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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 565,000 head on April 1, 2022. The inventory was 1% above last month and 2% above April 1, 2021. The inventory included 470,000 steers and steer calves, up 1% from the previous year. This group accounted for 83% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 95,000 head, up 6% from 2021. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 69,000 head, 10% above the previous year. Net placements were 63,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 58,000 head, 12% below March 2021. Other disappearance totaled 6,000 head during March, 14% below March 2021.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on April 1, 2022. The inventory was 2% above April 1, 2021. The inventory included 7.54 million steers and steer calves, up 2% from the previous year. This group accounted for 62% of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.57 million head, up 2% from 2021. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.99 million head, slightly below 2021. Net placements were 1.94 million head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 2.00 million head, 2% below 2021. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 head during March, 12% below 2021.

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

State	Number on Feed ¹				
	April 1 2021	March 1 2022	April 1 2022	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	272	283	285	105	101
California	555	560	565	102	101
Colorado	1,060	1,120	1,100	104	98
Idaho	290	310	305	105	98
Iowa	630	610	600	95	98
Kansas	2,480	2,510	2,510	101	100
Minnesota	115	100	100	87	100
Nebraska	2,580	2,690	2,660	103	99
Oklahoma	300	300	290	97	97
South Dakota	240	235	230	96	98
Texas	2,870	2,940	2,950	103	100
Washington	205	205	205	100	100
Other States	300	305	305	102	100
United States	11,897	12,168	12,105	102	99

State	Placed during March		Marketed during March		Other disappearance ² during March	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	<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	30	31	27	28	1	1
California	63	69	66	58	7	6
Colorado	180	180	215	195	5	5
Idaho	35	37	34	41	1	1
Iowa	112	100	109	108	3	2
Kansas	490	490	470	480	10	10
Minnesota	16	15	15	14	1	1
Nebraska	440	470	455	490	15	10
Oklahoma	55	45	69	54	1	1
South Dakota	39	35	41	37	3	3
Texas	465	435	455	415	10	10
Washington	19	32	38	31	1	1
Other States	54	51	47	49	2	2
United States	1,998	1,990	2,041	2,000	60	53

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		
	April 1 2021	January 1 2022	April 1 2022	April 1 2021	January 1 2022	April 1 2022
	<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.....	267	267	280	5	5	5
California.....	465	470	470	90	85	95
Colorado	610	635	655	450	495	445
Idaho.....	155	160	170	135	150	135
Iowa.....	485	450	450	145	150	150
Kansas.....	1,360	1,340	1,370	1,120	1,150	1,140
Minnesota	95	85	85	20	15	15
Nebraska	1,590	1,590	1,680	990	1,010	980
Oklahoma.....	180	165	160	120	145	130
South Dakota	150	135	145	90	95	85
Texas.....	1,740	1,760	1,770	1,130	1,160	1,180
Washington.....	115	110	110	90	100	95
Other States.....	195	195	195	105	115	110
United States	7,407	7,362	7,540	4,490	4,675	4,565

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