



# Cattle on Feed

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## United States Cattle on Feed Down Slightly

**Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on February 1, 2016. The inventory was slightly below February 1, 2015.

**Placements** in feedlots during January totaled 1.78 million head, 1 percent below 2015. Net placements were 1.72 million head. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 365,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 494,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 580,000 head.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during January totaled 1.59 million head, 2 percent below 2015. Marketings are the lowest for January since the series began in 1996.

**Other disappearance** totaled 56,000 head during January, 27 percent below 2015. Other disappearance are the lowest for January since the series began in 1996.

## 2015 Cattle on Feed and Annual Size Group Estimates

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 80.3 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2016, down 1 percent from the 81.6 percent on January 1, 2015.

**Marketings** of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2015 represented 87.2 percent of total cattle marketed from all feedlots in the United States, down slightly from 2014.

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**Number of Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States: February 1, 2015 and 2016**

| Item                                     | Number       |              | Percent of previous year |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
|                                          | 2015         | 2016         |                          |
|                                          | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent)                |
| On feed January 1 .....                  | 10,626       | 10,575       | 100                      |
| Placed on feed during January .....      | 1,789        | 1,779        | 99                       |
| Fed cattle marketed during January ..... | 1,625        | 1,589        | 98                       |
| Other disappearance during January ..... | 77           | 56           | 73                       |
| On feed February 1 .....                 | 10,713       | 10,709       | 100                      |

**Number of Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States: January 1, 2015 and 2016**

| Item                                      | Number       |              | Percent of previous year |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
|                                           | 2015         | 2016         |                          |
|                                           | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent)                |
| On feed December 1 .....                  | 10,816       | 10,800       | 100                      |
| Placed on feed during December .....      | 1,537        | 1,527        | 99                       |
| Fed cattle marketed during December ..... | 1,655        | 1,674        | 101                      |
| Other disappearance during December ..... | 72           | 78           | 108                      |
| On feed January 1 .....                   | 10,626       | 10,575       | 100                      |

**Number on Feed by Class on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States: January 1, 2015 and 2016**

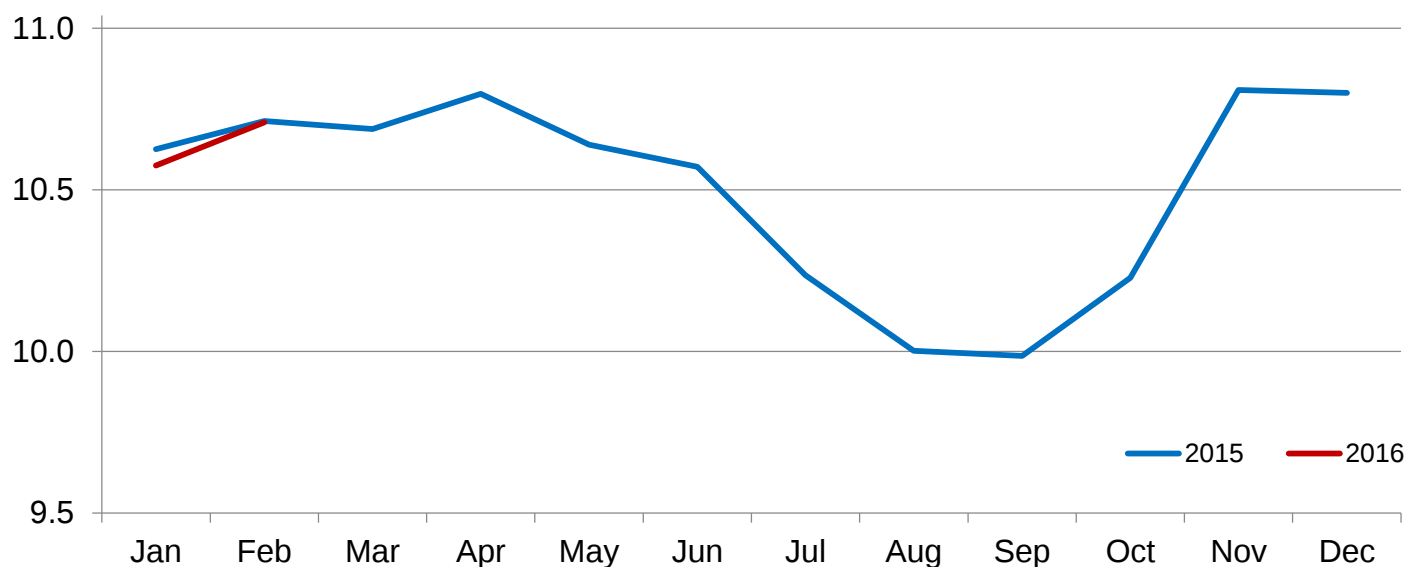
| Item                            | Number       |              | Percent of previous year |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|
|                                 | 2015         | 2016         |                          |
|                                 | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent)                |
| Class on feed January 1         |              |              |                          |
| Steers and steer calves .....   | 6,948        | 7,164        | 103                      |
| Heifers and heifer calves ..... | 3,678        | 3,411        | 93                       |

## Number of Cattle on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2015 and 2016

| State               | February 1, 2015 | January 1, 2016 | February 1, 2016 |                          |                           |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                     |                  |                 | Number           | Percent of previous year | Percent of previous month |
|                     | (1,000 head)     | (1,000 head)    | (1,000 head)     | (percent)                | (percent)                 |
| Arizona .....       | 247              | 255             | 276              | 112                      | 108                       |
| California .....    | 440              | 450             | 445              | 101                      | 99                        |
| Colorado .....      | 890              | 870             | 880              | 99                       | 101                       |
| Idaho .....         | 230              | 240             | 245              | 107                      | 102                       |
| Iowa .....          | 650              | 620             | 620              | 95                       | 100                       |
| Kansas .....        | 2,090            | 2,090           | 2,140            | 102                      | 102                       |
| Minnesota .....     | 141              | 155             | 158              | 112                      | 102                       |
| Nebraska .....      | 2,500            | 2,420           | 2,460            | 98                       | 102                       |
| Oklahoma .....      | 265              | 270             | 280              | 106                      | 104                       |
| South Dakota .....  | 230              | 255             | 260              | 113                      | 102                       |
| Texas .....         | 2,490            | 2,430           | 2,430            | 98                       | 100                       |
| Washington .....    | 210              | 195             | 195              | 93                       | 100                       |
| Other States .....  | 330              | 325             | 320              | 97                       | 98                        |
| United States ..... | 10,713           | 10,575          | 10,709           | 100                      | 101                       |

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

Million head



**Number of Cattle Placed on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2015 and 2016**

| State               | During January 2015 | During December 2015 | During January 2016 |                          |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
|                     |                     |                      | Number              | Percent of previous year | Percent of previous month |
|                     | (1,000 head)        | (1,000 head)         | (1,000 head)        | (percent)                | (percent)                 |
| Arizona .....       | 30                  | 33                   | 43                  | 143                      | 130                       |
| California .....    | 64                  | 49                   | 46                  | 72                       | 94                        |
| Colorado .....      | 135                 | 115                  | 145                 | 107                      | 126                       |
| Idaho .....         | 35                  | 43                   | 43                  | 123                      | 100                       |
| Iowa .....          | 90                  | 90                   | 89                  | 99                       | 99                        |
| Kansas .....        | 410                 | 335                  | 415                 | 101                      | 124                       |
| Minnesota .....     | 17                  | 16                   | 17                  | 100                      | 106                       |
| Nebraska .....      | 505                 | 390                  | 490                 | 97                       | 126                       |
| Oklahoma .....      | 50                  | 35                   | 45                  | 90                       | 129                       |
| South Dakota .....  | 30                  | 41                   | 37                  | 123                      | 90                        |
| Texas .....         | 350                 | 305                  | 335                 | 96                       | 110                       |
| Washington .....    | 40                  | 38                   | 37                  | 93                       | 97                        |
| Other States .....  | 33                  | 37                   | 37                  | 112                      | 100                       |
| United States ..... | 1,789               | 1,527                | 1,779               | 99                       | 117                       |

**Number of Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2014 - 2016**

| State               | During January |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | Under 600 lbs  |              | 600-699 lbs  |              | 700-799 lbs  |              | 800+ lbs     |              | Total        |              |
|                     | 2015           | 2016         | 2015         | 2016         | 2015         | 2016         | 2015         | 2016         | 2015         | 2016         |
|                     | (1,000 head)   | (1,000 head) | (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           | 25           | 30           | 35           | 40           | 45           | 50           | 135          | 145          |
| Kansas .....        | 65             | 50           | 85           | 90           | 125          | 135          | 135          | 140          | 410          | 415          |
| Nebraska .....      | 65             | 45           | 100          | 105          | 140          | 140          | 200          | 200          | 505          | 490          |
| Texas .....         | 125            | 105          | 60           | 65           | 95           | 95           | 70           | 70           | 350          | 335          |
| Other States .....  | 125            | 115          | 70           | 75           | 79           | 84           | 115          | 120          | 389          | 394          |
| United States ..... | 410            | 340          | 340          | 365          | 474          | 494          | 565          | 580          | 1,789        | 1,779        |

| State               | During December |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | Under 600 lbs   |              | 600-699 lbs  |              | 700-799 lbs  |              | 800+ lbs     |              | Total        |              |
|                     | 2014            | 2015         | 2014         | 2015         | 2014         | 2015         | 2014         | 2015         | 2014         | 2015         |
|                     | (1,000 head)    | (1,000 head) | (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 .....      | 35              | 25           | 30           | 25           | 25           | 25           | 40           | 40           | 130          | 115          |
| Kansas .....        | 60              | 50           | 75           | 75           | 100          | 105          | 95           | 105          | 330          | 335          |
| Nebraska .....      | 65              | 50           | 95           | 95           | 85           | 95           | 140          | 150          | 385          | 390          |
| Texas .....         | 145             | 115          | 75           | 70           | 65           | 70           | 40           | 50           | 325          | 305          |
| Other States .....  | 135             | 135          | 90           | 90           | 57           | 62           | 85           | 95           | 367          | 382          |
| United States ..... | 440             | 375          | 365          | 355          | 332          | 357          | 400          | 440          | 1,537        | 1,527        |

**Number of Cattle Marketed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States:  
2015 and 2016**

| State               | During<br>January 2015 | During<br>December 2015 | During January 2016 |                             |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                     |                        |                         | Number              | Percent of<br>previous year | Percent of<br>previous month |
|                     | (1,000 head)           | (1,000 head)            | (1,000 head)        | (percent)                   | (percent)                    |
| Arizona .....       | 23                     | 21                      | 21                  | 91                          | 100                          |
| California .....    | 44                     | 49                      | 46                  | 105                         | 94                           |
| Colorado .....      | 140                    | 130                     | 130                 | 93                          | 100                          |
| Idaho .....         | 34                     | 37                      | 37                  | 109                         | 100                          |
| Iowa .....          | 78                     | 97                      | 86                  | 110                         | 89                           |
| Kansas .....        | 355                    | 370                     | 355                 | 100                         | 96                           |
| Minnesota .....     | 12                     | 12                      | 13                  | 108                         | 108                          |
| Nebraska .....      | 450                    | 440                     | 435                 | 97                          | 99                           |
| Oklahoma .....      | 39                     | 38                      | 34                  | 87                          | 89                           |
| South Dakota .....  | 27                     | 35                      | 30                  | 111                         | 86                           |
| Texas .....         | 345                    | 370                     | 325                 | 94                          | 88                           |
| Washington .....    | 38                     | 45                      | 36                  | 95                          | 80                           |
| Other States .....  | 40                     | 30                      | 41                  | 103                         | 137                          |
| United States ..... | 1,625                  | 1,674                   | 1,589               | 98                          | 95                           |

**Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States:  
2015 and 2016**

| State               | During<br>January 2015 | During<br>December 2015 | During January 2016 |                             |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                     |                        |                         | Number              | Percent of<br>previous year | Percent of<br>previous month |
|                     | (1,000 head)           | (1,000 head)            | (1,000 head)        | (percent)                   | (percent)                    |
| Arizona .....       | 9                      | 5                       | 1                   | 11                          | 20                           |
| California .....    | 5                      | 5                       | 5                   | 100                         | 100                          |
| Colorado .....      | 5                      | 5                       | 5                   | 100                         | 100                          |
| Idaho .....         | 1                      | 1                       | 1                   | 100                         | 100                          |
| Iowa .....          | 2                      | 3                       | 3                   | 150                         | 100                          |
| Kansas .....        | 15                     | 15                      | 10                  | 67                          | 67                           |
| Minnesota .....     | 1                      | 1                       | 1                   | 100                         | 100                          |
| Nebraska .....      | 15                     | 20                      | 15                  | 100                         | 75                           |
| Oklahoma .....      | 1                      | 2                       | 1                   | 100                         | 50                           |
| South Dakota .....  | 3                      | 1                       | 2                   | 67                          | 200                          |
| Texas .....         | 15                     | 15                      | 10                  | 67                          | 67                           |
| Washington .....    | 2                      | 3                       | 1                   | 50                          | 33                           |
| Other States .....  | 3                      | 2                       | 1                   | 33                          | 50                           |
| United States ..... | 77                     | 78                      | 56                  | 73                          | 72                           |

# Number of Cattle on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2015

| State               | January 1    | February 1   | March 1      | April 1      | May 1        | June 1       |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Arizona .....       | 249          | 247          | 243          | 241          | 240          | 238          |
| California .....    | 425          | 440          | 440          | 445          | 450          | 460          |
| Colorado .....      | 900          | 890          | 890          | 890          | 900          | 890          |
| Idaho .....         | 230          | 230          | 230          | 230          | 235          | 235          |
| Iowa .....          | 640          | 650          | 660          | 670          | 660          | 650          |
| Kansas .....        | 2,050        | 2,090        | 2,080        | 2,110        | 2,060        | 2,020        |
| Minnesota .....     | 137          | 141          | 145          | 146          | 145          | 143          |
| Nebraska .....      | 2,460        | 2,500        | 2,500        | 2,530        | 2,500        | 2,400        |
| Oklahoma .....      | 255          | 265          | 275          | 285          | 270          | 275          |
| South Dakota .....  | 230          | 230          | 235          | 235          | 240          | 230          |
| Texas .....         | 2,500        | 2,490        | 2,450        | 2,470        | 2,410        | 2,500        |
| Washington .....    | 210          | 210          | 215          | 225          | 230          | 230          |
| Other States .....  | 340          | 330          | 325          | 320          | 300          | 300          |
| United States ..... | 10,626       | 10,713       | 10,688       | 10,797       | 10,640       | 10,571       |
|                     | July 1       | August 1     | September 1  | October 1    | November 1   | December 1   |
|                     | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Arizona .....       | 240          | 239          | 241          | 240          | 243          | 248          |
| California .....    | 460          | 455          | 455          | 460          | 455          | 455          |
| Colorado .....      | 830          | 790          | 780          | 830          | 880          | 890          |
| Idaho .....         | 225          | 220          | 215          | 220          | 230          | 235          |
| Iowa .....          | 640          | 630          | 620          | 600          | 640          | 630          |
| Kansas .....        | 1,940        | 1,930        | 1,950        | 2,020        | 2,150        | 2,140        |
| Minnesota .....     | 141          | 133          | 140          | 138          | 151          | 152          |
| Nebraska .....      | 2,280        | 2,200        | 2,200        | 2,270        | 2,450        | 2,490        |
| Oklahoma .....      | 260          | 250          | 250          | 255          | 270          | 275          |
| South Dakota .....  | 230          | 210          | 205          | 205          | 240          | 250          |
| Texas .....         | 2,480        | 2,440        | 2,450        | 2,500        | 2,580        | 2,510        |
| Washington .....    | 215          | 210          | 195          | 195          | 205          | 205          |
| Other States .....  | 295          | 295          | 285          | 295          | 315          | 320          |
| United States ..... | 10,236       | 10,002       | 9,986        | 10,228       | 10,809       | 10,800       |

# **Number of Cattle Placed on Feed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2015**

| State               | During                |              |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | December <sup>1</sup> | January      | February     | March        | April        | May          |
|                     | (1,000 head)          | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Arizona .....       | 26                    | 30           | 19           | 25           | 24           | 25           |
| California .....    | 51                    | 64           | 48           | 55           | 49           | 54           |
| Colorado .....      | 130                   | 135          | 150          | 150          | 145          | 140          |
| Idaho .....         | 45                    | 35           | 31           | 30           | 30           | 30           |
| Iowa .....          | 101                   | 90           | 85           | 90           | 63           | 65           |
| Kansas .....        | 330                   | 410          | 355          | 410          | 315          | 345          |
| Minnesota .....     | 17                    | 17           | 18           | 23           | 11           | 14           |
| Nebraska .....      | 385                   | 505          | 400          | 440          | 390          | 390          |
| Oklahoma .....      | 36                    | 50           | 42           | 49           | 34           | 49           |
| South Dakota .....  | 27                    | 30           | 41           | 33           | 28           | 29           |
| Texas .....         | 325                   | 350          | 285          | 420          | 385          | 495          |
| Washington .....    | 30                    | 40           | 43           | 39           | 42           | 45           |
| Other States .....  | 34                    | 33           | 34           | 45           | 32           | 38           |
| United States ..... | 1,537                 | 1,789        | 1,551        | 1,809        | 1,548        | 1,719        |
|                     | During                |              |              |              |              |              |
|                     | June                  | July         | August       | September    | October      | November     |
|                     | (1,000 head)          | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Arizona .....       | 28                    | 23           | 21           | 18           | 23           | 27           |
| California .....    | 45                    | 41           | 41           | 48           | 38           | 50           |
| Colorado .....      | 80                    | 90           | 130          | 210          | 195          | 140          |
| Idaho .....         | 31                    | 37           | 36           | 49           | 58           | 42           |
| Iowa .....          | 67                    | 71           | 70           | 85           | 156          | 101          |
| Kansas .....        | 335                   | 395          | 370          | 400          | 445          | 305          |
| Minnesota .....     | 17                    | 11           | 22           | 17           | 30           | 13           |
| Nebraska .....      | 375                   | 390          | 410          | 510          | 645          | 440          |
| Oklahoma .....      | 38                    | 38           | 50           | 52           | 61           | 45           |
| South Dakota .....  | 28                    | 17           | 31           | 43           | 75           | 50           |
| Texas .....         | 375                   | 365          | 385          | 430          | 460          | 310          |
| Washington .....    | 30                    | 34           | 30           | 36           | 50           | 43           |
| Other States .....  | 32                    | 35           | 36           | 43           | 50           | 36           |
| United States ..... | 1,481                 | 1,547        | 1,632        | 1,941        | 2,286        | 1,602        |

<sup>1</sup> December prior year.

# Number of Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2015

| State               | During December prior year |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | Under 600 lbs              | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)               | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 35                         | 30           | 25           | 40           | 130          |
| Kansas .....        | 60                         | 75           | 100          | 95           | 330          |
| Nebraska .....      | 65                         | 95           | 85           | 140          | 385          |
| Texas .....         | 145                        | 75           | 65           | 40           | 325          |
| Other States .....  | 135                        | 90           | 57           | 85           | 367          |
| United States ..... | 440                        | 365          | 332          | 400          | 1,537        |
|                     | During January             |              |              |              |              |
|                     | Under 600 lbs              | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)               | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 30                         | 25           | 35           | 45           | 135          |
| Kansas .....        | 65                         | 85           | 125          | 135          | 410          |
| Nebraska .....      | 65                         | 100          | 140          | 200          | 505          |
| Texas .....         | 125                        | 60           | 95           | 70           | 350          |
| Other States .....  | 125                        | 70           | 79           | 115          | 389          |
| United States ..... | 410                        | 340          | 474          | 565          | 1,789        |
|                     | During February            |              |              |              |              |
|                     | Under 600 lbs              | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)               | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 25                         | 25           | 40           | 60           | 150          |
| Kansas .....        | 60                         | 65           | 95           | 135          | 355          |
| Nebraska .....      | 60                         | 65           | 100          | 175          | 400          |
| Texas .....         | 100                        | 45           | 75           | 65           | 285          |
| Other States .....  | 85                         | 65           | 86           | 125          | 361          |
| United States ..... | 330                        | 265          | 396          | 560          | 1,551        |

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**Number of Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2015 (continued)**

| State               | During March  |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | Under 600 lbs | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)  | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 30            | 25           | 40           | 55           | 150          |
| Kansas .....        | 60            | 65           | 110          | 175          | 410          |
| Nebraska .....      | 55            | 65           | 100          | 220          | 440          |
| Texas .....         | 115           | 70           | 120          | 115          | 420          |
| Other States .....  | 105           | 50           | 79           | 155          | 389          |
| United States ..... | 365           | 275          | 449          | 720          | 1,809        |
|                     | During April  |              |              |              |              |
|                     | Under 600 lbs | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)  | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 25            | 25           | 35           | 60           | 145          |
| Kansas .....        | 55            | 50           | 80           | 130          | 315          |
| Nebraska .....      | 50            | 55           | 85           | 200          | 390          |
| Texas .....         | 105           | 70           | 95           | 115          | 385          |
| Other States .....  | 85            | 40           | 53           | 135          | 313          |
| United States ..... | 320           | 240          | 348          | 640          | 1,548        |
|                     | During May    |              |              |              |              |
|                     | Under 600 lbs | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)  | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 30            | 20           | 35           | 55           | 140          |
| Kansas .....        | 50            | 55           | 90           | 150          | 345          |
| Nebraska .....      | 45            | 55           | 75           | 215          | 390          |
| Texas .....         | 145           | 90           | 125          | 135          | 495          |
| Other States .....  | 90            | 40           | 64           | 155          | 349          |
| United States ..... | 360           | 260          | 389          | 710          | 1,719        |

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**Number of Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2015 (continued)**

| State               | During June   |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | Under 600 lbs | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)  | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 20            | 15           | 15           | 30           | 80           |
| Kansas .....        | 60            | 65           | 95           | 115          | 335          |
| Nebraska .....      | 50            | 50           | 75           | 200          | 375          |
| Texas .....         | 125           | 80           | 95           | 75           | 375          |
| Other States .....  | 95            | 40           | 56           | 125          | 316          |
| United States ..... | 350           | 250          | 336          | 545          | 1,481        |
|                     | During July   |              |              |              |              |
|                     | Under 600 lbs | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)  | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 20            | 15           | 15           | 40           | 90           |
| Kansas .....        | 65            | 70           | 115          | 145          | 395          |
| Nebraska .....      | 40            | 50           | 85           | 215          | 390          |
| Texas .....         | 155           | 70           | 65           | 75           | 365          |
| Other States .....  | 85            | 30           | 47           | 145          | 307          |
| United States ..... | 365           | 235          | 327          | 620          | 1,547        |
|                     | During August |              |              |              |              |
|                     | Under 600 lbs | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)  | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 20            | 10           | 30           | 70           | 130          |
| Kansas .....        | 65            | 65           | 95           | 145          | 370          |
| Nebraska .....      | 50            | 35           | 85           | 240          | 410          |
| Texas .....         | 175           | 70           | 85           | 55           | 385          |
| Other States .....  | 85            | 35           | 67           | 150          | 337          |
| United States ..... | 395           | 215          | 362          | 660          | 1,632        |

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**Number of Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2015 (continued)**

| State               | During September |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | Under 600 lbs    | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)     | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 30               | 15           | 40           | 125          | 210          |
| Kansas .....        | 60               | 80           | 120          | 140          | 400          |
| Nebraska .....      | 60               | 50           | 85           | 315          | 510          |
| Texas .....         | 150              | 100          | 105          | 75           | 430          |
| Other States .....  | 105              | 45           | 66           | 175          | 391          |
| United States ..... | 405              | 290          | 416          | 830          | 1,941        |
|                     | During October   |              |              |              |              |
|                     | Under 600 lbs    | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)     | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 55               | 45           | 30           | 65           | 195          |
| Kansas .....        | 80               | 100          | 115          | 150          | 445          |
| Nebraska .....      | 170              | 155          | 80           | 240          | 645          |
| Texas .....         | 145              | 110          | 130          | 75           | 460          |
| Other States .....  | 195              | 120          | 76           | 150          | 541          |
| United States ..... | 645              | 530          | 431          | 680          | 2,286        |
|                     | During November  |              |              |              |              |
|                     | Under 600 lbs    | 600-699 lbs  | 700-799 lbs  | 800+ lbs     | Total        |
|                     | (1,000 head)     | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Colorado .....      | 35               | 35           | 30           | 40           | 140          |
| Kansas .....        | 55               | 70           | 85           | 95           | 305          |
| Nebraska .....      | 115              | 110          | 60           | 155          | 440          |
| Texas .....         | 110              | 75           | 75           | 50           | 310          |
| Other States .....  | 155              | 97           | 60           | 95           | 407          |
| United States ..... | 470              | 387          | 310          | 435          | 1,602        |

## Number of Cattle Marketed on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2015

| State               | During                |              |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | December <sup>1</sup> | January      | February     | March        | April        | May          |
|                     | (1,000 head)          | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Arizona .....       | 26                    | 23           | 19           | 21           | 24           | 26           |
| California .....    | 54                    | 44           | 43           | 46           | 40           | 39           |
| Colorado .....      | 135                   | 140          | 145          | 140          | 120          | 130          |
| Idaho .....         | 34                    | 34           | 29           | 29           | 24           | 29           |
| Iowa .....          | 80                    | 78           | 74           | 79           | 72           | 74           |
| Kansas .....        | 370                   | 355          | 355          | 370          | 355          | 375          |
| Minnesota .....     | 13                    | 12           | 13           | 21           | 11           | 15           |
| Nebraska .....      | 440                   | 450          | 385          | 395          | 405          | 470          |
| Oklahoma .....      | 39                    | 39           | 30           | 38           | 48           | 42           |
| South Dakota .....  | 30                    | 27           | 35           | 32           | 21           | 37           |
| Texas .....         | 365                   | 345          | 315          | 385          | 435          | 395          |
| Washington .....    | 42                    | 38           | 36           | 28           | 35           | 44           |
| Other States .....  | 27                    | 40           | 37           | 47           | 49           | 35           |
| United States ..... | 1,655                 | 1,625        | 1,516        | 1,631        | 1,639        | 1,711        |
|                     | During                |              |              |              |              |              |
|                     | June                  | July         | August       | September    | October      | November     |
|                     | (1,000 head)          | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Arizona .....       | 25                    | 22           | 17           | 17           | 19           | 21           |
| California .....    | 40                    | 41           | 36           | 38           | 38           | 45           |
| Colorado .....      | 125                   | 125          | 135          | 155          | 140          | 125          |
| Idaho .....         | 40                    | 41           | 40           | 43           | 47           | 36           |
| Iowa .....          | 76                    | 80           | 77           | 101          | 113          | 107          |
| Kansas .....        | 400                   | 395          | 340          | 320          | 300          | 295          |
| Minnesota .....     | 18                    | 18           | 14           | 18           | 16           | 11           |
| Nebraska .....      | 480                   | 455          | 400          | 430          | 445          | 385          |
| Oklahoma .....      | 52                    | 47           | 49           | 46           | 45           | 39           |
| South Dakota .....  | 26                    | 34           | 34           | 42           | 39           | 38           |
| Texas .....         | 385                   | 395          | 360          | 365          | 360          | 360          |
| Washington .....    | 44                    | 38           | 44           | 35           | 39           | 42           |
| Other States .....  | 36                    | 34           | 42           | 32           | 29           | 28           |
| United States ..... | 1,747                 | 1,725        | 1,588        | 1,642        | 1,630        | 1,532        |

<sup>1</sup> December prior year.

# Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month – States and United States: 2015

| State               | During                |              |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | December <sup>1</sup> | January      | February     | March        | April        | May          |
|                     | (1,000 head)          | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Arizona .....       | 3                     | 9            | 4            | 6            | 1            | 1            |
| California .....    | 7                     | 5            | 5            | 4            | 4            | 5            |
| Colorado .....      | 5                     | 5            | 5            | 10           | 15           | 20           |
| Idaho .....         | 1                     | 1            | 2            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Iowa .....          | 1                     | 2            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Kansas .....        | 10                    | 15           | 10           | 10           | 10           | 10           |
| Minnesota .....     | 1                     | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Nebraska .....      | 15                    | 15           | 15           | 15           | 15           | 20           |
| Oklahoma .....      | 2                     | 1            | 2            | 1            | 1            | 2            |
| South Dakota .....  | 2                     | 3            | 1            | 1            | 2            | 2            |
| Texas .....         | 20                    | 15           | 10           | 15           | 10           | 10           |
| Washington .....    | 3                     | 2            | 2            | 1            | 2            | 1            |
| Other States .....  | 2                     | 3            | 2            | 3            | 3            | 3            |
| United States ..... | 72                    | 77           | 60           | 69           | 66           | 77           |
|                     | During                |              |              |              |              |              |
|                     | June                  | July         | August       | September    | October      | November     |
|                     | (1,000 head)          | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Arizona .....       | 1                     | 2            | 2            | 2            | 1            | 1            |
| California .....    | 5                     | 5            | 5            | 5            | 5            | 5            |
| Colorado .....      | 15                    | 5            | 5            | 5            | 5            | 5            |
| Idaho .....         | 1                     | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Iowa .....          | 1                     | 1            | 3            | 4            | 3            | 4            |
| Kansas .....        | 15                    | 10           | 10           | 10           | 15           | 20           |
| Minnesota .....     | 1                     | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Nebraska .....      | 15                    | 15           | 10           | 10           | 20           | 15           |
| Oklahoma .....      | 1                     | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| South Dakota .....  | 2                     | 3            | 2            | 1            | 1            | 2            |
| Texas .....         | 10                    | 10           | 15           | 15           | 20           | 20           |
| Washington .....    | 1                     | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            | 1            |
| Other States .....  | 1                     | 1            | 4            | 1            | 1            | 3            |
| United States ..... | 69                    | 56           | 60           | 57           | 75           | 79           |

<sup>1</sup> December prior year.

## Number on Feed by Class on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter – States and United States: 2015

| State               | Steers & steer calves |              |              |              | Heifers & heifer calves |              |              |              |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                     | January 1             | April 1      | July 1       | October 1    | January 1               | April 1      | July 1       | October 1    |
|                     | (1,000 head)          | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head)            | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) |
| Arizona .....       | 246                   | 237          | 236          | 236          | 3                       | 4            | 4            | 4            |
| California .....    | 395                   | 410          | 425          | 430          | 30                      | 35           | 35           | 30           |
| Colorado .....      | 580                   | 610          | 560          | 570          | 320                     | 280          | 270          | 260          |
| Idaho .....         | 140                   | 150          | 150          | 145          | 90                      | 80           | 75           | 75           |
| Iowa .....          | 490                   | 520          | 490          | 450          | 150                     | 150          | 150          | 150          |
| Kansas .....        | 1,100                 | 1,190        | 1,030        | 1,100        | 950                     | 920          | 910          | 920          |
| Minnesota .....     | 109                   | 128          | 126          | 118          | 28                      | 18           | 15           | 20           |
| Nebraska .....      | 1,620                 | 1,830        | 1,570        | 1,520        | 840                     | 700          | 710          | 750          |
| Oklahoma .....      | 170                   | 200          | 190          | 180          | 85                      | 85           | 70           | 75           |
| South Dakota .....  | 145                   | 150          | 142          | 118          | 85                      | 85           | 88           | 87           |
| Texas .....         | 1,600                 | 1,680        | 1,650        | 1,750        | 900                     | 790          | 830          | 750          |
| Washington .....    | 123                   | 140          | 135          | 120          | 87                      | 85           | 80           | 75           |
| Other States .....  | 230                   | 210          | 205          | 200          | 110                     | 110          | 90           | 95           |
| United States ..... | 6,948                 | 7,455        | 6,909        | 6,937        | 3,678                   | 3,342        | 3,327        | 3,291        |

## Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings by Size of Feedlot – United States: 2013 - 2015

| Feedlot capacity           | 2013 <sup>1</sup> |                        |                 | 2014 <sup>1</sup> |                        |                 | 2015     |                        |                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|-----------------|
|                            | Lots              | Inventory <sup>2</sup> | Cattle marketed | Lots              | Inventory <sup>2</sup> | Cattle marketed | Lots     | Inventory <sup>2</sup> | Cattle marketed |
|                            | (number)          | (1,000 head)           | (1,000 head)    | (number)          | (1,000 head)           | (1,000 head)    | (number) | (1,000 head)           | (1,000 head)    |
| Less than 1,000 head ..... | 27,000.0          | 2,426.3                | 3,260.0         | 26,000.0          | 2,399.0                | 3,000.0         | 25,000.0 | 2,602.0                | 2,895.0         |
| 1,000 head or more .....   | 2,090.0           | 10,523.0               | 21,618.0        | 2,127.0           | 10,626.0               | 20,464.0        | 2,189.0  | 10,575.0               | 19,660.0        |
| 1,000 - 1,999 .....        | 740.0             | 343.0                  | 628.0           | 780.0             | 396.0                  | 634.0           | 820.0    | 355.0                  | 650.0           |
| 2,000 - 3,999 .....        | 560.0             | 650.0                  | 1,300.0         | 550.0             | 660.0                  | 1,210.0         | 580.0    | 660.0                  | 1,230.0         |
| 4,000 - 7,999 .....        | 345.0             | 960.0                  | 1,790.0         | 350.0             | 960.0                  | 1,730.0         | 340.0    | 900.0                  | 1,740.0         |
| 8,000 - 15,999 .....       | 170.0             | 1,010.0                | 2,210.0         | 170.0             | 1,060.0                | 2,130.0         | 180.0    | 1,210.0                | 2,250.0         |
| 16,000 - 23,999 .....      | 88.0              | 960.0                  | 1,940.0         | 86.0              | 950.0                  | 1,940.0         | 84.0     | 920.0                  | 1,680.0         |
| 24,000 - 31,999 .....      | 55.0              | 900.0                  | 1,900.0         | 56.0              | 800.0                  | 1,640.0         | 57.0     | 970.0                  | 1,750.0         |
| 32,000 - 49,999 .....      | 63.0              | 1,600.0                | 3,400.0         | 65.0              | 1,680.0                | 3,200.0         | 57.0     | 1,470.0                | 2,820.0         |
| 50,000 and Over .....      | 69.0              | 4,100.0                | 8,450.0         | 70.0              | 4,120.0                | 7,980.0         | 71.0     | 4,090.0                | 7,540.0         |
| All feedlots .....         | 29,090.0          | 12,949.3               | 24,878.0        | 28,127.0          | 13,025.0               | 23,464.0        | 27,189.0 | 13,177.0               | 22,555.0        |

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Inventory estimates as of January 1 of the following year.

## Total Feedlot Capacity of 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots – United States: January 1, 2015 and 2016

| Item                | Feedlot capacity in number of head |              |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
|                     | 2015                               | 2016         |
|                     | (1,000 head)                       | (1,000 head) |
| United States ..... | 16,900                             | 16,900       |

## Total Number of Cattle on Feed - States and United States: January 1, 2015 and 2016

[Cattle and calves 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 late placement in another feedlot. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes]

| State                           | 2015         | 2016         | Percent of<br>previous year |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
|                                 | (1,000 head) | (1,000 head) | (percent)                   |
| Arizona .....                   | 252.0        | 257.0        | 102                         |
| California .....                | 425.0        | 450.0        | 106                         |
| Colorado .....                  | 930.0        | 910.0        | 98                          |
| Idaho .....                     | 245.0        | 250.0        | 102                         |
| Illinois .....                  | 230.0        | 240.0        | 104                         |
| Indiana .....                   | 100.0        | 115.0        | 115                         |
| Iowa .....                      | 1,220.0      | 1,230.0      | 101                         |
| Kansas .....                    | 2,180.0      | 2,230.0      | 102                         |
| Kentucky .....                  | 15.0         | 17.0         | 113                         |
| Maryland .....                  | 10.0         | 9.0          | 90                          |
| Michigan .....                  | 160.0        | 170.0        | 106                         |
| Minnesota .....                 | 385.0        | 405.0        | 105                         |
| Missouri .....                  | 70.0         | 100.0        | 143                         |
| Montana .....                   | 40.0         | 70.0         | 175                         |
| Nebraska .....                  | 2,530.0      | 2,520.0      | 100                         |
| Nevada .....                    | 4.0          | 2.0          | 50                          |
| New York .....                  | 26.0         | 16.0         | 62                          |
| North Dakota .....              | 44.0         | 55.0         | 125                         |
| Ohio .....                      | 170.0        | 160.0        | 94                          |
| Oklahoma .....                  | 265.0        | 280.0        | 106                         |
| Oregon .....                    | 85.0         | 75.0         | 88                          |
| Pennsylvania .....              | 90.0         | 85.0         | 94                          |
| South Dakota .....              | 385.0        | 435.0        | 113                         |
| Texas .....                     | 2,510.0      | 2,440.0      | 97                          |
| Utah .....                      | 24.0         | 27.0         | 113                         |
| Virginia .....                  | 20.0         | 22.0         | 110                         |
| Washington .....                | 210.0        | 195.0        | 93                          |
| West Virginia .....             | 4.0          | 4.0          | 100                         |
| Wisconsin .....                 | 260.0        | 275.0        | 106                         |
| Wyoming .....                   | 75.0         | 70.0         | 93                          |
| Other States <sup>1</sup> ..... | 61.0         | 63.0         | 103                         |
| United States .....             | 13,025.0     | 13,177.0     | 101                         |

<sup>1</sup> Individual state estimates not available for states not shown, but are included in Other States.

## Terms and Definitions of Cattle on Feed Estimates

**Number of feedlots** is the number of lots operating at the end of the year with inventory of cattle on feed.

**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.

## 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 98 percent of the cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head. Individual State estimates are published monthly for 12 of the 16 States. Data collected from the remaining 4 States are used to establish the "Other States" estimates. These 4 States include Illinois, New Mexico, Oregon, and Wyoming. 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 each State office. 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 0.5 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 10.7 million head by more than 0.5 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 0.9 percent.

The table on this 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 39,000 head, ranging from 0 to 97,000 head. During this period the initial estimate has been above the latest estimate 11 times 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)     |
| Number on feed ..... | 0.5                    | 0.9                         | 39                                           | 0        | 97      | 8            | 11           |
| Placements .....     | 0.5                    | 0.9                         | 6                                            | 0        | 28      | 15           | 4            |
| Marketings .....     | 0.0                    | 0.0                         | 0                                            | 0        | 0       | 0            | 0            |

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