

Cattle on Feed



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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 14 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.96 million head on July 1, 1997. The inventory was 14 percent above July 1, 1996. The inventory included 5.41 million steers and steer calves, up 8 percent from the previous year. This group accounts for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.50 million head, up 26 percent from 1996.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.44 million, 11 percent above 1996. Net placements were 1.38 million. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 308,000, 600-699 pounds were 338,000, 700-799 pounds were 460,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 338,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.04 million, 2 percent above 1996. The year-to-year relationship between fed cattle marketed and commercial slaughter continues to be affected by the decrease in cattle imported from Canada that are going directly to slaughter.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during June, 14 percent below the previous year.

Cattle on Feed in Historic 7 States Up 17 Percent

Cattle on feed July 1, 1997, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 7.68 million, up 17 percent from the previous year but 1 percent below July 1, 1995. The inventory included 4.62 million steers and steer calves, up 10 percent from the previous year. This group accounts for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.03 million head, up 28 percent from 1996.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.22 million, 15 percent above 1996 but 10 percent below 1995.

Marketings during June totaled 1.73 million, 2 percent above 1996 but 1 percent below 1995. The year-to-year relationship between the 7 States fed cattle marketed and commercial slaughter continues to be affected by the decrease in cattle imported from Canada that are going directly to slaughter.

Other disappearance during June was 44,000 head, 6 percent below 1996 and 12 percent below 1995.

U.S. All Cattle on Feed Up 11 Percent

Cattle on feed July 1, 1997, from all feedlots in the United States, totaled 10.9 million, up 11 percent from the 9.8 million on July 1, 1996 but 3 percent below July 1, 1995.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, July 1, 1996-97**

Item	Number		1997 as % of
	1996	1997	1996
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed Jun 1 ¹	8,601	*9,615	112
Placed on Feed During Jun	1,305	1,444	111
Fed Cattle Marketed During Jun	1,996	2,041	102
Other Disappearance During Jun ²	70	60	86
On Feed Jul 1 ¹	7,840	8,958	114

* Revised.

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, June 1, 1996-97**

Item	Number		1997 as % of
	1996	1997	1996
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed May 1 ¹	9,173	9,926	108
Placed on Feed During May	1,557	*1,864	120
Fed Cattle Marketed During May	2,045	*2,058	101
Other Disappearance During May ²	84	117	139
On Feed Jun 1 ¹	8,601	*9,615	112

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, July 1, 1996-97**

Item	Number		1997 as % of
	1996	1997	1996
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Class on Feed Jul 1			
Steers and Steer Calves	5,008	5,408	108
Heifers and Heifer Calves	2,785	3,500	126
Cows and Bulls	47	50	106

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, July 1, 1995-97 ¹**

Item	Number			1997 as % of	
	1995	1996	1997	1995	1996
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed Jun 1 ²	8,182	7,253	*8,231	101	113
Placed on Feed During Jun	1,356	1,068	1,224	90	115
Fed Cattle Marketed During Jun	1,754	1,696	1,732	99	102
Other Disappearance During Jun ³	50	47	44	88	94
On Feed Jul 1 ²	7,734	6,578	7,679	99	117

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, June 1, 1995-97 ¹**

Item	Number			1997 as % of	
	1995	1996	1997	1995	1996
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed May 1 ²	8,233	7,758	8,484	103	109
Placed on Feed During May	1,673	1,300	*1,612	96	124
Fed Cattle Marketed During May	1,667	1,747	*1,785	107	102
Other Disappearance During May ³	57	58	80	140	138
On Feed Jun 1 ²	8,182	7,253	*8,231	101	113

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, July 1, 1995-97 ¹**

Item	Number			1997 as % of	
	1995	1996	1997	1995	1996
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Class on Feed Jul 1					
Steers and Steer Calves	4,967	4,177	4,615	93	110
Heifers and Heifer Calves	2,736	2,364	3,026	111	128
Cows and Bulls	31	37	38	123	103

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1996-97 ¹**

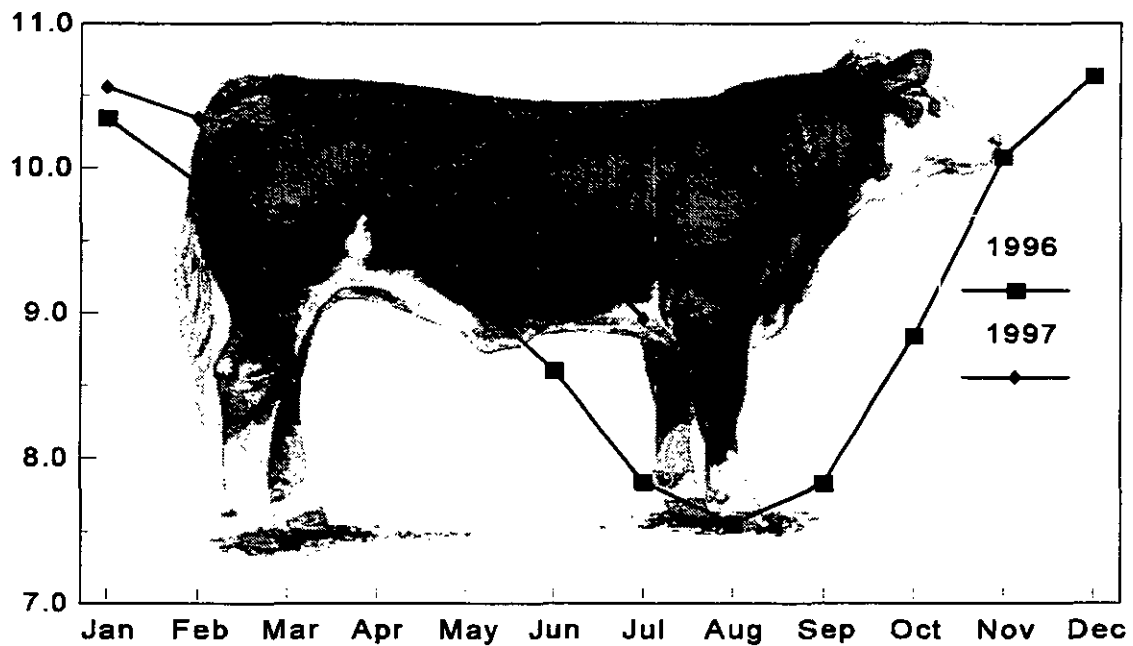
State	Jul 1, 1996	Jun 1, 1997	Jul 1, 1997		
			Number	as % of 1996	as % of Jun
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	173	206	189	109	92
CA	345	395	390	113	99
CO	750	1,010	920	123	91
ID	225	235	215	96	91
IA	250	*300	280	112	93
KS	1,690	2,110	1,960	116	93
NE	1,280	1,760	1,540	120	88
NM	98	94	90	92	96
OK	330	360	335	102	93
SD	121	137	124	102	91
TX	2,090	2,450	2,400	115	98
WA	138	148	140	101	95
Oth Sts	350	410	375	107	91
US	7,840	*9,615	8,958	114	93

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United States Cattle on Feed 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots

Million Head



**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1996-97**

State	During Jun 1996	During May 1997	During Jun 1997		
			Number	as % of 1996	as % of May
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	31	40	27	87	68
CA	70	70	50	71	71
CO	80	*185	125	156	68
ID	51	45	40	78	89
IA	22	*37	37	168	100
KS	310	380	335	108	88
NE	190	330	220	116	67
NM	21	19	20	95	105
OK	60	79	67	112	85
SD	13	19	17	131	89
TX	365	570	430	118	75
WA	37	40	31	84	78
Oth Sts	55	50	45	82	90
US	1,305	*1,864	1,444	111	77

* Revised.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 1996-97**

State	During June									
	Less 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	<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>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	8	22	10	27	31	38	31	38	80	125
KS	48	55	96	85	105	115	61	80	310	335
NE	10	17	32	37	57	75	91	91	190	220
TX	102	120	139	129	84	142	40	39	365	430
Oth Sts	105	94	65	60	90	90	100	90	360	334
US	273	308	342	338	367	460	323	338	1,305	1,444
	During May									
	Less 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
	<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>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
CO	6	*13	18	*28	30	*74	31	*70	85	*185
KS	26	48	82	96	129	139	63	97	300	380
NE	9	12	34	43	104	125	123	150	270	330
TX	150	142	150	160	155	194	45	74	500	570
Oth Sts	115	115	67	75	110	95	110	*114	402	*399
US	306	*330	351	*402	528	*627	372	*505	1,557	*1,864

* Revised.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Marketed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1996-97**

State	During Jun 1996	During May 1997	During Jun 1997		
			Number	as % of 1996	as % of May
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	40	45	41	103	91
CA	45	50	50	111	100
CO	215	*210	210	98	100
ID	51	45	55	108	122
IA	66	*60	56	85	93
KS	460	445	475	103	107
NE	430	475	430	100	91
NM	14	22	23	164	105
OK	83	77	90	108	117
SD	34	21	28	82	133
TX	440	500	470	107	94
WA	33	33	38	115	115
Oth Sts	85	75	75	88	100
US	1,996	*2,058	2,041	102	99

* Revised.

**Cattle on Feed: Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1996-97**

State	During Jun 1996	During May 1997	During Jun 1997		
			Number	as % of 1996	as % of May
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	1	3	3	300	100
CA	5	10	5	100	50
CO	5	15	5	100	33
ID	5	10	5	100	50
IA	1	2	1	100	50
KS	10	15	10	100	67
NE	10	25	10	100	40
NM	1	1	1	100	100
OK	2	2	2	100	100
SD	4	7	2	50	29
TX	15	10	10	67	100
WA	1	2	1	100	50
Oth Sts	10	15	5	50	33
US	70	117	60	86	51

¹ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Quarter, State, and United States, 1996-97**

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows and Bulls		
	Jul 1, 1996	Apr 1, 1997	Jul 1, 1997	Jul 1, 1996	Apr 1, 1997	Jul 1, 1997	Jul 1, 1996	Apr 1, 1997	Jul 1, 1997
	<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>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AZ	160	199	170	13	25	19	0	0	0
CA	310	340	350	34	37	38	1	3	2
CO	450	645	495	295	435	415	5	10	10
ID	163	164	159	61	70	55	1	1	1
IA	147	193	160	103	146	120	0	1	0
KS	1,030	1,370	1,190	640	880	760	20	20	10
NE	740	1,200	880	530	810	645	10	20	15
NM	56	70	40	42	48	50	0	0	0
OK	205	235	184	123	160	150	2	0	1
SD	67	89	68	52	59	51	2	4	5
TX	1,340	1,470	1,370	749	1,098	1,029	1	2	1
WA	85	76	82	53	51	58	0	0	0
Oth Sts	255	335	260	90	120	110	5	5	5
US	5,008	6,386	5,408	2,785	3,939	3,500	47	66	50

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