



Cattle on Feed

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U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 9 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.93 million head on June 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above June 1, 1999 and 13 percent above June 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 12 percent above 1999 and 13 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.19 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 382,000, 600-699 pounds were 470,000, 700-799 pounds were 794,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 658,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 1999 and 11 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance totaled 115,000 during May, 16 percent above 1999 and up 24 percent from 1998.

Cattle on Feed in Historic 7 States Up 10 Percent

Cattle on feed June 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.41 million, up 10 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above June 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.00 million, 15 percent above both 1999 and 1998.

Marketings during May totaled 1.88 million, 10 percent above 1999 and up 11 percent from 1998.

Other disappearance during May was 85,000 head, 16 percent above 1999 and 31 percent above 1998.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
United States, June 1, 1998-2000**

Item	Number			2000 as % of	
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999
	<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 ¹	9,724	10,032	*10,914	112	109
Placed on Feed During May	2,033	2,049	2,304	113	112
Fed Cattle Marketed During May	1,961	1,995	2,171	111	109
Other Disappearance During May ²	93	99	115	124	116
On Feed Jun 1 ¹	9,703	9,987	10,932	113	109

* Revised.

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	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed Apr 1 ¹	10,118	10,394	11,182	111	108
Placed on Feed During Apr	1,584	1,688	*1,687	107	100
Fed Cattle Marketed During Apr	1,886	1,946	*1,865	99	96
Other Disappearance During Apr ²	92	104	90	98	87
On Feed May 1 ¹	9,724	10,032	*10,914	112	109

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and
Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
7 States, June 1, 1998-2000¹**

Item	Number			2000 as % of	
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999
	<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	8,295	8,583	9,361	113	109
Placed on Feed During May	1,740	1,733	1,997	115	115
Fed Cattle Marketed During May	1,681	1,696	1,867	111	110
Other Disappearance During May ³	65	73	85	131	116
On Feed Jun 1 ²	8,289	8,547	9,406	113	110

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	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On Feed Apr 1 ²	8,607	8,899	9,573	111	108
Placed on Feed During Apr	1,358	1,443	1,450	107	100
Fed Cattle Marketed During Apr	1,609	1,681	1,591	99	95
Other Disappearance During Apr ³	61	78	71	116	91
On Feed May 1 ²	8,295	8,583	9,361	113	109

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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1999-2000 ¹**

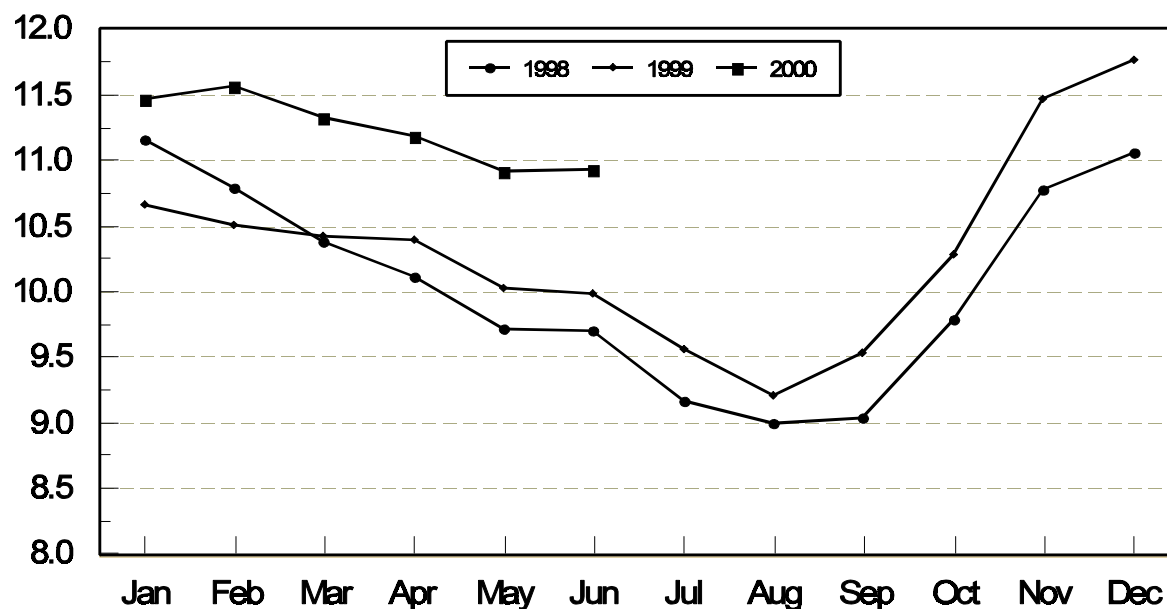
State	Jun 1, 1999	May 1, 2000	Jun 1, 2000		
			Number	as % of 1999	as % of May
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	207	276	276	133	100
CA	370	405	410	111	101
CO	1,090	1,180	1,180	108	100
ID	285	315	305	107	97
IA	330	370	350	106	95
KS	2,020	2,230	2,290	113	103
NE	2,000	2,240	2,100	105	94
NM	87	90	90	103	100
OK	330	360	375	114	104
SD	164	180	165	101	92
TX	2,530	2,660	2,800	111	105
WA	199	*218	216	109	99
Oth Sts	375	390	375	100	96
US	9,987	*10,914	10,932	109	100

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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 1999-2000**

State	During May 1999	During Apr 2000	During May 2000		
			Number	as % of 1999	as % of Apr
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	30	34	37	123	109
CA	55	56	65	118	116
CO	180	185	195	108	105
ID	68	49	60	88	122
IA	38	40	40	105	100
KS	480	370	550	115	149
NE	330	320	390	118	122
NM	24	16	18	75	113
OK	93	70	103	111	147
SD	23	16	23	100	144
TX	620	445	720	116	162
WA	52	*40	44	85	110
Oth Sts	56	46	59	105	128
US	2,049	*1,687	2,304	112	137

* Revised.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity
Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 1999-2000**

State	During May									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<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	17	25	31	32	76	68	56	70	180	195
KS	40	65	90	110	190	205	160	170	480	550
NE	21	32	66	59	113	161	130	138	330	390
TX	112	140	174	200	223	240	111	140	620	720
Oth Sts	100	120	69	69	120	120	150	140	439	449
US	290	382	430	470	722	794	607	658	2,049	2,304
	During April									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<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	27	30	45	27	87	75	41	53	200	185
KS	45	55	70	70	140	140	95	105	350	370
NE	25	29	91	45	105	113	119	133	340	320
TX	106	80	123	115	145	145	66	105	440	445
Oth Sts	90	105	58	*52	95	95	115	115	358	*367
US	293	299	387	*309	572	568	436	511	1,688	*1,687

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**Cattle on Feed: Number Marketed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1999-2000**

State	During May 1999	During Apr 2000	During May 2000		
			Number	as % of 1999	as % of Apr
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	26	28	32	123	114
CA	50	49	52	104	106
CO	200	170	180	90	106
ID	52	43	58	112	135
IA	55	44	58	105	132
KS	430	390	470	109	121
NE	430	380	510	119	134
NM	20	19	16	80	84
OK	85	88	86	101	98
SD	35	33	31	89	94
TX	505	530	565	112	107
WA	29	*32	46	159	144
Oth Sts	78	59	67	86	114
US	1,995	*1,865	2,171	109	116

* Revised.

**Cattle on Feed: Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 1999-2000 ¹**

State	During May 1999	During Apr 2000	During May 2000		
			Number	as % of 1999	as % of Apr
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AZ	5	3	5	100	167
CA	10	7	8	80	114
CO	10	5	15	150	300
ID	11	11	12	109	109
IA	3	1	2	67	200
KS	10	30	20	200	67
NE	20	10	20	100	200
NM	2	0	2	100	0
OK	3	2	2	67	100
SD	4	3	7	175	233
TX	15	15	15	100	100
WA	3	1	0	0	0
Oth Sts	3	2	7	233	350
US	99	90	115	116	128

¹ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Terms and Definitions of Cattle on Feed Estimates

Cattle on feed are animals 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 cattle 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 cattle 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.

Reliability of Cattle on Feed Estimates

Survey Procedures: During January and July all known feedlots in the U.S. 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 17 States are surveyed. The 17 States account for 98 percent of the cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head.

Estimating Procedures: These cattle on feed estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by each State office. Regional and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from the previous month when setting 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 1000+ 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.

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