



Cattle on Feed

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United States Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on February 1, 2026. The inventory was 2 percent below February 1, 2025.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.74 million head, 5 percent below 2025. Net placements were 1.68 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 365,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 455,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 381,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 105,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 70,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.63 million head, 13 percent below 2025.

Other disappearance totaled 55,000 head during January, 8 percent below 2025.

Cattle on Feed and Annual Size Group Estimates

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 82.7 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2026. This is comparable to the 82.5 percent on January 1, 2025.

Marketings of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2025 represented 87.1 percent of total cattle marketed from all feedlots in the United States, down slightly from 87.2 percent during 2024.

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Cattle on Feed Inventory, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States: February 1, 2025 and 2026

Item	2025	2026	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
On feed January 1	11,823	11,450	97
Placed on feed during January	1,822	1,736	95
Fed cattle marketed during January	1,869	1,626	87
Other disappearance during January	60	55	92
On feed February 1	11,716	11,505	98

Cattle on Feed Inventory, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

[December preceding year]

Item	2025	2026	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
On feed December 1	11,982	11,727	98
Placed on feed during December	1,642	1,555	95
Fed cattle marketed during December	1,742	1,774	102
Other disappearance during December	59	58	98
On feed January 1	11,823	11,450	97

Cattle on Feed by Class on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

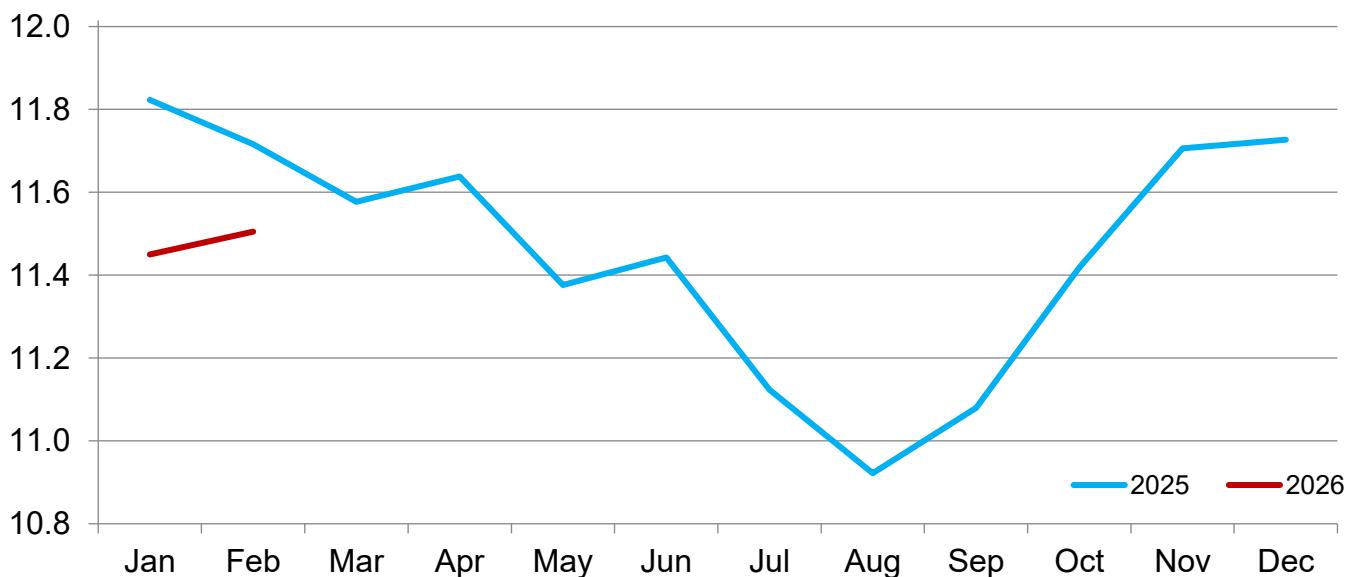
Item	2025	2026	Percent of	
			previous year	inventory
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Class on feed January 1				
Steers and steer calves	7,248	7,015	97	61
Heifers and heifer calves	4,575	4,435	97	39

**Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States:
2025 and 2026**

State	February 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	February 1, 2026		
			Inventory	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	231	210	220	95	105
California	520	500	510	98	102
Colorado	1,030	890	920	89	103
Idaho	335	345	350	104	101
Iowa	670	680	670	100	99
Kansas	2,370	2,390	2,350	99	98
Nebraska	2,590	2,620	2,680	103	102
Oklahoma	345	325	330	96	102
South Dakota	230	235	230	100	98
Texas	2,700	2,530	2,510	93	99
Washington	255	270	270	106	100
Other States	440	455	465	106	102
United States	11,716	11,450	11,505	98	100

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

Million head



**Cattle Placed on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States:
2025 and 2026**

State	During January 2025	During December 2025	During January 2026		
			Placements	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	23	19	27	117	142
California	63	64	63	100	98
Colorado	130	120	140	108	117
Idaho	41	41	44	107	107
Iowa	115	82	100	87	122
Kansas	450	380	400	89	105
Nebraska	535	425	495	93	116
Oklahoma	34	28	43	126	154
South Dakota	35	31	29	83	94
Texas	295	280	290	98	104
Washington	36	22	37	103	168
Other States	65	63	68	105	108
United States	1,822	1,555	1,736	95	112

Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots and Month – States and United States: 2025 and 2026

State	During January 2025							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	25	30	35	20	20	(D)	(D)	130
Kansas	50	105	155	100	40	(D)	(D)	450
Nebraska	45	110	165	145	70	(D)	(D)	535
Texas	115	65	65	40	10	(D)	(D)	295
Other States ...	130	85	85	77	35	(D)	(D)	412
United States ..	365	395	505	382	(X)	105	70	1,822
State	During December 2025							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	25	30	25	20	20	(D)	(D)	120
Kansas	55	85	110	85	45	(D)	(D)	380
Nebraska	50	100	95	90	90	(D)	(D)	425
Texas	115	65	60	30	10	(D)	(D)	280
Other States ...	120	80	65	50	35	(D)	(D)	350
United States ..	365	360	355	275	(X)	115	85	1,555
State	During January 2026							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	30	30	35	25	20	(D)	(D)	140
Kansas	45	85	135	95	40	(D)	(D)	400
Nebraska	40	100	140	145	70	(D)	(D)	495
Texas	115	65	60	40	10	(D)	(D)	290
Other States ...	130	85	85	76	35	(D)	(D)	411
United States ..	360	365	455	381	(X)	105	70	1,736

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ The 900 pounds and greater weight group is the sum of 900-999 pounds and 1,000 pounds and greater weight groups.

Cattle Marketed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2025 and 2026

State	During January 2025	During December 2025	During January 2026		
			Marketings	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	24	20	16	67	80
California	57	56	49	86	88
Colorado	145	130	105	72	81
Idaho	35	40	38	109	95
Iowa	94	100	108	115	108
Kansas	465	420	430	92	102
Nebraska	510	465	425	83	91
Oklahoma	48	41	37	77	90
South Dakota	34	50	32	94	64
Texas	365	345	295	81	86
Washington	35	46	36	103	78
Other States	57	61	55	96	90
United States	1,869	1,774	1,626	87	92

Cattle Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2025 and 2026

State	During January 2025	During December 2025	During January 2026		
			Other disappearance	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	1	1	1	100	100
California	6	3	4	67	133
Colorado	5	10	5	100	50
Idaho	1	1	1	100	100
Iowa	1	2	2	200	100
Kansas	15	10	10	67	100
Nebraska	15	10	10	67	100
Oklahoma	1	2	1	100	50
South Dakota	1	1	2	200	200
Texas	10	15	15	150	100
Washington	1	1	1	100	100
Other States	3	2	3	100	150
United States	60	58	55	92	95

Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2025

State	January 1	February 1	March 1	April 1	May 1	June 1
	(1,000 head)					
Arizona	233	231	227	228	231	233
California	520	520	510	500	485	490
Colorado	1,050	1,030	1,010	1,000	960	920
Idaho	330	335	335	340	335	330
Iowa	650	670	670	680	680	680
Kansas	2,400	2,370	2,320	2,340	2,290	2,350
Nebraska	2,580	2,590	2,590	2,600	2,550	2,560
Oklahoma	360	345	340	335	325	335
South Dakota	230	230	235	240	235	220
Texas	2,780	2,700	2,640	2,670	2,590	2,630
Washington	255	255	260	260	255	260
Other States	435	440	440	445	440	435
United States	11,823	11,716	11,577	11,638	11,376	11,443
State	July 1	August 1	September 1	October 1	November 1	December 1
	(1,000 head)					
Arizona	229	222	220	213	211	212
California	485	475	475	480	485	495
Colorado	900	880	890	920	920	910
Idaho	330	325	330	345	345	345
Iowa	690	690	690	690	700	700
Kansas	2,270	2,270	2,350	2,410	2,460	2,440
Nebraska	2,440	2,390	2,430	2,560	2,640	2,670
Oklahoma	320	310	315	320	335	340
South Dakota	205	190	195	200	235	255
Texas	2,570	2,490	2,500	2,570	2,630	2,610
Washington	255	255	265	280	295	295
Other States	430	425	420	430	450	455
United States	11,124	10,922	11,080	11,418	11,706	11,727

Cattle Placed on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2025

State	During					
	December ¹	January	February	March	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	23	23	17	24	23	22
California	65	63	55	54	51	62
Colorado	130	130	130	135	120	120
Idaho	41	41	36	43	38	42
Iowa	91	115	94	104	87	74
Kansas	410	450	365	430	380	470
Nebraska	460	535	440	500	445	495
Oklahoma	35	34	35	40	45	58
South Dakota	38	35	35	41	29	24
Texas	255	295	260	370	310	420
Washington	31	36	35	34	33	42
Other States	63	65	52	68	52	58
United States	1,642	1,822	1,554	1,843	1,613	1,887
State	During					
	June	July	August	September	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	17	17	18	13	16	16
California	55	53	51	66	62	58
Colorado	110	110	140	155	135	105
Idaho	34	38	45	62	53	46
Iowa	57	66	65	76	96	94
Kansas	360	435	475	465	455	320
Nebraska	360	440	475	585	560	460
Oklahoma	36	41	49	46	62	41
South Dakota	23	22	28	40	69	58
Texas	300	290	340	390	410	285
Washington	33	33	41	49	49	39
Other States	56	53	53	74	73	72
United States	1,441	1,598	1,780	2,021	2,040	1,594

¹ December prior year.

Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots and Month – States and United States: 2025

State	During December prior year							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	30	30	30	20	20	(D)	(D)	130
Kansas	60	95	120	90	45	(D)	(D)	410
Nebraska	55	105	105	100	95	(D)	(D)	460
Texas	110	60	50	25	10	(D)	(D)	255
Other States ...	140	90	70	52	35	(D)	(D)	387
United States ..	395	380	375	287	(X)	115	90	1,642
State	During January							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	25	30	35	20	20	(D)	(D)	130
Kansas	50	105	155	100	40	(D)	(D)	450
Nebraska	45	110	165	145	70	(D)	(D)	535
Texas	115	65	65	40	10	(D)	(D)	295
Other States ...	130	85	85	77	35	(D)	(D)	412
United States ..	365	395	505	382	(X)	105	70	1,822
State	During February							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	25	25	30	30	20	(D)	(D)	130
Kansas	40	65	115	100	45	(D)	(D)	365
Nebraska	30	65	135	140	70	(D)	(D)	440
Texas	100	55	55	40	10	(D)	(D)	260
Other States ...	100	65	85	74	35	(D)	(D)	359
United States ..	295	275	420	384	(X)	130	50	1,554

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Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2025 (continued)

State	During March							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	25	20	30	40	20	(D)	(D)	135
Kansas	45	65	125	135	60	(D)	(D)	430
Nebraska	30	70	135	165	100	(D)	(D)	500
Texas	130	75	85	60	20	(D)	(D)	370
Other States	105	55	100	108	40	(D)	(D)	408
United States ..	335	285	475	508	(X)	175	65	1,843
State	During April							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	25	20	25	30	20	(D)	(D)	120
Kansas	45	55	115	105	60	(D)	(D)	380
Nebraska	30	45	100	160	110	(D)	(D)	445
Texas	110	55	65	55	25	(D)	(D)	310
Other States	100	50	65	93	50	(D)	(D)	358
United States ..	310	225	370	443	(X)	195	70	1,613
State	During May							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	20	20	30	30	20	(D)	(D)	120
Kansas	55	75	140	130	70	(D)	(D)	470
Nebraska	40	50	105	165	135	(D)	(D)	495
Texas	120	75	105	90	30	(D)	(D)	420
Other States	100	55	70	102	55	(D)	(D)	382
United States ..	335	275	450	517	(X)	230	80	1,887

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Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2025 (continued)

State	During June							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	20	20	25	25	20	(D)	(D)	110
Kansas	55	65	100	90	50	(D)	(D)	360
Nebraska	35	45	80	100	100	(D)	(D)	360
Texas	120	65	60	35	20	(D)	(D)	300
Other States ...	90	40	50	76	55	(D)	(D)	311
United States ..	320	235	315	326	(X)	165	80	1,441
State	During July							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	20	20	25	25	20	(D)	(D)	110
Kansas	60	75	130	110	60	(D)	(D)	435
Nebraska	40	50	95	135	120	(D)	(D)	440
Texas	130	60	55	30	15	(D)	(D)	290
Other States ...	90	40	60	78	55	(D)	(D)	323
United States ..	340	245	365	378	(X)	195	75	1,598
State	During August							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	25	25	25	35	30	(D)	(D)	140
Kansas	55	80	150	120	70	(D)	(D)	475
Nebraska	40	45	90	140	160	(D)	(D)	475
Texas	145	75	65	40	15	(D)	(D)	340
Other States ...	90	40	60	85	75	(D)	(D)	350
United States ..	355	265	390	420	(X)	260	90	1,780

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Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2025 (continued)

State	During September							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	25	20	30	45	35	(D)	(D)	155
Kansas	60	85	140	115	65	(D)	(D)	465
Nebraska	60	60	100	175	190	(D)	(D)	585
Texas	145	100	90	45	10	(D)	(D)	390
Other States	115	45	75	106	85	(D)	(D)	426
United States ..	405	310	435	486	(X)	285	100	2,021
State	During October							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	30	25	25	30	25	(D)	(D)	135
Kansas	70	95	140	95	55	(D)	(D)	455
Nebraska	115	105	95	120	125	(D)	(D)	560
Texas	140	95	105	55	15	(D)	(D)	410
Other States	160	100	80	85	55	(D)	(D)	480
United States ..	515	420	445	385	(X)	195	80	2,040
State	During November							
	Under 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800-899 lbs	900+ lbs ¹	900-999 lbs	1,000+ lbs	Total
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	30	25	20	15	15	(D)	(D)	105
Kansas	45	75	90	70	40	(D)	(D)	320
Nebraska	95	110	80	80	95	(D)	(D)	460
Texas	100	70	65	35	15	(D)	(D)	285
Other States	165	95	65	54	45	(D)	(D)	424
United States ..	435	375	320	254	(X)	130	80	1,594

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ The 900+ weight group is the sum of 900-999 pound and 1,000+ pound weight group.

Cattle Marketed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2025

State	During					
	December ¹	January	February	March	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	21	24	20	22	19	19
California	49	57	58	58	60	51
Colorado	130	145	140	140	155	150
Idaho	40	35	35	37	42	46
Iowa	100	94	93	93	86	72
Kansas	420	465	405	400	420	400
Nebraska	465	510	425	475	485	470
Oklahoma	39	48	39	44	54	47
South Dakota	42	34	29	34	33	37
Texas	345	365	310	330	380	370
Washington	35	35	29	33	37	36
Other States	56	57	50	61	54	60
United States	1,742	1,869	1,633	1,727	1,825	1,758
State	During					
	June	July	August	September	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	20	23	19	19	17	14
California	54	57	45	55	51	44
Colorado	125	125	125	120	130	110
Idaho	31	42	39	46	52	45
Iowa	46	65	63	74	85	92
Kansas	430	425	385	395	395	330
Nebraska	470	480	425	445	470	420
Oklahoma	50	50	43	40	46	35
South Dakota	36	35	22	34	33	37
Texas	350	360	320	310	335	290
Washington	37	32	30	33	33	38
Other States	58	55	55	61	51	65
United States	1,707	1,749	1,571	1,632	1,698	1,520

¹ December prior year.

Cattle Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2025

State	During					
	December ¹	January	February	March	April	May
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	1	1	1	1	1	1
California	6	6	7	6	6	6
Colorado	10	5	10	5	5	10
Idaho	1	1	1	1	1	1
Iowa	1	1	1	1	1	2
Kansas	10	15	10	10	10	10
Nebraska	15	15	15	15	10	15
Oklahoma	1	1	1	1	1	1
South Dakota	1	1	1	2	1	2
Texas	10	10	10	10	10	10
Washington	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other States	2	3	2	2	3	3
United States	59	60	60	55	50	62
State	During					
	June	July	August	September	October	November
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	1	1	1	1	1	1
California	6	6	6	6	6	4
Colorado	5	5	5	5	5	5
Idaho	3	1	1	1	1	1
Iowa	1	1	2	2	1	2
Kansas	10	10	10	10	10	10
Nebraska	10	10	10	10	10	10
Oklahoma	1	1	1	1	1	1
South Dakota	2	2	1	1	1	1
Texas	10	10	10	10	15	15
Washington	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other States	3	3	3	3	2	2
United States	53	51	51	51	54	53

¹ December prior year.

Cattle on Feed by Class on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots and Quarter – States and United States: 2025

State	Steers & steer calves				Heifers & heifer calves			
	January 1	April 1	July 1	October 1	January 1	April 1	July 1	October 1
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	218	213	219	198	15	15	10	15
California	420	410	400	390	100	90	85	90
Colorado	550	535	460	485	500	465	440	435
Idaho	175	180	180	195	155	160	150	150
Iowa	500	530	550	550	150	150	140	140
Kansas	1,410	1,350	1,320	1,460	990	990	950	950
Nebraska	1,630	1,710	1,600	1,650	950	890	840	910
Oklahoma	205	195	180	180	155	140	140	140
South Dakota	135	150	125	115	95	90	80	85
Texas	1,570	1,530	1,405	1,400	1,210	1,140	1,165	1,170
Washington	140	140	140	145	115	120	115	135
Other States	295	315	305	295	140	130	125	135
United States	7,248	7,258	6,884	7,063	4,575	4,380	4,240	4,355

Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings by Size of Feedlot – United States: 2024 and 2025

Feedlot capacity	2024			2025		
	Feedlots	Inventory ¹	Cattle marketed	Feedlots	Inventory ¹	Cattle marketed
	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Less than 1,000 head	24,000	2,499.8	3,170.0	24,000	2,397.9	3,020.0
1,000 head or more	2,105	11,823.0	21,640.0	2,082	11,450.0	20,463.0
1,000 - 1,999	740	363.0	610.0	710	340.0	573.0
2,000 - 3,999	530	630.0	1,220.0	550	650.0	1,220.0
4,000 - 7,999	370	930.0	1,790.0	350	820.0	1,620.0
8,000 - 15,999	190	1,040.0	1,990.0	200	980.0	1,870.0
16,000 - 23,999	85	940.0	1,840.0	80	890.0	1,720.0
24,000 - 31,999	45	760.0	1,550.0	45	760.0	1,420.0
32,000 - 49,999	65	2,190.0	3,920.0	65	2,070.0	3,650.0
50,000 and Over	80	4,970.0	8,720.0	82	4,940.0	8,390.0
All feedlots	26,105	14,322.8	24,810.0	26,082	13,847.9	23,483.0

¹ Inventory estimates as of January 1 of the following year.

Total Feedlot Capacity of 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

State	Feedlot capacity	
	2025	2026
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
United States	17,200	17,100

All Cattle on Feed Inventory - States and United States: January 1, 2025 and 2026

[Cattle and calves on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay, and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or late placement in another feedlot. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by class]

State	2025	2026	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Arizona	235.0	212.0	90
California	520.0	500.0	96
Colorado	1,080.0	920.0	85
Idaho	340.0	355.0	104
Illinois	250.0	220.0	88
Iowa	1,210.0	1,180.0	98
Kansas	2,510.0	2,480.0	99
Michigan	145.0	135.0	93
Minnesota	370.0	350.0	95
Nebraska	2,700.0	2,800.0	104
Ohio	150.0	160.0	107
Oklahoma	365.0	330.0	90
South Dakota	440.0	435.0	99
Texas	2,800.0	2,540.0	91
Washington	260.0	275.0	106
Wisconsin	230.0	240.0	104
Other States ¹	717.8	715.9	100
United States	14,322.8	13,847.9	97

¹ Individual state estimates not available for states not shown, but are included in Other States.

Terms and Definitions of Cattle on Feed Estimates

Number of feedlots is the number of lots operating at the end of the year with inventory of cattle on feed.

Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. It excludes cattle being "backgrounded only" for later sale as feeders or later placement in another feedlot.

Placements are steers and heifers put into a feedlot, fed a ration which will produce a carcass that will grade select or better, and are intended for the slaughter market.

Marketings are steers and heifers shipped out of feedlots to a slaughter market.

Other disappearance includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: During January and July all known feedlots in the United States with capacity of 1,000 or more head are surveyed to provide data for cattle on feed estimates. During the other months, all known feedlots from 16 States are surveyed. The 16 States account for approximately 98 percent of the cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head. Individual State estimates are published monthly for 11 of the 16 States. Data collected from the remaining 5 States are used to establish the "Other States" estimates. These 5 States include Illinois, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon, and Wyoming. The "Other States" category represents all cattle on feed with a capacity of 1,000 or more head for the rest of the United States.

Estimating Procedures: These cattle on feed estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by Regional Field Offices. Regional and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from the previous month when establishing the current estimates.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve month to month relationships. Estimates for the previous month are subject to revision in all States each month when current estimates are made. In February, all monthly estimates for the previous year, and the number of feedlots and annual marketings from two years ago are reviewed and subject to revisions. The reviews are primarily based on slaughter data, state check-off or brand data, and any other data that may have been received after the original estimate was made. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the *Census of Agriculture* are available. No revisions will be made after that date and estimates become final.

Reliability: Since all 1,000+ capacity cattle on feed operators in every State are not included in the monthly survey, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The effects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of estimates in this report, the "**Root Mean Square Error**" is shown for selected items in the table on the following page. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the differences between first and latest estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for cattle on feed inventory estimates over the past 24 months is 0.0 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 11.5 million head by more than 0.0 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.1 percent.

The table below shows a 24-month record of the range of differences between first and latest estimates for selected items. Using estimates of number on feed as an example, changes between the first estimate and the latest estimate during the past 24 months have averaged 1,000 head, ranging from 0 to 20,000 head. During this period, the initial estimate has been above the latest estimate 1 time and has been below the latest estimate 2 times. This does not imply that the initial estimate is likely to understate or overstate final inventory.

Reliability of Monthly Cattle on Feed Estimates

[Based on data for the past 24 months]

Item	Root mean square error (percent)	90 percent confidence level (percent)	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average (1,000)	Smallest (1,000)	Largest (1,000)	Months	
						Below latest (number)	Above latest (number)
On feed	0.0	0.1	1	0	20	2	1
Placements	0.2	0.3	1	0	20	6	3
Marketings	0.0	0.1	0	0	2	5	2

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