed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance ² during December	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Arizona	24	20	24	20	1	1
California	69	78	53	62	6	6
Colorado	145	135	140	140	5	5
Idaho	46	50	40	39	1	1
Iowa	84	83	92	92	2	1
Kansas	435	395	365	405	10	10
Minnesota	13	16	12	10	1	1
Nebraska	470	435	470	440	10	15
Oklahoma	35	43	39	32	1	1
South Dakota	34	37	40	35	4	2
Texas	350	330	380	365	10	15
Washington	37	38	41	37	1	1
Other States	42	44	45	48	2	1
United States	1,784	1,704	1,741	1,725	54	60

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.

Cattle on Feed Inventory by Class in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – States and United States

State	Number on Feed ¹					
	Steers and steer calves			Heifers and heifer calves		
	January 1 2023	October 1 2023	January 1 2024	January 1 2023	October 1 2023	January 1 2024
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>
Arizona.....	257	240	250	10	10	15
California.....	435	405	415	80	100	105
Colorado.....	580	530	540	460	460	480
Idaho.....	165	165	180	155	130	155
Iowa.....	465	470	475	155	170	155
Kansas.....	1,270	1,350	1,380	1,120	1,150	1,100
Minnesota.....	80	80	85	15	15	20
Nebraska.....	1,600	1,490	1,590	1,000	930	970
Oklahoma.....	150	155	195	125	135	140
South Dakota.....	125	105	135	85	80	95
Texas.....	1,560	1,630	1,610	1,210	1,220	1,250
Washington.....	150	135	145	115	120	125
Other States.....	195	190	195	120	115	125
United States.....	7,032	6,945	7,195	4,650	4,635	4,735

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