



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 10.9 million head on August 1, 2025. The inventory was 2 percent below August 1, 2024.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.60 million head, 6 percent below 2024. Net placements were 1.55 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 245,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 365,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 378,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 195,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 75,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.75 million head, 6 percent below 2024.

Other disappearance totaled 51,000 head during July, 9 percent below 2024.

Cattle on Feed Inventory, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States: August 1, 2024 and 2025

Item	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
On feed July 1	11,304	11,124	98
Placed on feed during July	1,702	1,598	94
Fed cattle marketed during July	1,855	1,749	94
Other disappearance during July	56	51	91
On feed August 1	11,095	10,922	98

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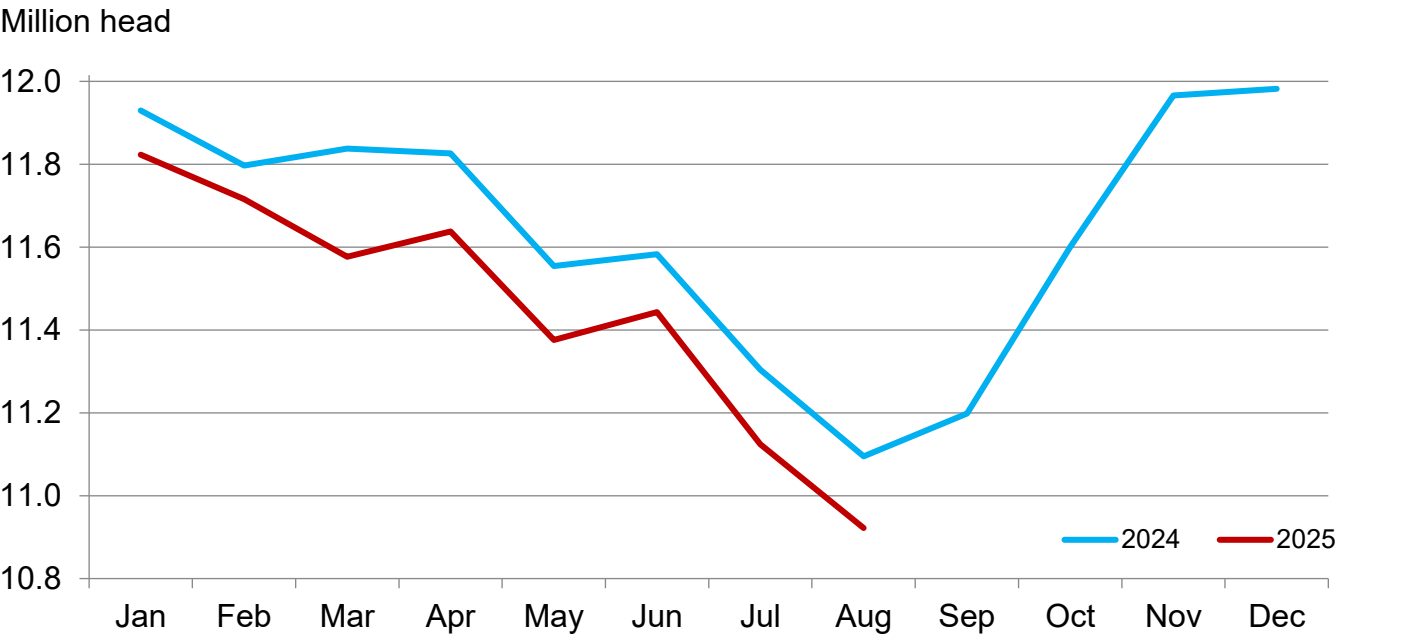
Item	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
On feed June 1	11,583	11,443	99
Placed on feed during June	1,564	1,441	92
Fed cattle marketed during June	1,786	1,707	96
Other disappearance during June	57	53	93
On feed July 1	11,304	11,124	98

Cattle on Feed Inventory on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	August 1, 2024	July 1, 2025	August 1, 2025		
			Inventory	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	240	229	222	93	97
California	520	485	475	91	98
Colorado	960	900	880	92	98
Idaho	310	330	325	105	98
Iowa	650	690	690	106	100
Kansas	2,210	2,270	2,270	103	100
Minnesota	100	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	2,320	2,440	2,390	103	98
Oklahoma	325	320	310	95	97
South Dakota	190	205	190	100	93
Texas	2,740	2,570	2,490	91	97
Washington	240	255	255	106	100
Other States	290	430	425	147	99
United States	11,095	11,124	10,922	98	98

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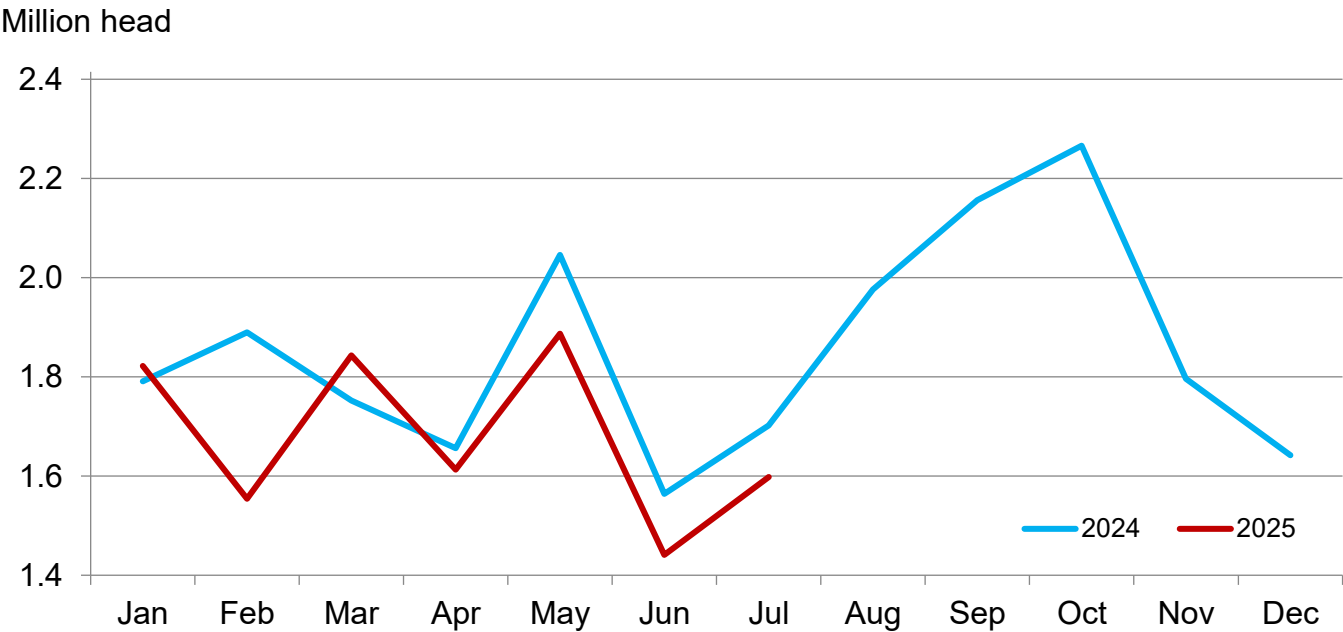


**Cattle Placed on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States:
2024 and 2025**

State	During July 2024	During June 2025	During July 2025		
			Placements	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	16	17	17	106	100
California	45	55	53	118	96
Colorado	145	110	110	76	100
Idaho	32	34	38	119	112
Iowa	56	57	66	118	116
Kansas	425	360	435	102	121
Minnesota	8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	450	360	440	98	122
Oklahoma	45	36	41	91	114
South Dakota	21	23	22	105	96
Texas	385	300	290	75	97
Washington	37	33	33	89	100
Other States	37	56	53	143	95
United States	1,702	1,441	1,598	94	111

(NA) Not available.

**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: 2024 and 2025

State	During July 2024							
	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	35	30	25	(D)	(D)	145
Kansas	60	70	125	110	60	(D)	(D)	425
Nebraska	40	50	100	140	120	(D)	(D)	450
Texas	175	85	70	40	15	(D)	(D)	385
Other States ...	85	35	55	67	55	(D)	(D)	297
United States ..	390	265	385	387	(X)	200	75	1,702

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 July 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	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

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

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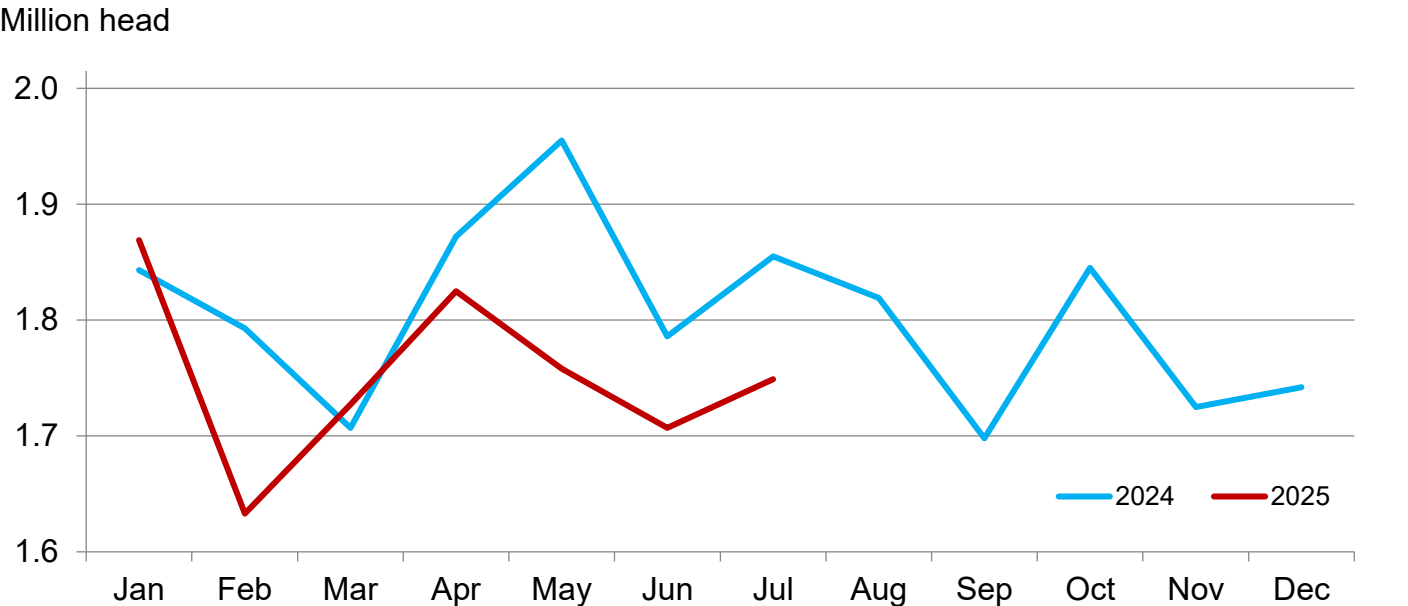
¹ The 900 pounds and greater weight group is the sum of 900-999 pounds and 1,000 pounds and greater weight groups.

Cattle Marketed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	During July 2024	During June 2025	During July 2025		
			Marketings	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	24	20	23	96	115
California	49	54	57	116	106
Colorado	150	125	125	83	100
Idaho	51	31	42	82	135
Iowa	55	46	65	118	141
Kansas	425	430	425	100	99
Minnesota	12	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	510	470	480	94	102
Oklahoma	44	50	50	114	100
South Dakota	34	36	35	103	97
Texas	420	350	360	86	103
Washington	36	37	32	89	86
Other States	45	58	55	122	95
United States	1,855	1,707	1,749	94	102

(NA) Not available.

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



Cattle Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	During July 2024	During June 2025	During July 2025		
			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	6	6	100	100
Colorado	5	5	5	100	100
Idaho	1	3	1	100	33
Iowa	1	1	1	100	100
Kansas	10	10	10	100	100
Minnesota	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	10	10	10	100	100
Oklahoma	1	1	1	100	100
South Dakota	2	2	2	100	100
Texas	15	10	10	67	100
Washington	1	1	1	100	100
Other States	2	3	3	150	100
United States	56	53	51	91	96

(NA) Not available.

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. In 2025, data collected from the remaining 5 States are used to establish the "Other States" estimates. These 5 States include Illinois, New Mexico, Oregon, Wyoming and in 2025, Minnesota was added. 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 0.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 10.9 million head by more than 0.1 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.2 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 6,000 head, ranging from 0 to 34,000 head. During this period the initial estimate has been above the latest estimate 1 time and has been below the latest estimate 7 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	0.1	0.2	6	0	34	7	1
Placements	0.3	0.5	3	0	20	5	6
Marketings	0.1	0.2	1	0	5	6	3

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