



Cattle on Feed

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United States Cattle on Feed Up 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 11.4 million head on July 1, 2026. The inventory was 2 percent above July 1, 2025. The inventory included 7.12 million steers and steer calves, up 3 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.25 million head, up slightly from 2025.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.40 million head, 3 percent below 2025. Net placements were 1.35 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 325,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 225,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 300,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 309,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 160,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 80,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.66 million head, 3 percent below 2025. Marketings were the lowest for June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 50,000 head during June, 6 percent below 2025.

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

Item	2025	2026	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
On feed June 1	11,443	11,682	102
Placed on feed during June	1,441	1,399	97
Fed cattle marketed during June	1,707	1,661	97
Other disappearance during June	53	50	94
On feed July 1	11,124	11,370	102

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Item	2025	2026	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
On feed May 1	11,376	11,584	102
Placed on feed during May	1,887	1,704	90
Fed cattle marketed during May	1,758	1,551	88
Other disappearance during May	62	55	89
On feed June 1	11,443	11,682	102

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

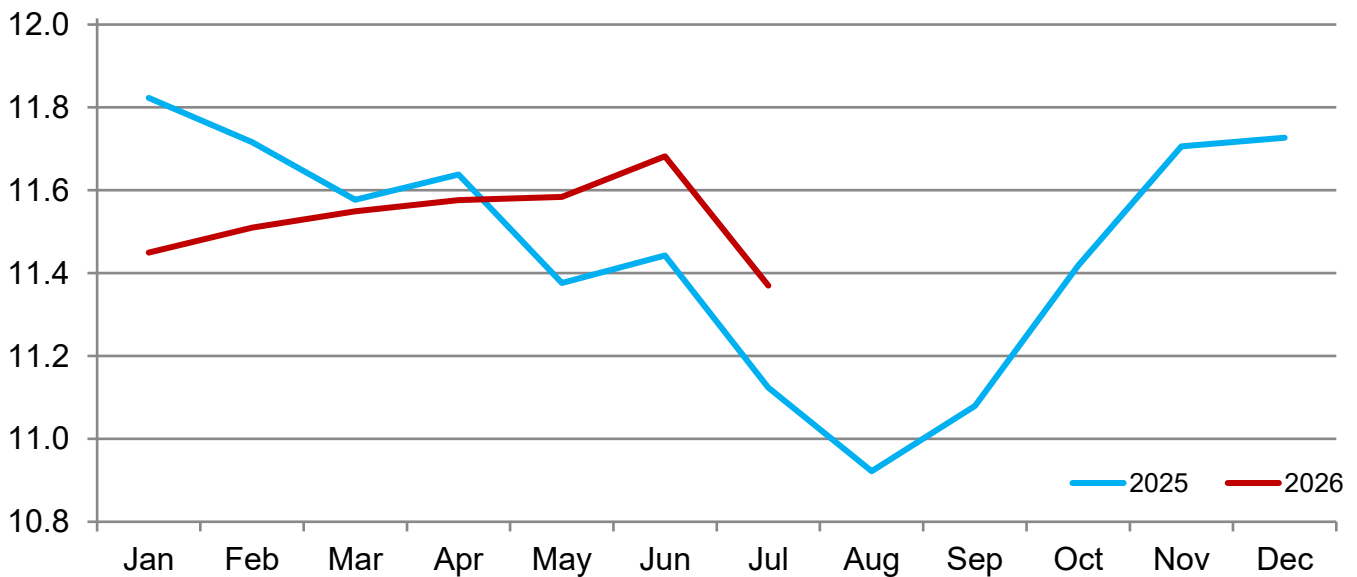
Item	2025	2026	Percent of	
			previous year	inventory
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Class on feed July 1				
Steers and steer calves	6,884	7,120	103	63
Heifers and heifer calves	4,240	4,250	100	37

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

State	July 1, 2025	June 1, 2026	July 1, 2026		
			Inventory	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	229	217	215	94	99
California	485	510	500	103	98
Colorado	900	940	930	103	99
Idaho	330	350	340	103	97
Iowa	690	680	680	99	100
Kansas	2,270	2,420	2,300	101	95
Nebraska	2,440	2,630	2,540	104	97
Oklahoma	320	345	340	106	99
South Dakota	205	235	225	110	96
Texas	2,570	2,610	2,560	100	98
Washington	255	275	270	106	98
Other States	430	470	470	109	100
United States	11,124	11,682	11,370	102	97

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

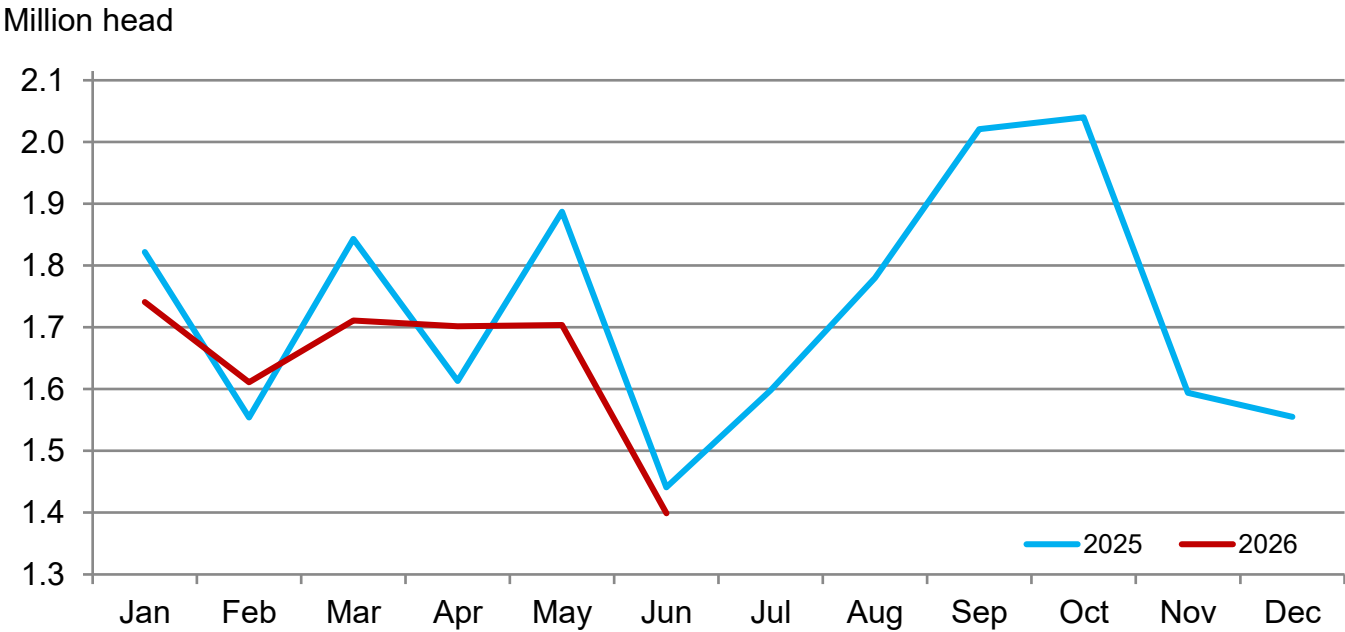
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Cattle Placed on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2025 and 2026

State	During June 2025	During May 2026	During June 2026		
			Placements	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	17	20	21	124	105
California	55	65	52	95	80
Colorado	110	140	110	100	79
Idaho	34	42	31	91	74
Iowa	57	77	59	104	77
Kansas	360	420	305	85	73
Nebraska	360	410	355	99	87
Oklahoma	36	54	46	128	85
South Dakota	23	23	20	87	87
Texas	300	350	305	102	87
Washington	33	45	35	106	78
Other States	56	58	60	107	103
United States	1,441	1,704	1,399	97	82

Cattle Placed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States



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

State	During June 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	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 May 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	25	20	35	35	25	(D)	(D)	140
Kansas	50	65	120	115	70	(D)	(D)	420
Nebraska	35	40	90	130	115	(D)	(D)	410
Texas	110	60	85	65	30	(D)	(D)	350
Other States ...	100	55	70	99	60	(D)	(D)	384
United States ..	320	240	400	444	(X)	225	75	1,704

State	During June 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	20	20	25	25	20	(D)	(D)	110
Kansas	45	55	85	75	45	(D)	(D)	305
Nebraska	40	45	80	95	95	(D)	(D)	355
Texas	125	65	60	35	20	(D)	(D)	305
Other States ...	95	40	50	79	60	(D)	(D)	324
United States ..	325	225	300	309	(X)	160	80	1,399

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

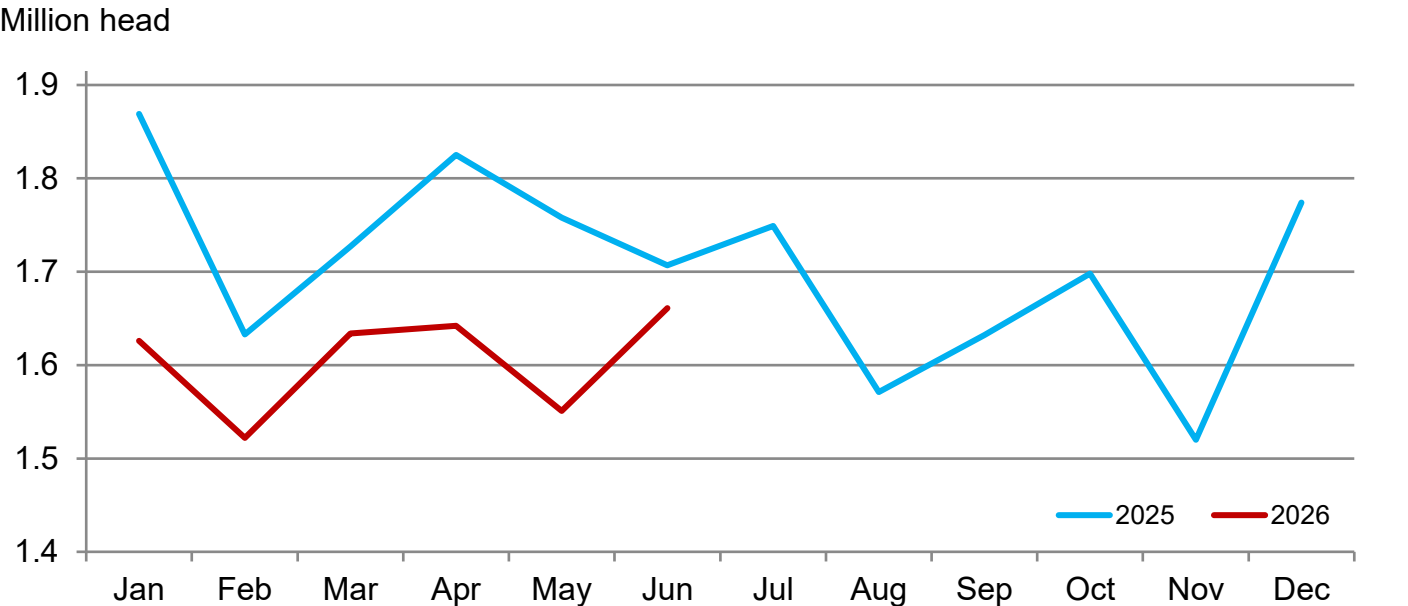
(X) Not applicable.

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 June 2025	During May 2026	During June 2026		
			Marketings	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	20	21	22	110	105
California	54	46	58	107	126
Colorado	125	115	115	92	100
Idaho	31	46	39	126	85
Iowa	46	75	57	124	76
Kansas	430	360	415	97	115
Nebraska	470	405	435	93	107
Oklahoma	50	43	50	100	116
South Dakota	36	31	29	81	94
Texas	350	310	345	99	111
Washington	37	39	39	105	100
Other States	58	60	57	98	95
United States	1,707	1,551	1,661	97	107

Cattle Marketed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States



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

State	During June 2025	During May 2026	During June 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	4	4	67	100
Colorado	5	5	5	100	100
Idaho	3	1	2	67	200
Iowa	1	2	2	200	100
Kansas	10	10	10	100	100
Nebraska	10	15	10	100	67
Oklahoma	1	1	1	100	100
South Dakota	2	2	1	50	50
Texas	10	10	10	100	100
Washington	1	1	1	100	100
Other States	3	3	3	100	100
United States	53	55	50	94	91

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

State	Steers and steer calves			Heifers and heifer calves		
	Jul 1, 2025	Apr 1, 2026	Jul 1, 2026	Jul 1, 2025	Apr 1, 2026	Jul 1, 2026
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Arizona	219	211	205	10	15	10
California	400	415	410	85	90	90
Colorado	460	495	495	440	420	435
Idaho	180	195	190	150	160	150
Iowa	550	540	540	140	150	140
Kansas	1,320	1,400	1,390	950	960	910
Nebraska	1,600	1,750	1,660	840	890	880
Oklahoma	180	205	205	140	130	135
South Dakota	125	155	140	80	90	85
Texas	1,405	1,405	1,400	1,165	1,155	1,160
Washington	140	150	150	115	120	120
Other States	305	335	335	125	140	135
United States	6,884	7,256	7,120	4,240	4,320	4,250

Terms and Definitions of Cattle on Feed Estimates

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 11.4 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 on the following page 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	90 percent confidence level	Difference between first and latest estimate				
			Average	Smallest	Largest	Months	
						Below latest	Above latest
	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(number)	(number)
On feed	0.0	0.1	1	0	20	2	1
Placements	0.2	0.3	1	0	20	7	2
Marketings	0.0	0.1	0	0	2	5	1

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