



Cattle on Feed

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United States Cattle on Feed Down 1 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 June 1, 2025. The inventory was 1 percent below June 1, 2024.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.89 million head, 8 percent below 2024. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 335,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 275,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 450,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 516,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 230,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 80,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 1.76 million head, 10 percent below 2024.

Other disappearance totaled 62,000 head during May, unchanged from 2024.

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

Item	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
On feed May 1	11,554	11,376	98
Placed on feed during May	2,046	1,886	92
Fed cattle marketed during May	1,955	1,758	90
Other disappearance during May	62	62	100
On feed June 1	11,583	11,442	99

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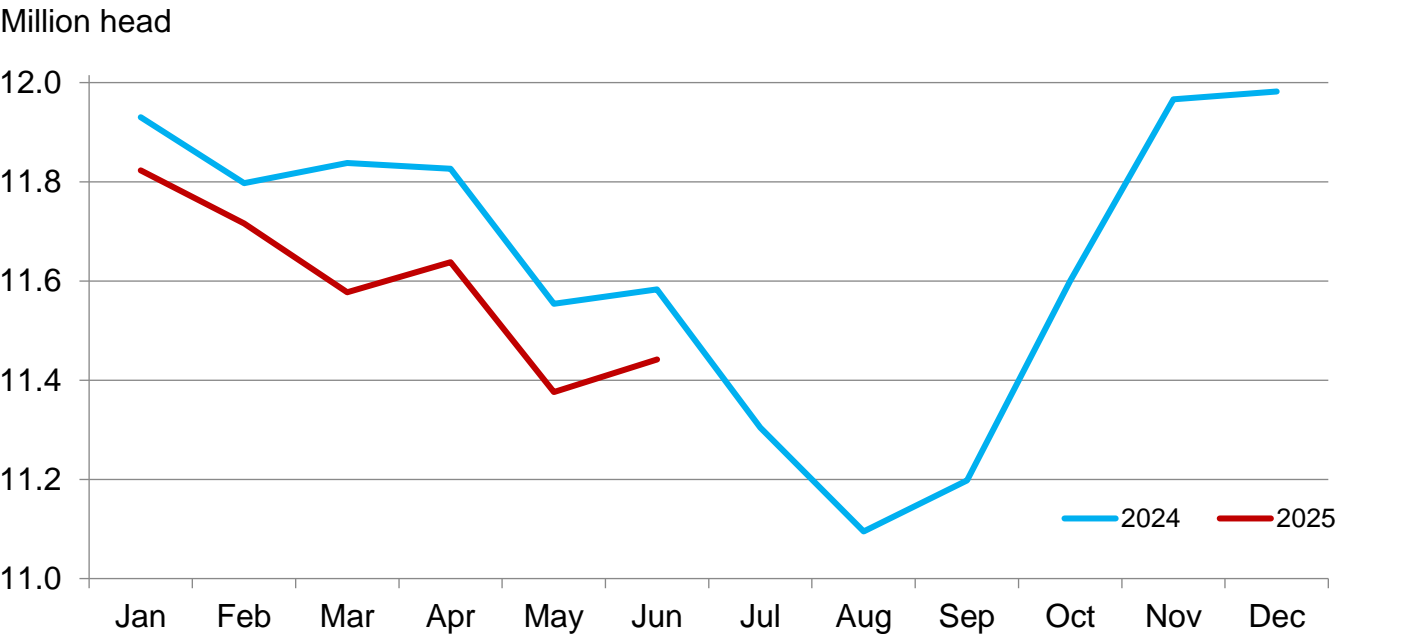
Item	2024	2025	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
On feed April 1	11,826	11,638	98
Placed on feed during April	1,656	1,613	97
Fed cattle marketed during April	1,872	1,825	97
Other disappearance during April	56	50	89
On feed May 1	11,554	11,376	98

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

State	June 1, 2024	May 1, 2025	June 1, 2025		
			Inventory	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	253	231	232	92	100
California	525	485	490	93	101
Colorado	960	960	920	96	96
Idaho	335	335	330	99	99
Iowa	660	680	680	103	100
Kansas	2,320	2,290	2,350	101	103
Minnesota	105	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	2,480	2,550	2,560	103	100
Oklahoma	330	325	335	102	103
South Dakota	220	235	220	100	94
Texas	2,840	2,590	2,630	93	102
Washington	245	255	260	106	102
Other States	310	440	435	140	99
United States	11,583	11,376	11,442	99	101

(NA) Not available.

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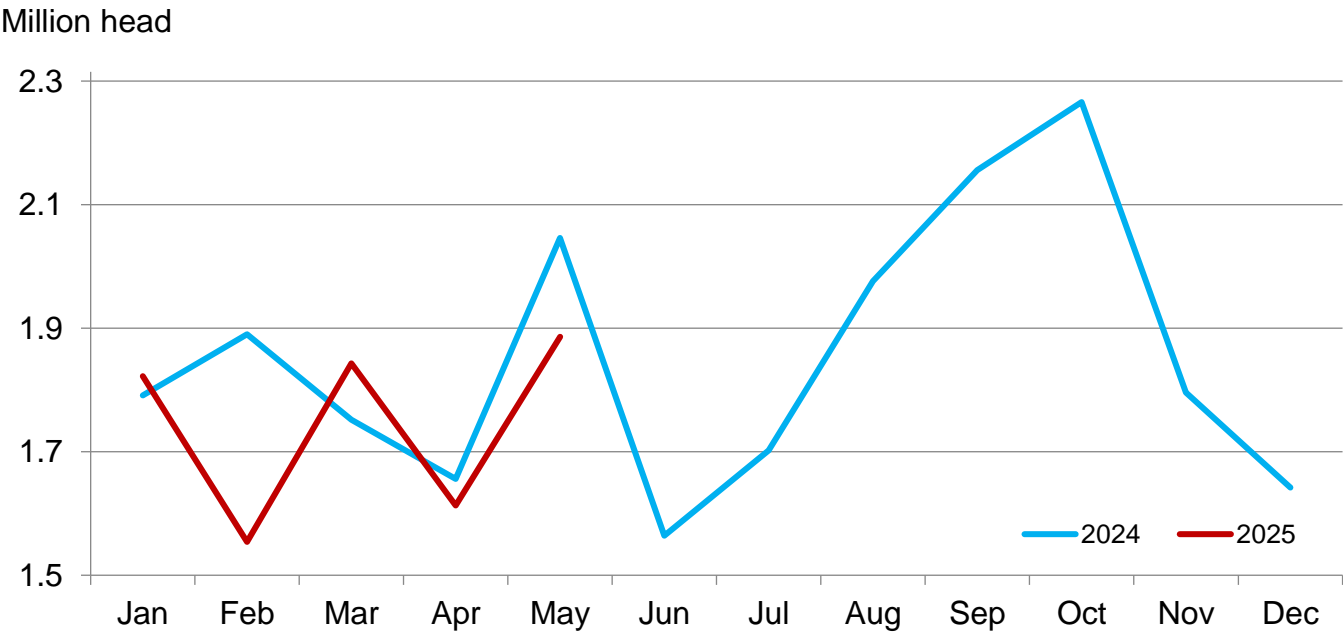


Cattle Placed on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States:
2024 and 2025

State	During May 2024	During April 2025	During May 2025		
			Placements	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	25	23	21	84	91
California	60	51	62	103	122
Colorado	170	120	120	71	100
Idaho	43	38	42	98	111
Iowa	73	87	74	101	85
Kansas	485	380	470	97	124
Minnesota	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	495	445	495	100	111
Oklahoma	74	45	58	78	129
South Dakota	24	29	24	100	83
Texas	505	310	420	83	135
Washington	39	33	42	108	127
Other States	44	52	58	132	112
United States	2,046	1,613	1,886	92	117

(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 May 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	40	45	30	(D)	(D)	170
Kansas	55	75	145	130	80	(D)	(D)	485
Nebraska	40	50	110	165	130	(D)	(D)	495
Texas	160	105	120	90	30	(D)	(D)	505
Other States ...	110	60	70	101	50	(D)	(D)	391
United States ..	395	315	485	531	(X)	230	90	2,046

State	During April 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	25	20	25	30	20	(D)	(D)	120
Kansas	45	55	115	105	60	(D)	(D)	380
Nebraska	30	45	100	160	110	(D)	(D)	445
Texas	110	55	65	55	25	(D)	(D)	310
Other States ...	100	50	65	93	50	(D)	(D)	358
United States ..	310	225	370	443	(X)	195	70	1,613

State	During May 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	30	30	20	(D)	(D)	120
Kansas	55	75	140	130	70	(D)	(D)	470
Nebraska	40	50	105	165	135	(D)	(D)	495
Texas	120	75	105	90	30	(D)	(D)	420
Other States ...	100	55	70	101	55	(D)	(D)	381
United States ..	335	275	450	516	(X)	230	80	1,886

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

(X) Not applicable.

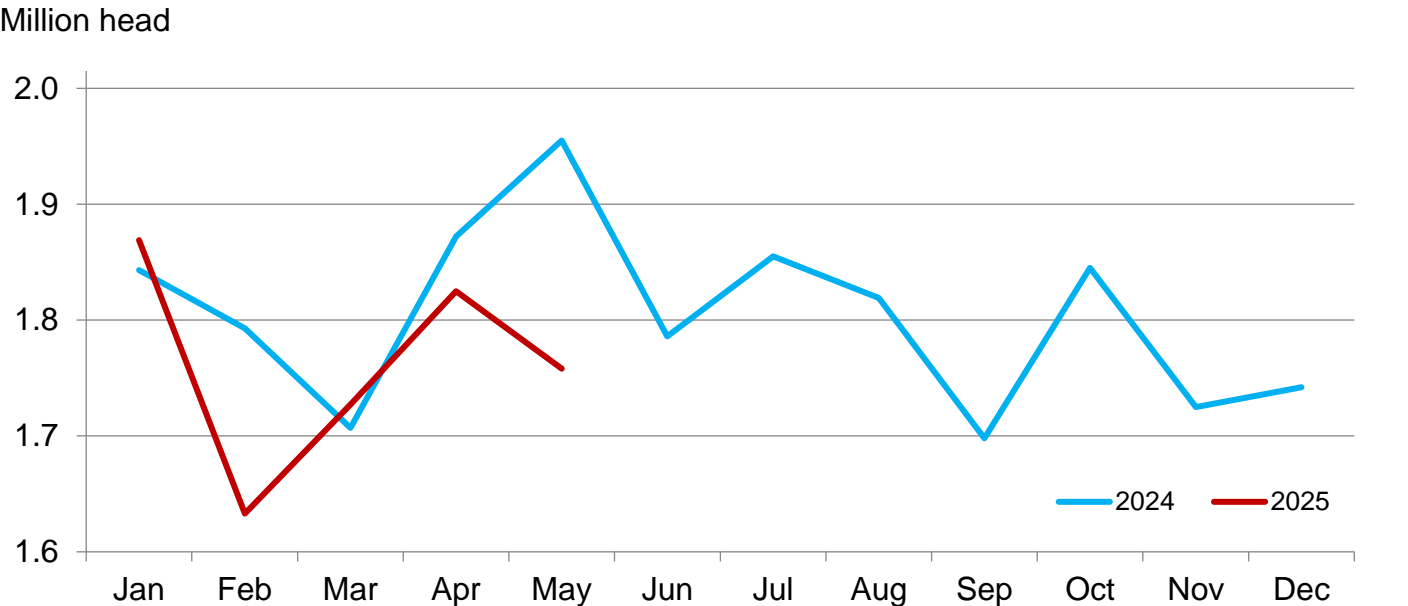
¹ The 900 pounds and greater weight group is the sum of 900-999 pounds and 1,000 pounds and greater weight groups.

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

State	During May 2024	During April 2025	During May 2025		
			Marketings	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	25	19	19	76	100
California	54	60	51	94	85
Colorado	155	155	150	97	97
Idaho	47	42	46	98	110
Iowa	71	86	72	101	84
Kansas	455	420	400	88	95
Minnesota	13	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	510	485	470	92	97
Oklahoma	63	54	47	75	87
South Dakota	47	33	37	79	112
Texas	420	380	370	88	97
Washington	38	37	36	95	97
Other States	57	54	60	105	111
United States	1,955	1,825	1,758	90	96

(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 May 2024	During April 2025	During May 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	10	200	200
Idaho	1	1	1	100	100
Iowa	2	1	2	100	200
Kansas	10	10	10	100	100
Minnesota	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	15	10	15	100	150
Oklahoma	1	1	1	100	100
South Dakota	2	1	2	100	200
Texas	15	10	10	67	100
Washington	1	1	1	100	100
Other States	2	3	3	150	100
United States	62	50	62	100	124

(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 11.4 million head by more than 0.1 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.3 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 10,000 head, ranging from 0 to 39,000 head. During this period the initial estimate has been above the latest estimate 1 time and has been below the latest estimate 8 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	0.3	10	0	39	8	1
Placements	0.3	0.5	3	0	20	6	6
Marketings	0.1	0.2	1	0	6	7	3

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