



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 11.1 million head on July 1, 2025. The inventory was 2 percent below July 1, 2024. The inventory included 6.88 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.24 million head, down 5 percent from 2024.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.44 million head, 8 percent below 2024. Net placements were 1.39 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 235,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 315,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 326,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 165,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 80,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.71 million head, 4 percent below 2024. Marketings were the lowest for June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 53,000 head during June, 7 percent below 2024.

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

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

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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	1,887	92
Fed cattle marketed during May	1,955	1,758	90
Other disappearance during May	62	62	100
On feed June 1	11,583	11,443	99

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

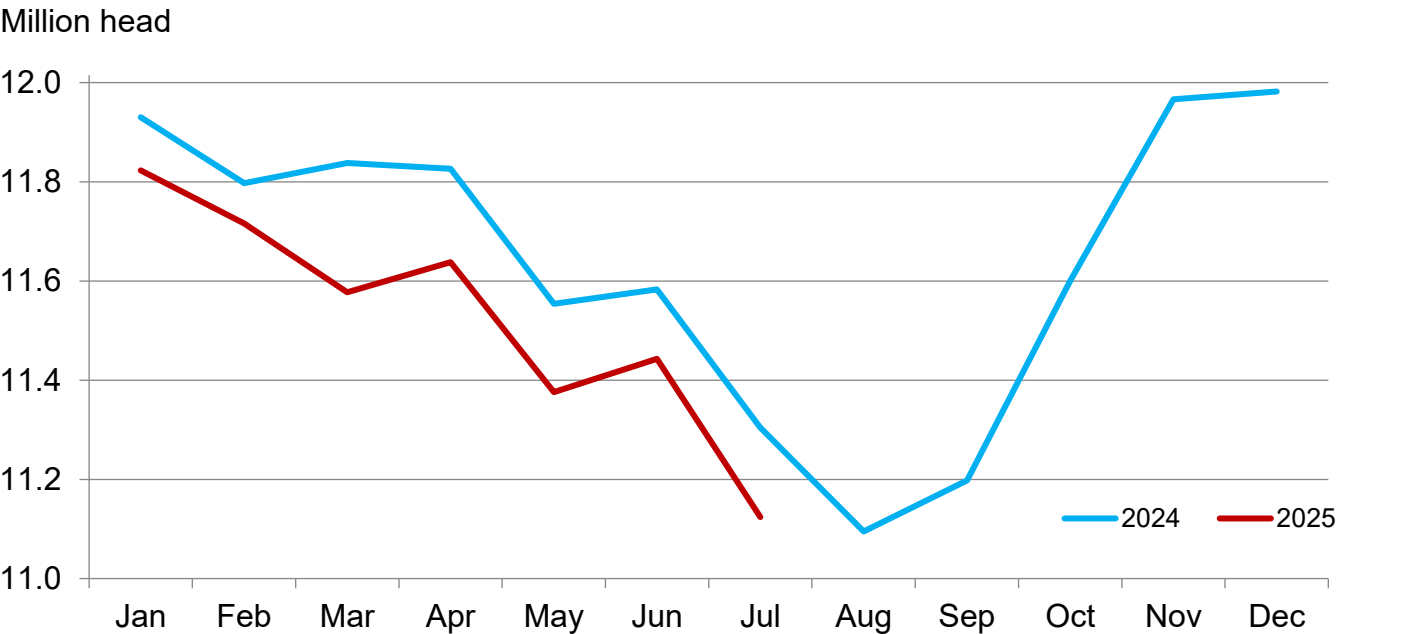
Item	2024	2025	Percent of	
			previous year	inventory
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Class on feed July 1				
Steers and steer calves	6,824	6,884	101	62
Heifers and heifer calves	4,480	4,240	95	38

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

State	July 1, 2024	June 1, 2025	July 1, 2025		
			Inventory	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	249	233	229	92	98
California	530	490	485	92	99
Colorado	970	920	900	93	98
Idaho	330	330	330	100	100
Iowa	650	680	690	106	101
Kansas	2,220	2,350	2,270	102	97
Minnesota	105	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	2,390	2,560	2,440	102	95
Oklahoma	325	335	320	98	96
South Dakota	205	220	205	100	93
Texas	2,790	2,630	2,570	92	98
Washington	240	260	255	106	98
Other States	300	435	430	143	99
United States	11,304	11,443	11,124	98	97

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

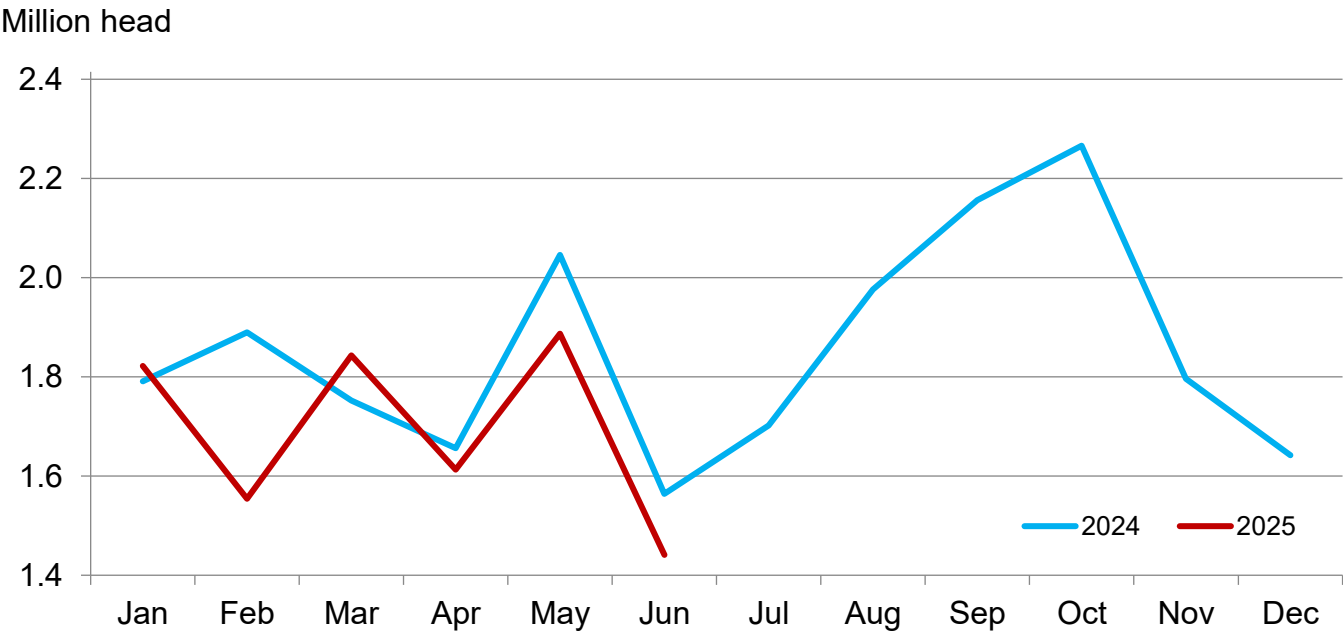


Cattle Placed on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2024 and 2025

State	During June 2024	During May 2025	During June 2025		
			Placements	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	19	22	17	89	77
California	65	62	55	85	89
Colorado	145	120	110	76	92
Idaho	34	42	34	100	81
Iowa	47	74	57	121	77
Kansas	315	470	360	114	77
Minnesota	10	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	415	495	360	87	73
Oklahoma	49	58	36	73	62
South Dakota	24	24	23	96	96
Texas	365	420	300	82	71
Washington	39	42	33	85	79
Other States	37	58	56	151	97
United States	1,564	1,887	1,441	92	76

(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 June 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	35	20	(D)	(D)	145
Kansas	50	60	90	75	40	(D)	(D)	315
Nebraska	40	50	95	120	110	(D)	(D)	415
Texas	150	75	75	45	20	(D)	(D)	365
Other States ...	90	45	55	79	55	(D)	(D)	324
United States ..	360	255	350	354	(X)	165	80	1,564

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	102	55	(D)	(D)	382
United States ..	335	275	450	517	(X)	230	80	1,887

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

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

(X) Not applicable.

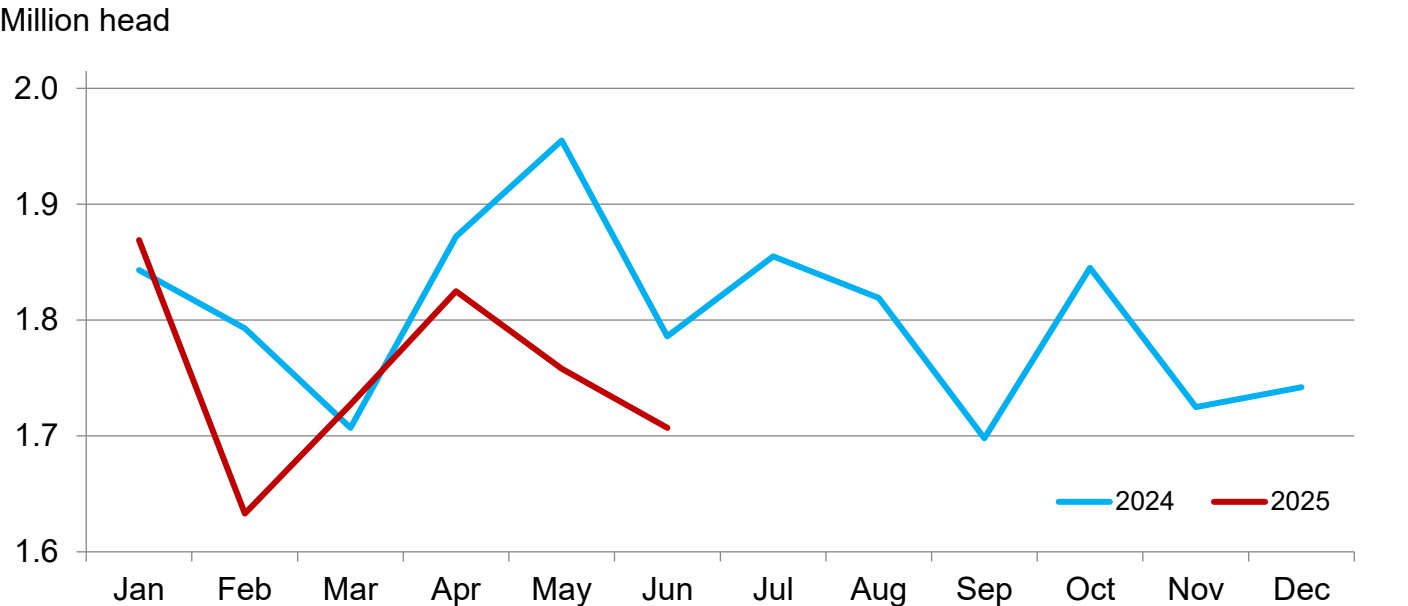
¹ The 900 pounds and greater weight group is the sum of 900-999 pounds and 1,000 pounds and greater weight groups.

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

State	During June 2024	During May 2025	During June 2025		
			Marketings	Percent of previous year	Percent of previous month
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Arizona	22	19	20	91	105
California	54	51	54	100	106
Colorado	130	150	125	96	83
Idaho	38	46	31	82	67
Iowa	56	72	46	82	64
Kansas	405	400	430	106	108
Minnesota	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	495	470	470	95	100
Oklahoma	53	47	50	94	106
South Dakota	36	37	36	100	97
Texas	400	370	350	88	95
Washington	43	36	37	86	103
Other States	45	60	58	129	97
United States	1,786	1,758	1,707	96	97

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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 June 2024	During May 2025	During June 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	10	5	100	50
Idaho	1	1	3	300	300
Iowa	1	2	1	100	50
Kansas	10	10	10	100	100
Minnesota	1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	10	15	10	100	67
Oklahoma	1	1	1	100	100
South Dakota	3	2	2	67	100
Texas	15	10	10	67	100
Washington	1	1	1	100	100
Other States	2	3	3	150	100
United States	57	62	53	93	85

(NA) Not available.

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

State	Steers and steer calves			Heifers and heifer calves		
	Jul 1, 2024	Apr 1, 2025	Jul 1, 2025	Jul 1, 2024	Apr 1, 2025	Jul 1, 2025
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Arizona	239	213	219	10	15	10
California	435	410	400	95	90	85
Colorado	500	535	460	470	465	440
Idaho	180	180	180	150	160	150
Iowa	510	530	550	140	150	140
Kansas	1,220	1,350	1,320	1,000	990	950
Minnesota	90	(NA)	(NA)	15	(NA)	(NA)
Nebraska	1,510	1,710	1,600	880	890	840
Oklahoma	180	195	180	145	140	140
South Dakota	125	150	125	80	90	80
Texas	1,510	1,530	1,405	1,280	1,140	1,165
Washington	130	140	140	110	120	115
Other States	195	315	305	105	130	125
United States	6,824	7,258	6,884	4,480	4,380	4,240

(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 11.1 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 8,000 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	0.2	8	0	39	8	1
Placements	0.3	0.5	3	0	20	6	6
Marketings	0.1	0.2	1	0	5	6	3

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